

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday Of Lent ~ March 22, 2026



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - Jn 11:43

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Rev. John Z. Radwan

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George Montalvo

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9am,
10:30 am, 12 noon

DAILY
Monday - Saturday
8:30 am

HOLY DAYS
as announced

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday, 7:00 pm
in Mary's Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration
First Wednesday of Month
9 am-4:15 pm in MC

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday,
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptism
Contact the Parish Office

Marriage
Arrangements should be made
with a priest at least
one year in advance.

For More Information
About:

Homebound/Hospital Visits

Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults / OCIA

Parish Registration

Please Contact Parish Office

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 am-2:00 pm. PLEASE TELEPHONE FIRST (201-261-0148)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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| Saturday 5:00 pm | March 21, 2026 Larry Figalora |
| Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm | March 22, 2026 People of the Parish Maria Santana and Michael Caitan D’Mello Muriel Russell Katherina Strobach Anniversary Remembrance |
| Monday 8:30 am | March 23, 2026 Joseph Hess |
| Tuesday 8:30 am | March 24, 2026 Thomas Piersa |
| Wednesday 8:30 am | March 25, 2026 Maryellen Mannarino |
| Thursday 8:30 am | March 26, 2026 Arthur J. Duffy |
| Friday 8:30 am | March 27, 2026 Frank E. MacMillan |
| Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm | March 28, 2026 Merlita DeLeon Peter Spano |
| Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm | March 29, 2026 People of the Parish Sgt. David Solinas Angela Turchon Ed Barrow 1st Anniversary Remembrance |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Pat Annunziato, Annette Linder, Louise Scarano, Rosemary Iessi, Gerard Murphy, Kristen Majersky, Patrick Valentino, Ruth Dunbar, Elaine Doyle, Donna Rollman, Deisy Solis, Cian Dankin, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Dennis Calacione, Francesca Sberna

Names of individuals added to this list will be read aloud at Mass for two consecutive weeks and then listed here for 3 months. If you would like to add a person again, please contact the parish office. Names should only be submitted with the permission of the individual who is sick.

Let us remember all those who have died.

Joseph Franco, Josephine Bonavita, Alcides Silva

Let us remember those serving in our military:

Capt. Harry Aquino USAF, 2LT Michael Kirwan USAF Chaplain (Capt.) Father AJ De Silva USAR, CWO2 Brian P. McCarthy USMC, Capt. Christopher Bascomb, USAR, LCpl Joseph Rabanal (USMCR)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

Saint Joseph Church will offer the Stations of the Cross in Church, every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm.

Adult Sacraments

Do you know an unbaptized adult who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith? “OCIA” (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of welcome and exploration open to any adult, which prepares adults to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Please contact Melinda at ocia@sjcnj.org for more information, and to learn if this might be the time for you to start the OCIA journey and grow closer to Jesus. If you are interested and ready, we will be celebrating the Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate in April 2026, to prepare for full initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2027 **Please reach out as soon as possible so we can start the conversation.**

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Psalm 130



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread & Wine for the week of **March 22, 2026** Is Offered **For the Honor and Glory of God**



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The Sanctuary Lamp For the week of **March 22, 2026** Burns in the Upper Church In Loving Memory Of **Emily Elizabeth Martin** **Birthdays Remembrance** Requested by Bernadette Martin

A note from Fr. Christian



This weekend, the Church presents us with the beautiful Gospel reading of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is such a profound moment where we witness the power of Christ to restore life and at the same time, realize that even Jesus also experienced what it is like to have intense sorrow, as he wept at the tomb of his friend.

The Lord Jesus reaches out to every one of us who may be experiencing the pain of grief with love and compassion. Despite the pain, Jesus did not rush past his feelings of deep sorrow, but rather, entered directly into them and helps us do the same with tender mercy. He stands beside Martha and Mary in their grief, helping them to realize that God stands close to all who are in sorrow, just as the Scripture says, *“the Lord is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed” (Psalm 34:19).*

One of the realizations I’ve had over the years is that God meets us where we are, not necessarily where we wish we were. He will stand close to us in the places of our life that feel painful, hopeless, or even sealed tightly behind a stone as was the lifeless body of Lazarus was. But in the end, just as Jesus breathed new life into Lazarus and gave him life again, the Lord Jesus will do the same for you and for me. He loves us and will never abandon us.

