

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 12, 2026

Coffee Hour today  
after the 7:30, 9:00  
and 10:30 am Masses,  
in the Retreat House,  
behind the Church.



## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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Rev. John Z. Radwan

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### 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



<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 11, 2026</b> Richard Fabiano
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>April 12, 2026</b> People of the Parish Peter Spano Frederico Tababan Edward Barrow
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 13, 2026</b> Mary Mauro Anniversary Remembrance
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 14, 2026</b> Carlyn Nan Kervis
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 15, 2026</b> Richard Mautner
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 16, 2026</b> Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 17, 2026</b> Dolores Jacobus
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>April 18, 2026</b> Cesar and Perfecta Acero Nicholas and Rosina Merlino
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>April 19, 2026</b> People of the Parish Lauren M. Zucconi Herman Mueller Anna Maria and Albert Gargiulo

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Let us remember all those who are ill:

Ruth Dunbar, Elaine Doyle, Donna Rollman, Deisy Solis, Cian Dankin, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Francesca Sberna, John Flaherty, Annette Linder, Barbara Gillen, Kathy Scesa, Kristen Majersky, Shawn Murphy, Patrick Valentino

*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.

Martin Quinn

### 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)



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 12**  
Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated **THIS SUNDAY, April 12 at 2:00 PM** in the Upper Church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and the Divine Mercy Prayers will be part of the celebration. All are invited to attend.

**Youth Group this Thursday, April 16.** Join our group for a fun game of charades. 7-9PM in the Parish Life Center, located directly behind the Lower School. Bring a Friend! Join the fun!

**GOSPEL:**  
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
(John 20:29)

Give thanks to the LORD for He is good, His love is everlasting.  
Psalm 118



### BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread**  
for the week of  
**April 12, 2026**  
Is Offered In Loving Memory Of  
**Nicholas and Rosina Merlino**  
Requested by Nancy Carrabbia



### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The **Sanctuary Lamp**  
For the week of  
**April 12, 2026**  
Burns in the Upper Church  
In Loving Memory Of  
**Mary Mauro**  
Requested by the Spiniello Family

*A note from Fr. Christian*



This Second Sunday of Easter, also referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday, we have a beautiful opportunity to reflect on and rest in the loving mercy of God. Mercy is not some abstract concept, but rather, a beautiful way in which we encounter Christ and His love.

One can only imagine the fear of the disciples who were locked in the upper room. Many abandoned Jesus at the cross, and Peter even denied Jesus three times! Thomas wouldn't even believe that the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples until he would see the mark of the nails and place his hands in the Lord's side. Yet, notice how Jesus greets those disciples. He appears and simply says, "Peace be with you." Jesus didn't scold his disciples for their fear. He didn't demand explanations for their past behavior. He didn't even get upset with Thomas for doubting, but rather, offered the disciple exactly what he needed to believe — an opportunity to touch his pierced hands and side. Jesus met his disciples with MERCY.

God loves us where we are, and because He loves us, He always invites us to grow in our discipleship and become better and better! God's mercy never ends; the door is always open. All we need is the courage to walk through that open door and enter into the loving embrace of our Savior.

No matter how far away we may have been, He will ALWAYS welcome us back home.

*With prayer,*

**Fr. Christian**



The Archdiocese of Newark welcomed over 1,700 people into the Church this Easter Vigil; Congratulations to our newly baptized! (pictured front row): Luke Stein, Dylan Carrick, Owen Anderson, Samantha Du, Joelle Quilla, Ryan Messmer, and Ryan Park; Back row: Fred Fakharzadeh (OCIA Team), Fr. Christian, Fr. John, Melinda Rabbia (OCIA Team)

**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](mailto: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.**



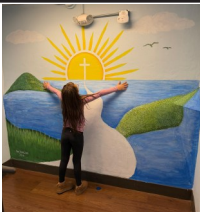
**Saint Joseph's Prayer Shawl Ministry**

will have its next meeting on **Wednesday, April 15**. We warmly welcome those who know how to knit or crochet and wish to become new members. Please join us at the **Parish Life Center** from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Current members are reminded to bring any new work they have to this meeting to be blessed and prayed over. We look forward to seeing you there.

