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First Sunday of Advent ~ December 3, 2017

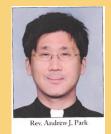
MASS SCHEDULE for **Immaculate Conception** —DEC. 8 (see p.3)

Learn about our "ROSE WINDOW" seen below in "From the Pastor's Desk" (p.3)

JOIN US AS WE BID FAREWELL TO FR. ANDREW **NEXT WEEKEND** —DEC. 9-10

Ioin us after Mass on December 9 or 10 to say farewell to Father Andrew who will be leaving after Christmas to take up his post as Parish Administrator of The Church of the Korean Martyrs in Saddle Brook, NJ.

Stop by the lower church after **ALL Masses** for a chance to thank Fr. Andrew for his service to Saint Joseph, to wish him well in his new parish, and to enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.





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MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY

Weekdays 7:00 am & 8:30 am 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-5 pm in Mary's Chapel

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.

Homebound/Hospital Call Parish Office.

Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA Contact Parish Office.

> **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Contact Parish Office.

Phone



Logan Robert Belthoff
Child of Laurie & Brian
with brother Luke and sister Hannah

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



November 19, 2017



Audrey Tegan Bravo Austria Child of Arden & Maria-Leticia with sister Alma Elyse

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU!

We needed a pickup truck, four SUV's and two cars for all of your donations to our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** to be delivered. In addition to the 30 turkeys and the amazing amount of groceries, you also gave \$1,000 in monetary donations.

So many people were blessed by the generosity of our community here at Saint Joseph. Warmest thanks to all who shared the blessings God has given them. (*See photos below*.)

As last Sunday's Gospel reminded us: "... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...naked and you clothed me.
Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of mybrethren, you did it to me." (MATT 25:35,40)

Thank you and God bless you all for your kindness.



WE SING YOUR PRAISE, O LORD. Saint Joseph Choir members joined the choirs of nearby churches to sing at the annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service** celebrated this year at the **Reformed Church of Oradell.** (Can you spot some of our choir members and SJC Director **Monroe Quinn?**)



Saint Joseph Confirmation Candidates joined Social Concerns members Joan Murray (far left) and Jan Burns (far right) to collect and sort food for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.



Members of **Girl Scout Troop #5571** helped with donations to our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Because Friday is the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, our nation's patronal feast and a Holy Day of Obligation, it is worthwhile to call attention to our parish's

rose window, which stands over our church's main doors. It is a feature that is also present in many of the world's great cathedrals.

Rose windows have that name because they remind us of the most beautiful of flowers, which has long been a symbol of Our Lady. Strictly speaking, our rose window is the upper section of stained glass, where we can see an arrangement of eight petals and smaller separate depictions of red and white roses, all of which present their own symbolic messages. (Red roses traditionally represent suffering or martyrdom, and white ones stand for purity and heavenly joy. Both apply suitably to Mary.)

The lower picture in our window is a Nativity scene that is joined to the rose and forms a unity with it. **(See bulletin cover.)** Christ is usually at the center of rose windows, and this is so in our church's Christmas depiction, where he is treasured by Mary and Joseph and adored by the shepherds, the first ones outside the Holy Family to pay him homage.



Our rose window does not have the eight petals by chance. Before Robert Barron was ordained an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, he wrote a small gem of a book

(continued above)

called *Heaven in Stone and Glass: Experiencing the Spirituality of the Great Cathedrals.* In it he mentioned the importance of the number eight in biblical symbolism:

Now eight, coming just beyond seven, which is the symbol of completed time, stands for that dimension of reality that lies beyond time, that is, eternity. Thus, the mystical message is clear: the fullness of beauty, vaguely hinted at in the rose, will become visible only when we pass beyond time into the eternal realm.

And the way the petals are connected to each other in a way that resembles the spokes on a bicycle wheel also has something to say to us. As Barron observes:

This structured harmony is intended to be a picture of the well-ordered soul. When the divine power is the uncompromised center of our lives, then the myriad energies of our souls—intellectual, moral, physical, emotional, and sexual—tend to fall into harmony around it. When Christ is the "ground" of the soul, the soul finds peace, order, and beauty. ... In other words, make God's will the center of your concerns, and your proximate needs, desires, and longings will tend to find their place.

And in a nicely expressed summary he adds, "The rose window lures us into this centered place of freedom."

Meditating on our rose widow is a good way to enter into the spirit of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Msar. David Hubba

Cover Art: Rose window with Nativity triptych in Saint Joseph Church (Oradell/New Milford, NJ) Photo by Tom Piersa

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS THIS WEEKEND—DEC. 2-3

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. You can use your specially marked **parish envelope**, make your donation through your electronic giving account, or make your check out to "Saint

giving account, or make your check out to "Saint Joseph" and memo it "Retirement Fund for Religious."



