



Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time ~ September 20, 2026

Blessings on CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



PASTOR:

Rev. Christian G. Scalò

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

Mondays, immediately
following the 8:30 AM Mass

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

Office	Location	Phone	Email/Fax	Website
Parish Office	105 Harrison St., New Milford	201-261-0148	office@sjcnj.org	sjcnj.org
Religious Education	105 Harrison St., New Milford	201-261-1144	religioused@sjcnj.org	sjcnjre.org
Saint Joseph School the Greenhouse PreK	305 Elm St., Oradell	201-261-2388	office@sjsusa.org	sjsusa.org
Youth Ministry	Meets in the PLC	201-261-0148	youthministry@sjcnj.org	sjcnj.org

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



Saturday 5:00 pm	September 19, 2026 Deceased Members of the Brienza and Cella Families
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	September 20, 2026 People of the Parish Thomas and Eloise Logio Elizabeth Belthoff Timothy Smith
Monday 8:30 am	September 21, 2026 Brendan Ginley
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 22, 2026 Peter J. Fimbel
Wednesday 8:30 am	September 23, 2026 Maureen Murphy
Thursday 8:30 am	September 24, 2026 Romana Tababan
Friday 8:30 am	September 25, 2026 Angela Zeffirro Ulmer
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	September 26, 2026 Philip Vincenti 4 th Anniversary Remembrance Irene Dempsey
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	September 27, 2026 People of the Parish Richard Daniels Domenico Mirra Timothy Smith

BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread & Wine** for the week of
September 20, 2026

Is Offered In Loving Memory Of
Rita Gallagher

Requested by her family

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The **Sanctuary Lamp** for the week of
September 20, 2026

Burns in the Upper Church
In Loving Memory Of
John Petrillo

Requested by The Radici Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Baby Miles McQuaid,
Mary Vazquez, Patrick Valentino, Barbara Gillen,
Baby Holly Natalizio, Teddy Favret (child),
Roger Polefko, Ivana Joy Kunc, Ruth Ann Harnek,
Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Evelyn Mendoza-Sarabia,
Annette Linder, Kristen Majersky, Cian Dankin,
Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Christine Martins,
Gregorio Sforza

Names of individuals added to this list will be read aloud at Mass for two consecutive weeks and then listed here for three months. If you would like to add a person here 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.

Let us remember those serving in our military:

Capt. Harry Aquino USAF, 2LT Michael Kirwan USAF
Chaplain (Capt.) Father AJ De Silva USAR,
C W O 2 Brian P. McCarthy USMC,
Capt. Christopher Bascomb, USAR,
LCpl Joseph Rabanal, USMCR,
SGT. Jason Glenn, US Army

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saturday, October 3, 2026
In the Prayer Garden,
behind the Rectory at 1:30 PM



CATECHIST NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of a few more catechists and co-catechists for the Sunday and Tuesday classes. If you are a parishioner and would like to volunteer, please contact us at religioused@sjcnj.org. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request.

Protecting God's Children Workshop. Thursday September 24, 2026. 7 pm

For those volunteers who participate in one of our Saint Joseph ministries, the Archdiocese of Newark requires that all staff and volunteers take the Protecting God's Children Workshop.

The Workshop will be presented in Mary's Chapel/Lower Church on Thursday September 24, 2026 at 7 pm. For registration to the workshop visit www.virtus.org and select the name of our parish and complete the registration. Be mindful that no late comers will be admitted.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
Psalm 145



A note from Fr. Christian

*'These last ones worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us,
who bore the day's burden and the heat.'*

He said to one of them in reply,

'My friend, I am not cheating you.

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?

Are you envious because I am generous?'

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

I'm sure many of us can sympathize with the workers in Jesus' parable from the Gospel this weekend. At best, they seem to be outraged that they've worked the entire day in the heat only to receive the same pay as those who worked significantly less. Makes sense right? But indeed, the Lord's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are His ways our ways" (See Isaiah 55:6-9).

God is both merciful and just: those upset workers in the Scriptures agreed with the landowner for the usual daily wage and were paid it! They were given what they were rightfully due. The fact that the workers who spent less time on the job received the same pay wasn't an act of injustice... rather, it was an act of mercy and generosity.

We never really know the time or place where God will outpour more abundant blessings on us that we didn't expect. It's likely that the landowner gave those workers who were still standing outside at 5pm the same daily wage for less work, because he wanted to show them an extraordinary kindness. We could even speculate that those workers really didn't have any employment for quite some time, perhaps even days before that generous landowner came around. That full day's pay for an hour work may have been just the break they needed to support their family.

