

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 2026



PASTOR:
Rev. Christian G. Scalo

PAROCHIAL VICAR:
Rev. John Z. Radwan

DEACON:
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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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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



Saturday 5:00 pm	April 18, 2026 Nicholas and Rosina Merlino
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	April 19, 2026 People of the Parish Lauren M. Zucconi Herman Mueller Anna Maria and Albert Gargiulo
Monday 8:30 am	April 20, 2026 Luigi Perinuzzi
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 21, 2026 Marie Von Urff
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 22, 2026 Carmen Dowling
Thursday 8:30 am	April 23, 2026 Onofrio Petrella
Friday 8:30 am	April 24, 2026 The Capati Family (In Thanksgiving)
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	April 25, 2026 Francisco Tumang Amelia Fabiano
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	April 26, 2026 People of the Parish Sgt. David Solinas Anthony Beltran Birthday ~ Living Hugo Del Bove

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Deisy Solis, Cian Dankin, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Francesca Sberna, John Flaherty, Annette Linder, Barbara Gillen, Kathy Scesa, Kristen Majersky, Shawn Murphy, Patrick Valentino, John Kerr, Elaine Doyle, Mary Baglivi

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.

Dominick DelGrande, Maureen Tuohy, Donna Rollman

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)

Ministry Of Motherhood Upcoming Events!

- **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.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.
Psalm 16

No **Youth Group** this week. See you all on **Thursday, April 30 , 7-9 PM** in the Parish Life Center, (right behind the lower school, on Grove St.)



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread & Wine
for the week of
April 19, 2026
Is Offered In Loving Memory Of
Ursalina and Carmine DeRosa
Requested by Phil DeRosa



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The Sanctuary Lamp
For the week of
April 19, 2026
Burns in the Upper Church
For The Unborn



Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

March 16, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ!

One of my greatest responsibilities is to ensure that the faithful of the Archdiocese are served by good and holy priests. However, promoting vocations to ordained ministry is never the work of one person alone. The whole Church shares the responsibility to pray for vocations and encourage young men whom God may be calling.

Because of that responsibility, our Archdiocese will launch a special campaign, *Called by Name*, on “Good Shepherd Sunday,” April 25-26, 2026. That weekend I ask you to identify young men who show faith, generosity, leadership, and who might be open to prayerfully consider the possibility of serving God and the Church as an ordained priest.

Called by Name continues our long-standing responsibility to cultivate vocations to ordained ministry. In this sense, it is part of our effort, alongside *We Are His Witnesses*, to reimagine mission and ministry to meet the needs of a changing world.

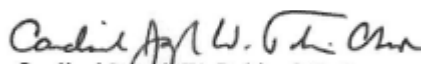
The young men you consider need not have expressed a desire for the priesthood. Rather, by nominating a young man, you are honoring his dedication to the faith, while “planting a seed” that may help him better understand God’s plan for him.

I intend to personally congratulate the young men who are nominated, and the Vocation Office of the Archdiocese will follow up with support, resources, and invitations to prayer and fellowship. In no way do we intend to pressure candidates towards the priesthood. Rather, we want to invite young men in the Archdiocese to prayerfully consider God’s plan for them. Your nomination may be the spark that helps a young man open his heart more fully to God’s call!

Next weekend, you will receive more detailed instructions on how to submit names during Mass. But if you are ready to make a nomination today, please visit newarkpriest.com and use the online submission form. For honorees under eighteen, please include their parents’ names as well.

This effort is dear to my heart. With your thoughtful participation, I am confident the Lord will raise up many new shepherds for his people. May this campaign bear lasting fruit for our Archdiocese and for the salvation of souls!

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,


Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Archdiocesan Center
171 Clifton Avenue. Post Office Box 9500. Newark, NJ 07104-0500. (973)497-4004. Fax (973)497-4018



A special thanks to all parishioners and families that made our St. Joseph Day of Service a success. We were generously blessed with financial donations, donations of Amazon Wish List items and items collected at Masses from over 50 parishioners.

We also had over 90+ parishioners (adults and children) who participated on the actual Day of Service at the various station events.

Dear St. Joseph parishioners,
New Hope PRC would sincerely like to thank all those who attended the Day of Service and helped with the amazing baby baskets filled with all the lovely blankets & other essentials for our new & expecting moms. A special thank you to the children who wrote the beautiful and inspirational cards that were attached to the baskets. God Bless you all.
Blessings, Barbara Mezzina, Executive Director



Fr. Eugene Bettinger, O.Carm. will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on Sunday, 17 May 2026.

During the past 50 years as a Carmelite priest he has served and filled in at many Archdiocesan, Carmelite and former Carmelite parishes in Bergen County, and at Carmel Retreat, Mahwah. He was also in charge of the St. Thérèse Chapel and Gift Shop, "Chapel on the Mall," Bergen (Mall) Town Center, Paramus for its final 14 years. He would like to invite those who remember him and would like to join with his family and friends in the celebration of Holy Mass for Ascension Sunday at **3:30pm at St. Thérèse of Lisieux Church**, 120 Monroe Ave., Cresskill, NJ 07626. Reception with food to follow in the school gym. Please **RSVP** to: Susan Munroe, OCV by Wed., May 6.

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.