AN ADVENT GIFT FOR YOU

Be sure to pick up your copy of the *Magnificat Advent Companion*, a reflection book for the season, at the doors of the church or from an usher after all Masses while supplies last. It is a gift to you from Saint Joseph Church.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A Holy Day of Obligation DECEMBER 8, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

at Saint Joseph Church 300 Elm St., Oradell, NJ

> THURS., DEC. 7 7:30 pm FRIDAY, DEC. 8 7:00 am 8:30 am 10:30 am 7:30 pm



TAKE A TAG SHARE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

What better way to prepare our homes and hearts for Christmas than to share the blessings of that

holy season with those in need.

Our **Giving Trees**, an Advent tradition at Saint Joseph Parish, are located in the **main entrance** of the Church and at the **Harrison Street entrance**. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree, purchase the requested gift and then place the wrapped gift, with tag attached, under the tree the next time you come to Mass.

The tag you take from the tree is very important. It tells our office staff and the agencies we are helping for whom the gift is meant. It is extremely important that the tag you took from the Giving Tree be attached securely to the wrapped gift so that it will reach the correct person on Christmas.

All Giving Tree Gifts need to be returned no later than **Monday, December 11**.



COMMUNAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE—DECEMBER 11

This year's **Advent Penance Service** for both Saint Joseph and St. Peter the Apostle Parishes will be held here at **Saint Joseph Church** on **Monday**, **December 11** at **7:30 pm**. The clergy of both parishes will be available to hear confessions.



MONTHLY PRAYER WITH MARY — DECEMBER 9

All are invited to join the **Legion of Mary** *after the 8:30 Mass* on **Saturday**, **December 9** in **Mary's Chapel** for the **Rosary** and continuing series on the virtues of the Blessed Mother. The **Immaculate Conception** will be discussed.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation—in memory of a loved one or for a special



intention—toward the cost of decorating our worship spaces for the Christmas season. Please use the "Flower Envelope" that you received in the mail. (Extra envelopes are available at the doors of the church.) PRINT clearly on the envelope your intention, your name and phone number. Donation is \$10 per name/family and payable to "Saint Joseph Church." Your envelope can be put in the collection basket.



AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER —DECEMBER 9 (8:30 am-12 noon)

"But you, when you pray, go into your in-

ner room, close the door and prayer to your Father in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." Matt: 6:6

If you have a desire to deepen and enrich your prayer life, consider this uniquely beautiful and peaceful path of connecting with the love of Jesus. Particularly in this busy, overscheduled, communications-driven world in which we live, **Centering Prayer** can be a source of spiritual awakening, reconnecting and inner peace.

Centering Prayer is a discipline to foster a deep relationship, a communication with God beyond concepts, words and images. You just sit in silence in the presence of the Divine Indwelling as God silently speaks to your heart and heals the wounds of a lifetime.

Come, see and taste.

When: Saturday, December 9 from 8:30 am-12 noon

Where: St. Joseph's Parish Life Center 268 Grove Street, Oradell NJ

Pre-registration requested. To register and for further information, please contact **Maureen Hanley** at **201-265-8249**.



LOOK WHO IS IN NJ CATHOLIC MAGAZINE!

Be sure to pick up a copy of *New Jersey Catholic* magazine at the doors of the church while supplies last...and get into the Christmas spirit by reading the great article by **Father Tom Jwanowski** entitled "Do You

Hear What I Hear? The Lesson of Carols."



ALL WELCOME! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY —DECEMBER 7



The **St. Joseph Knights of Columbus**, will be having their **annual Christmas party** on **Thursday**, **Dec. 7** at the Knights of Columbus **Council Hall**, 199 River Rd. New Miford NJ from **7:00-10:00 pm**. *All are welcome* to enjoy a night of food, family, and friends to celebrate our Lord's birth.

There is **NO** addmission fee; we only ask for a small toy donation for a child. Please call Grand Knight Robert Luongo at 201-539-7726 if you will be able to attend.