May we hold each other closely in prayer as we journey through this season of Lent as well as through the challenging moments of our life.

With prayer

Fr. Christian



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

We are pleased to share that **we have already received \$46,612 in pledges.** Thank you to all who have given so generously. Your support of the 2026 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese.

Our goal of \$105,283 can only be reached through your generosity and sacrifice. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge envelopes are located at the doors of the Church. You can mail your pledge envelope, bring it to the parish office, or bring it to Mass next week and place it in the collection basket. You may also make your donation online by visiting rcan.org/ sharing or scan the QR code below. Please make sure to select Saint Joseph Church, New Milford, Parish #564 when completing your pledge.

Thank you for your generosity and your faithful support of our Catholic mission. May God bless you abundantly!



Lenten Penance Services
Monday, March 23 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
Tenafly, NJ. 7:00 PM

No **Youth Group** this week. See you all on **Thursday, April 2nd, 7-9 PM** in the Parish Life Center, (right behind the lower school, on Grove St.)



Time to SIGN UP for the St. Joseph Church Day of Service Saturday, March 28th 1PM

There will be 6 Stations of Service:

- Care One Nursing Home** - table decorations
- Eva’s Village** - hygiene packages
- St. Joseph’s School** - kitchen cleaning
- St. Joseph School** - mural/painting
- New Hope Center** - gift baskets for new mothers
- Sgt. Solinas Memorial** - unit care package

There will also be a Prayer Station throughout the day led by the Legion of Mary

Questions? Please contact Jane Kiernan (jane.kiernan94@gmail.com) or Jen McKeague (jenmckeague@hotmail.com)



Do you have a **Shop Rite ham or turkey** that you would like to **donate** to the **Church of Ascension (New Milford) food pantry**? Requirements are that you spend **\$400** at Shop Rite from **Sunday, March 1, through Saturday, April 4**, to qualify. **No need to pick it up.** If you qualify and would like to donate your free Holiday Dinner item, please contact the **Ascension food pantry volunteer, Joan**, at **201-446-6240** or email **joanhstephens@gmail.com** and provide (1) your name, (2) Shop Rite Price Plus number and (3) your telephone number. The Ascension Parish food pantry volunteers will be happy to pick it up for you and give it to their food pantry clients. Thank you!



**FOOD DRIVE
AT SAINT JOSEPH
NEXT WEEKEND
MARCH 28-29**



Our **Palm Sunday Food Drive** will take place on **March 28-29**. Your generous donations will bless those in need at local food pantries. Below is a list of items most often requested. Please make sure that the food is **NOT EXPIRED**. **“Especially needed items”** are in **“bold.”**

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| <p>Apple Sauce Baby Wipes Beans (canned) Beans – White (canned) Beef Stew (canned) Bread Crumbs Broth – Beef & Chicken Brownie Mix Cake Mix/Frosting Canned Chicken Canned Fruit Cocktail Canned Mandarin Oranges Canned Mushrooms Canned Peaches Canned Pineapple Canned Spinach Canned Yams Cheerios Honey Nut Cheerios Corn Flakes Frosted Flakes Oatmeal Raisin Bran Rice Krispies Chef-Boy-R-Dee (any) Chili Coffee-Reg & Decaf Cookies Crackers Cranberry Sauce Deodorant Diapers – Sizes 3-4-5-6 Dishwashing Liquid Egg Noodles Flour Gravy Hot Cocoa Juice - Apple</p> | <p>Juice - Cranberry Juice - Grape Jello/Pudding Ketchup Laundry Detergent Lemonade Macaroni & Cheese Mayonnaise/Mustard Milk (<i>powdered or canned</i>) Napkins Pancake Mix/Syrup Paper Towels Pasta & Pasta Sauce Peanut Butter & Jelly Potatoes-instant (boxed) Pumpkin (canned) Raisins Razors Rice-Brown, White & Instant Sauerkraut Shampoo & Conditioner Shaving Cream Soap - hand, face (bars) Soup - beef (canned) Soup - tomato (canned) Soup – any other canned SPAM Stuffing Mix Sugar Tea/Iced Tea Tuna Fish (canned) Tissues Toilet Paper Toothbrushes Toothpaste Vegetables (green; canned)</p> |
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PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at Eva's Village, located at 393 Main Street, in Paterson, NJ on **Tuesday, March 24**. Approximate time commitment is 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. For more information, or if you are able to help, please call Tom Kelly at 201-657-4352.