God loves all of us unconditionally and He knows what we need. Are there times when we might feel that "the grass is greener on the other side?" Definitely. But at the same time, there will also be days where we receive a mercy ourselves. Our Lord is generous and will never forget us.

With prayer,

Fr. Christian

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Today is Catechetical Sunday. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our catechists who are volunteers dedicated to teaching our children. They share their time, talent and faith, enabling us to have a wonderful program. Our catechists give the children the experience of learning about our Catholic faith alongside their friends. Classes begin this week, and the children of our parish will be back learning their faith and growing closer to Jesus. Our catechists are truly a blessing to our parish.

We ask God's Blessings on our catechists, Darwin Fernandez Borbon, Samantha Cerdas, Osleivy Gomez Cevallos, Jennifer Holmes, Melissa Saldana, Johanna Cogan, Jasmin Rosa DiGirolamo, Angela Perrone, Jaime Downey, Megan Nobile, Pat Fakharzadeh, Andrea Park, Kerry Spano, Jessica Cioffi, Katherine Sarroca, Andrea Florio, Jazmin Phillips, Meg Bassillo, Nicole Langan, Linda Korzelius, Kaitlyn Casapulla, Erin Wright, Ashleigh McCaffrey, Erin Murphy, Alessandra DeSimone, and our support staff, Connie Vincenti, Jennifer DeZuzio, Mary Lee, Rosemarie Stewart, Julia Bell and Michela Viscardi. Catechetical Sunday 2026

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank You for their gift of ministry in Your Church Grant them Your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of Your Word. Grant them also Your love that they may be fruitful heralds of Your Word and lead others to love You.

Pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with Your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Join The
St. Joseph Youth Choir
GRADES 3-8

Rehearsals are the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month
Saint Joseph School: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Religious Education: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
FIRST rehearsal is Thurs, Oct. 1



for more information contact
SJC Director of Music
Monroe Quinn via email:
quinnm@sjcnj.org

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL CARNIVAL 2026

★ FRIDAY ★ OCTOBER	★ SATURDAY ★ OCTOBER	★ SUNDAY ★ OCTOBER
★ 2 ★	★ 3 ★	★ 4 ★
5PM - 10PM	2PM - 10PM	1PM - 7PM

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★ FRIDAY ★ OCTOBER	★ SATURDAY ★ OCTOBER	★ SUNDAY ★ OCTOBER
★ 2 ★ 2026	★ 3 ★ 2026	★ 4 ★ 2026

★ HELP OUT IN A VARIETY OF FUN AREAS! ★

GAMES: Help run carnival games!
TICKET SALES: Sell tickets and help guests!
BEER GARDEN: Serve & support our Beer Garden!
DUNK TANK: Be part of the splash zone!
SPIRIT WEAR SALES: Sell spirit wear and show school pride!
AND MORE!: There are many ways to help!

Many! Hands Make Light Work!
VOLUNTEER TODAY AND BE PART OF THE FUN!
TO SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE, CONTACT THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE!
SaintJosephCarnival@gmail.com

Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

St. Joseph's Church Parish Fundraiser



Date: Oct 24, 2026

Time: 6:30-9:30p

Location: SJS gym

Tickets: \$40 per person

Join us for a fun-filled evening and watch our entertainers battle it out behind the pianos! This is a high-energy, all-request, sing-along show where the audience is just as much a part of the night.



For questions contact
David Bednarcik
551-804-8639
DEBednarcik@gmail.com

BYO food & drink

More info & registration to follow

"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.



If you have celebrated a special event at our Parish and would like to share a photo and caption to be added to our bulletin, please reach out! Bulletin announcements should be sent to bulletin@sjcnj.org. All bulletin submissions for the **SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 bulletin, are due by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, September 24 - November 19

When grieving the loss of a loved one, individuals may feel overwhelmed and lonely. Adapting to life after the death of a loved one often takes more time than we expect. Saint Joseph Parish offers a Bereavement Support Group led by parishioner John Fuhrman for our brothers and sisters who have lost a loved one through death. (Anyone interested, including parishioners from other churches is welcome.)

The purpose of the group is to provide opportunities for mutual healing in a confidential, educational and spiritual environment. The group will meet for 8 weeks on Thursdays (7:00-9:00 pm) from **September 24** through **November 19** in the Retreat House (115 Grand St, Oradell, NJ, behind the Church). If you would like to participate, or if you need more information, please contact our Parish Secretary, Gerry at 201-261-0148.

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 - September 22, October 20, November 24, and December 22**. 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.