Saturday December 2, 2017

5:00 pm Marie Flieger

SundayDecember 3, 20177:30 amPeople of the Parish9:00 amJames I. Toscano

10:30 am UC Pauline & Edward Wernicki

10:30 am MC 12:00 pm Anthony Macri Lloyd De Nicolo Monday December 4, 2017

7:00 am For the living and deceased members

of the Prior & Plinio Families

8:30 am Clara & Celic Bonja **Tuesday**7:00 am Deacon Ed Maron

8:30 am McLaughlin & Dalton Families

WednesdayDecember 6, 20177:00 amAngelo Montuori8:30 amAngelo MontuoriThursdayDecember 7, 20177:00 amDeacon Ed Maron8:30 amCatherine Kim7:30 pmJohn Dabrowski

Friday December 8, 2017 Immaculate Conception

7:00 am Joseph & Grace Gaetano 8:30 am Elice & James Capuani 10:30 am Saint Joseph School Mass 7:30 pm People of the Parish **Saturday December 9, 2017** 8:30 am Marie Cuccurullo 5:00 pm Patrick O'Donohue Sunday December 10, 2017 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Martin Naughton

> Robert M. Westerdahl Yolanda Tricarico

12:00 pm Rita Mateo

10:30 am UC

BREAD & WINE INTENTIONS

The **bread & wine** for the week of **December 3, 2017**are offered

In Thanksgiving

as requested by the Fabiano Family.

ONLY ONE 10:30 MASS NEXT SUNDAY

There will be NO 10:30 am Mass in Mary's Chapel on December 10 so that we may host the farewell reception for Fr. Andrew (see bulletin cover) in a place convenient for our parishioners to stop by.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember those who are ill:

James McMahen, Msgr. Thomas McDade, Janet Enny, Nicholas Porfilio

Let us remember those who have recently died:

Mario Florio, Rev. F. Kevin Murphy

Let us remember those serving in the military.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Take heed, watch and pray;

for you do not know when the time will come." MK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time—our days, weeks, months, even years—in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you. (SEE PAGE 4 for information about our CENTERING PRAYER workshop on Dec. 9.)

SUNDAY COLLECTION

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017

BASKET PARISHPAY TOTAL **\$7,403 \$4,175 \$11,578**

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017

BASKET PARISHPAY TOTAL **\$7,788 \$4,175 \$11,963**

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

—DECEMBER 6

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Wednesday, December 6 in Mary's Chapel from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. The Legion of Mary invites you to attend.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO DECORATE CHURCH

-DECEMBER 17

Join us on **Sunday, December 17** at

1:30 pm to help us decorate Saint Joseph Church for the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to help, please email **Tom** at **tmoran61@gmail.com**

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SAVE THIS DATE FOR BEAUTIFUL MUSIC —JANUARY 7

Please mark your calendars for Saint Joseph Church's extremely popular annual Christmas concert "AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS JOY." The concert will take place on Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 PM and will feature the Adult and Children's Choirs as well as soloists and instrumentalists who are a part of the Music Ministry at Saint Joseph Church.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW —DECEMBER 10

On **Sunday, December 10**, **Saint Joseph Regional High School,** 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ, will be

hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from **10:00** am until **4:00** pm, showcasing the talents of over 125 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is **\$2.00**. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.



SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR OUR ONLINE GIVERS

Many thanks to those parishioners who donate online through our electronic giving program **ParishPay**. Online giving makes it possible for Saint Joseph to consistently receive your donations and to plan accordingly.

If you currently use ParishPay for your weekly contributions, please know that ParishPay has been acquired by LPi and re-named **WeShare**. Your account has been automatically transferred to WeShare.

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CALLING ALL CORNERSTONE BROTHERS & SISTERS

COME TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY —DECEMBER 5

It's that time of year...the time when we gather to celebrate our Savior's birth! We invite you to comeand join in the celebration at our **Cornerstone Christmas Party** to be held on **Tuesday, December 5** at the **Knight of Columbus Hall**, 199 River Road in New Milford. The doors will open at **7:00 pm**.

You may **bring your spouse** even if he/she has not made Cornerstone. This is a great chance for them to get to know us and for us to meet and greet them.

A wonderful night of celebration is being planned with music, games, good food and some other surprises. All we ask is that you bring one of your special Christmas goodies for our sharing table.



POSITION AVAILABLE PT ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Saint Joseph School is seeking to hire a **PT Assistant Principal** to lead the Upper School (grades 5-8) for this school year.

(Start date: January 2, 2018) Beginning in 2018-2019 the position would become FT.

Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, have (or be seeking) NJDOE principal certification, exhibit strong communication, curriculum and technology skills (knowledge of Power School and Frontline: Teachscape a plus), and be able to demonstrate success working with students, parents and the community. (Middle School administrative experience also a plus.)

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and letter from their pastor by December 8, 2017 to: Dr. Paula Valenti, Saint Joseph School, 305 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ 07649. For more information, contact valentip @sjsusa.org





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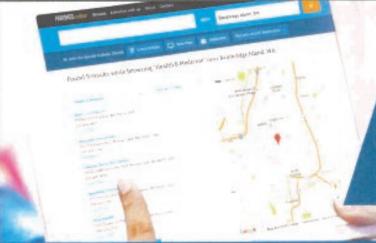
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