On Divine Mercy Sunday, 9 young people received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. The young men (8 from Bergen Catholic HS and one from Saint Joseph Religious Ed.) are pictured here with Fr. Christian and with Brother Gabriel (who prepared the young men from BCHS).

Front Row (L-R), Michael Alberto, Jack Gonzalez, William Trimble, Sebastian Camaj (SJ RE); Back Row (L-R), Brandon Chu, Colton Canella, Jonah Shin, Cruz Araujo, Adriel Castellanos. Blessings on them all as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

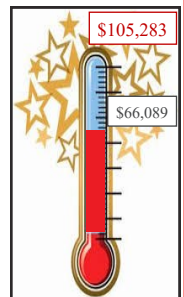
ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

To date 142 families have pledged a total of \$66,089 which is 62.77% of our assigned parish goal of \$105,283.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

The Parish needs \$39,194 more in pledges in order for the parish to qualify for a 2% reduction in our annual Archdiocesan Assessment. This is a savings of approximately \$21,000 for our parish. Please consider making a donation to the Annual Appeal.

Pledge envelopes are 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 or by scanning the QR code below. Please make sure to select Saint Joseph Church, New Milford, Parish #564.



Thank you for your prayers and continued support.



Spring Drives Stock the SJCC



The arrival of Spring was eventful for the Saint Joseph Care Corner. Three separate drives were held during the month of March by the Academy of the Holy Angels, the Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club, and our St. Joseph Parish. Many thanks to all of these organizations for their continued support.

The Academy of the Holy Angels Outreach Club sponsored a “March Madness” diaper drive. Competition was held between the classes and resulted in an abundance of diapers for the SJCC. The students’ donations, of mostly large size diapers, fulfill a great need in our community. Large size diapers are one of the most sought-after items.

The Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club donated many personal care products from their March drive. The club continues to be a steadfast supporter of the Care Corner. The Club collects a wide variety of goods and dedicates the personal care items to the SJCC.

Our St. Joseph Church Food Drive on Palm Sunday yielded a huge donation for the Care Corner. The items donated by our generous parishioners resulted in fully stocked shelves in the SJCC. The items from the drive will be distributed soon to our local organizations in need. This drive is a vital part of the SJCC’s mission.

The SJCC is always ready to accept your donations of non-perishable items such as diapers, wipes, laundry detergent, paper supplies, cleaning supplies, and all toiletries. The local organizations that we help are always looking for these items. Please drop them in the bin marked SJCC on Grand Street.

Questions: contact Peg Kohli - carecorner@sjcnj.org or 201-391-0224.

The support of the parish enables the SJCC to help so many – Thank you!



AHA Outreach Club Diaper Donation



Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club & SJC Food Drive Donations

It's all about lending a hand...

St. Joseph Regional High School is proud to present the Tony Award Winning Musical **Come From Away**, the remarkable true story of what happened in the town of Gander, Newfoundland, when 38 planes carrying 7,000 passengers were unexpectedly grounded on Sept. 11, 2001.

Thursday, May 7 through Sunday, May 10. Performances will be complemented by multiple special events surrounding the show.

For more information contact Steven Laux at stevanalaux@gmail.com or Susan Van Buskirk, SJR Performing Arts Director at vanbuskirks@sjrnj.org



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

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin Assembly 1289
Fourth Degree

Proudly Serving the Communities of:
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 New Milford, Norwood, Paramus, River Edge &
 Harrington Park



BEEFSTEAK DINNER EXTRAVAGANZA
 Nightingale Catering

Donation : \$50.00 Per Person

Includes: Beefsteak, Beer, Wine, Soda & Water
 Tricky Tray, 50/50, & **Super 50/50**

Saturday, May 9, 2026 6:15-9:00 PM
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
102 Park Street, Haworth, NJ 07641

For Tickets & Information Please Contact:

SK Don Ulisse: 201-784-9823

Email: kc9021@aol.com

Zelle Reservations:
comptroller@kofcasm1289.org

GOSPEL:

Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts
 burning within us while He spoke to us on the way
 and opened the Scriptures to us?”
 (Luke 24:32)

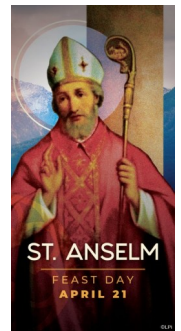
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the week

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world
 with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls
 into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let
 Him? (LPi)

St. Anselm | April 21

St. Anselm of Canterbury left his home in Italy to travel as a young man and ended up at the monastery in Bec, France, which was known for the teachings of its leader, Lanfranc. Anselm rose quickly to become abbot of the community and his writings are now compared in importance to those of St. Augustine.



In 1093 Anselm was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by William II Rufus, the son and successor of William the Conqueror. However, at the time there was a controversy in Europe over whether kings or the pope had the power to invest bishops. Anselm, who believed only the pope should have the right to invest an ecclesiastical authority, spent much of his time as Archbishop exiled in Rome.

St. Anselm’s teaching and works of theology are his most important contribution to the Catholic faith. He is considered of the fathers of scholastic theology and his chief achievement in philosophy was the ontological argument for the existence of God. His work *Cur Deus homo?* taught that atonement for sins could only be achieved through Christ. He was canonized in 1494 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1720. © LPi

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

All bulletin submissions for
Sunday, May 3 are due by **Friday, April 24.**
bulletin@sjcnj.org

**To Support
 Our Mission**



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.

**To View Our
 Community**



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