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



# Saint Joseph Parish Day of Service - Saturday, March 28, 2026



Care One Table Decorations



Eva's Village hygiene packages



Sgt. Solinas Care Packages



New Hope gift baskets



Saint Joseph School Mural painting and Kitchen Cleaning



**Growing in Faith and Knowledge: Excerpts from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

In this new section of the bulletin, we will highlight different teachings found in the Compendium, with the hope that it helps all of us to grow in basic knowledge of our faith, thereby leading us closer to Jesus!

**What does it mean to die in Christ Jesus?**

Dying in Christ Jesus means to die in the state of God's grace without any mortal sin. A believer in Christ, following his example, is thus able to transform his own death into an act of obedience and love for the Father. "This saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him" (2 Timothy 2:11).

**What is life everlasting?**

Eternal life is that life which begins immediately after death. It will have no end. It will be preceded for each person by a particular judgment at the hands of Christ who is the Judge of the living and the dead. This particular judgement will be confirmed in the final judgment.

**What is the particular judgment?**

It is the judgment of immediate retribution which each one after death will receive from God in his immortal soul in accord with his faith and his works. This retribution consists in entrance into the happiness of heaven, immediately or after an appropriate purification, or entry into the eternal damnation of hell.

*Excerpts are taken from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as found on: [https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium\\_ccc/documents/archive\\_2005\\_compendium-ccc\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html)*



The annual Palm Sunday food drive yielded approximately 125+ bags of donations for the food pantries of Ascension in New Milford and the Fr. English pantry (Catholic Charities) in Paterson, as well as non-food donations for our St. Joseph Care Corner and monetary donations and gift cards. Thank you to our many parish volunteers who accepted donations at all Masses over the weekend.

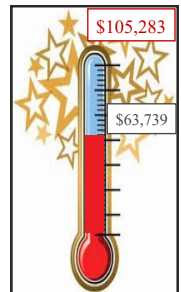


# ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL

We are pleased to share that **137 families have pledged a total of \$63,739** which is 60.54% of our assigned parish goal of \$105,283. Thank you to all who have already given so generously.

**Please Help Us Reach Our Goal**

**The Parish needs \$41,544 more in pledges.** If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. No amount is too small, and every contribution helps us reach those who depend on the Church's ministries. Pledge envelopes are located at the doors of the Church. You can return it in the collection basket next week or mail it to the parish office at 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646. You may also make your donation online at [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) or by scanning the QR code below. Please make sure to select Saint Joseph Church, New Milford, Parish #564 when completing your pledge. Thank you for your prayers and your continued support.





131 athletes and volunteers were honored at the CYO Athletics Ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral, with hundreds of family and friends celebrating alongside them, representing 47 programs across the Archdiocese. Congratulations to all!

The **New Milford Women's Club** is hosting a Springtime Bingo Bash on Friday, May 1, 2026 at the Armenian Brotherhood/St. Matthew's Church, 225 Center Street, New Milford. Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7pm. Your donation of \$25 (advance purchase only) per ticket includes a dauber and a 4-game packet for 9 games, 15 gift card raffle tickets, door prize, coffee, tea and refreshments. Cash prizes for Bingo winners, 50/50, and gift card raffle. Proceeds will enable the Women's Club to continue supporting the local community, including scholarships. For tickets, email janetd1014@aol.com.



**Bergen Catholic Open House will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 PM at the school, 1040 Oradell Avenue, Oradell, NJ.**

All bulletin submissions for **Sunday, April 26** are due by **Friday, April 17.**  
[bulletin@sjcnj.org](mailto:bulletin@sjcnj.org)

**Ministry Of Motherhood Upcoming Events!**

- **Morning Rosary & Coffee - Fri. April 17 9:30-10:30 am.** Little ones welcome. RSVP for details.
- **MOM Prayer Group - Thurs., April 23 at 7:30 pm.** Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection & refreshment. No RSVP needed.

**PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at Eva's Village, located at 393 Main Street, in Paterson, NJ on **Tuesdays, April 21, May 19, and June 23.** 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.



**The Joys of Easter**

Christ is risen. These words fill the festive celebrations of Catholic Churches throughout the world. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys in the depth of their hearts due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books to the Donation Bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL**

The **Knights of Columbus Hall** located at **199 River Road in New Milford** is available for rental for parties of all kinds. Go to **kofc3814.org** and click on "HALL RENTAL INFORMATION."

To book or for additional info, send an email to **kofc3814@gmail.com**

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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](http://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.

To View Our Community



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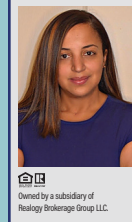


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