Easter Flowers Donations

Donations for flowers and decorations to adorn our church during the Easter season can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please use the envelope you received in the mail or pick up an envelope at the doors of the Church. Be sure to print the name of the deceased or special intention and your name. Checks (\$10 per name/family) made payable to Saint Joseph Church may be put in the collection basket, dropped off in the rectory mailbox or mailed to 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646.

PLEASE NOTE!! All bulletin submissions for **Sunday, April 5** are due by **Wednesday, March 25**.
bulletin@sjcnj.org

If you prefer, you may make a **monetary donation**. Please make your check payable to **“Saint Joseph Church”** and mark the envelope **“Food Drive.”** Please bring your donations to the Rectory garage, before or after any of the Masses, on the weekend of March 28-29. Thank you!



Saint Joseph Parish Community Highlights



The parish Lenten fish fry was a huge success, thanks to all of the volunteers; over 485 dinners were purchased! Pictured (L-R): Dave Bednarcik (PPC president), Judy Rosenberg, Phil DeRosa, Jane Kiernan, Mike Humiston, and Elisha Kiliko Mutinda.



Father Christian celebrated the 2nd Scrutiny for the Elect who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Back row: Fred Fakharzadeh (OCIA team), Br. Gabriel (BCHS Campus Ministry), Owen Anderson, Dylan Carrick, Melinda Rabbia (OCIA Team) Front row: Father Christian, Ryan Park, Samantha Du, Joelle Quilla, Luke Stein.



Delilah, Felecia Braun, Martha Recio, John Fuhrman, Betty Kern, Carol Scalo working in the parish Retreat House kitchen.



Jen McKeague and Jane Kiernan



Jane Kiernan, Christine Young, and Delilah Recio



Confirmation candidates pitched in!



Congratulations to Saint Joseph School's Victoria Samulka, recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Catholic School Graduate recognition.

Click on the **COMMUNITY** tab in our parish website to see more photographs from some of the recent Parish special events!

**Oradell Lions Club
Pancake Breakfast
March 29, 2026
9AM- 11:30AM**



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Pilgrimage To Ireland



Join Fr. Peter Wehrle, Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake for a 9-day journey that will take you through Ireland's stunning landscapes and rich heritage, shaped by its Celtic saints and a history rooted in faith and spirituality. Departing Monday, 4/27 and return on Tuesday, 5/5. For details about the pilgrimage visit livingfaith.com/pilgrimages-ireland or call 844-411-1121.

Ascension Church, New Milford will sponsor the upcoming 2 day trip to the Connecticut River Valley Thurs-Fri, June 4 -5, 2026. For more info, call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201) 206-4297.

Bridge Makers



Bridge Makers, a joint ministry of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge and St. Mary's Church, Dumont, is a faith sharing community of LGBTQ, family, and friends. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont, in the school. Use the entrance in the parking lot closest to Park Ave. Contact Deacon Paul Kazanecki at pkazanecki@saint-peter.org or Deacon John Sylvester at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to present Disney Channel's smash hit movie *High School Musical* on the weekend of March 27-29, 2026.

St. Joseph CYO Track & Field Registration Is Now Open!

Saint Joseph CYO Track & Field invites all parish boys and girls attending Saint Joseph School or who are enrolled in the parish Religious Education classes (CCD) in grades K-8 to join our award winning program! **Registration is open online** at: <https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10300/2054>

The registration fee is \$90 per athlete. Payments can be dropped off at the Saint Joseph lower school office through **April 2nd**. For additional information on the track program, volunteering or registration please email Mike Smith at msmitt2004@aol.com.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE CORNER
Women's Meeting Dates:
April 8, 2026 - Women's Reunion
Men's Meeting Dates:
April 15, 2026 - Men's Reunion

Rachel's Vineyard 2026 Retreat Dates. Healing the pain of abortion. Hope.. Healing.. Forgiveness.. April 10-12, Sept. 25-27. For more info: Cheryl Riley, 201-912-3272, Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

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Electronic Giving

Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient method of making your Sunday offertory to the church. For more information or to sign up, you can visit sjcnj.org and click on the **Donate** tab.

If you are a **current online giving user** and you participate in the Increased Offertory Program, you will need to log into your account and update your giving to reflect your intention. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

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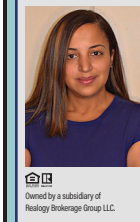


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