St. Joseph's & Ascension K of C 2nd Annual Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 17. \$45 / person from 6-10 PM
Advanced sales only by Oct. 10th

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1000 Strong Rosary For Life

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm Eastern Time.

*October 13 is the 109th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. Our goal is 1,000+ people praying in Reparation for the Sin of Abortion and for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb. Rosary will be led by priests from all over New Jersey.

Register at lifeneteducation.org/1000strong.

Call-in number: 1-401-252-0031. Access Code: 759297#

Click on the **COMMUNITY** tab in our parish website to see photographs from some of the recent Parish special events! <https://sjcnj.org/community>
To submit photos, please contact Melinda at webmaster@sjcnj.org.

Saint Joseph School seeks the following part-time openings for the 2026-2027 school year:

Spanish Teacher for grades PreK-8. Part time Spanish teacher K-8, teach Spanish Language & Culture over 5 days. Salary \$30,600. Send resume and supporting documents to veldardid@sjcsusa.org

Teacher Assistants for the PreK program. 2 Teacher Assistants for immediate hire, Grade PreK3. Part time, assist the teacher and work directly with students
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Salary: \$14,653. Please send letter of interest and credentials to: veldardid@sjcsusa.org

Join us for *The Chosen* at Saint Joseph's Church

Beginning **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM** and continuing every Tuesday thereafter from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Saint Joseph's Church will host screenings of *The Chosen* on a large screen in Mary's Chapel. Each episode will be followed by a brief discussion and fellowship. **All are welcome!** We hope you'll join us for this inspiring series as we grow in faith together.

Please fill out the flyer located in the church and drop it off at the Rectory. For more information contact Pamela at 201-446-0319 or email pamelaprior55@outllok.com

There will be a **Catholic High School Expo Night** at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, 25 Fremont Avenue in Park Ridge on Monday, 9/28 at 6:30pm. For more information <https://catholicchoolsnj.org/hs-expo> -

Save The Date For Catholic High School Fall Open Houses! September

Thurs. Sept. 24 — Don Bosco Prep, 6:15–8:30pm, <https://www.donboscoprep.org>

Tues. Sept. 29 — Albertus Magnus, 6–8pm, <https://www.albertusmagnus.net>

Wed. Sept. 30 — Paramus Catholic, 6–8pm, <https://www.paramuscatholic.com>

October

Sun. Oct. 4 — Academy of the Holy Angels, 10–1pm, <https://holyanimals.org> and St. Joseph Regional, 11am, <https://www.saintjosephregional.org>

Thurs. Oct. 8 — Bergen Catholic, 6:30–8:30pm, <https://bergencatholic.org> and Regis 5-8:30pm, <https://www.regis.org>

Sat. Oct. 17 - Xavier High School, <https://www.xavierhs.org/admissions/apply>

Sun. Oct. 18 — IHA, 11–2pm, <https://www.immaculateheartnj.com> and Regis 1-4pm, <https://www.regis.org>

Thurs. Oct. 22 - Mary Help Of Christians Academy, 6pm, www.maryhelp.org

Sat. Oct. 24 - Mary Help Of Christians Academy, 11am, www.maryhelp.org

Sun. Oct. 25 — Bergen Catholic, 12–2pm, <https://bergencatholic.org>, and Albertus Magnus, 12–2pm, <https://www.albertusmagnus.net>

November

Tues. Nov. 3 — St. Joseph Regional evening Open House, 6:30pm, <https://www.saintjosephregional.org>

Wed. Nov. 18 — Holy Angels Mini Open House, 5:30–7pm, <https://holyanimals.org>



St. Joseph T.A.R.G.E.T Youth Group
Teen Activity Religious Group Entertaining & Terrific
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Come join us as we start our new year

Thursday, September 24th

7:00pm - 9:00pm

At the Parish Life Center

(located behind the lower school)

268 Grove Street, Oradell

We meet every other Thursday

Some of the activities we have planned are:

Pictionary

Jeopardy

Taco Thursday

Mini Golf

Rock Painting

Airplane Activity

Talks with discussions

& much more

Please join us on Thursday, September 24th at 7 PM



We would LOVE to see you there



**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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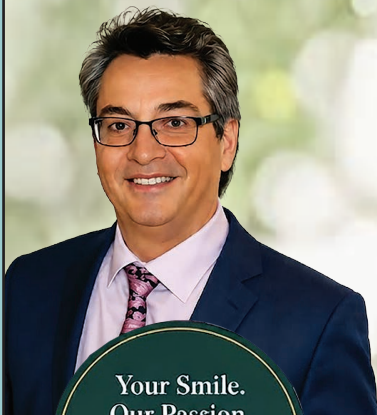


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