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Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

May 17, 2020

NEW
Archdiocesan
COVID-19 Directives
and Plan for
Reopening
Churches
—see pages 4-6

PASTOR:
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PAROCHIAL VICARS:
Rev. Anthony Di Stefano
Rev. John Z. Radwan
DEACON:
George Montalvo
PASTOR EMERITUS:
Rev. George M. Reilly

**MASSES/SERVICES ARE
SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9 am,
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 Wed. of Month
9 am—5 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.

Homebound/Hospital

Call Parish Office

Christian Initiaion of

Adults—RCIA

Contact Parish Office

PARISH

REGISTRATION

Contact Parish Office



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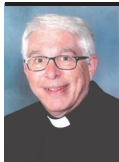
SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate to be with you always, the
Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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Office	Location	Phone	Email/Fax	Website
Parish Office	105 Harrison St., New Milford	201-261-0148	office@sjcnj.org Fax #: 201-261-0369	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

Office Hours: (The Parish Office is currently closed. Please call 201-261-0148 to speak to our clergy and staff.)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The esteemed poet **Donald Hall**, closely observing life at the New Hampshire farm where he lived, once shared a lovely reflection on the arrival of spring:

Winter's white is beautiful when it begins
but degenerates by March to gray snow that
melts mud-brown. Spring begins as
monochrome as November, but from the
gray-brown faint green arises in grass that
the sun heats. Then with more sun-light
green mounts, gathers, swells, and explodes,
its onrushing, upthrusting fibrous joy
cavorting from the ground, yellow-green to
butter the soul's bread with.

Spring imparts an almost sacramental benefit to us as it reminds us of the bounteous and splendid gifts of nature, God's creation, which can cheer us magnificently. We can certainly use this aid in all the gloom and restrictions of the unwelcome visitation of the viral epidemic.

Even as we carefully comply with the protective restrictions we have been compelled to live under, we can still find at least some opportunity to be refreshed by nature. One way we
(continued above)



might consider doing so is to stop by our outdoor shrine to Mary in the attractive garden adjacent to our church. Some quiet moments of prayer in May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, can help keep us going in the trials we are going through.

An old Shaker hymn says that

Springtime glories round us teeming,
Fill our hearts with joyous cheer,
Sunshine brightly o'er us beaming,
Makes all nature glad appear;
Lovely season bright and vernal,
Ever welcome to our clime,
Emblem of a growth eternal,
And of destinies sublime.

May all of us keep our prayers coming: for the end of the current crisis and danger, for the sick and those who have recently gone to be in God's dwelling and company, for those who have lost their jobs because of the economic consequences of COVID-19, for our government officials who are confronted with such difficult issues and choices, and for all who help us even in the face of the weariness and perils they have to encounter.

Msgr. David Hubba

Sunday Mass Online



We will continue to have Mass at Saint Joseph available **ONLINE** during the current crisis.

Please check our parish website
sjcnj.org

for the link to the Mass
starting on Saturdays at 5:00 pm
*(Then subscribe to our
YouTube channel.)*

Mass is also available on OPTV
Oradell public access television
7:00 pm Saturdays & 10:00 am Sundays
on Altice/Optimum Ch. 77 (Oradell)
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Saturday	May 16, 2020
5:00 pm	Philip McGough
Sunday	May 17, 2020
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Tomassi Family
10:30 am UC	Joaquim De So
10:30 am MC	Edward P. Cronin
12:00 pm	John Dempsey (65 th Anniversary Remembrance)
Monday	May 18, 2020
7:00 am	William A. Schuber, Sr.
8:30 am	John Connolly
Tuesday	May 19, 2020
7:00 am	Janet Triunfo-Woo
8:30 am	Ellen Lewis
Wednesday	May 20, 2020
7:00 am	Mate Skroce
8:30 am	Mary Pace
7:30 pm	Patrick O'Leary
Thursday	May 21, 2020 Ascension of the Lord
7:00 am	Frederick & Ethel Pedrick
8:30 am	People of the Parish
7:30 pm	Susan & Anthony Navarra
Friday	May 22, 2020
7:00 am	Ann Marie Vrola
8:30 am	Timothy Sullivan
Saturday	May 23, 2020
8:30 am	Michael Cestare
5:00 pm	Florence Kissack
Sunday	May 24, 2020
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:00 am	Luke McCaffrey (Birthday Remembrance)
10:30 am UC	Alejandro Tumang
10:30 am MC	Rita McDonald
12:00 pm	Felice Bartolomeo

BREAD & WINE INTENTIONS

The bread and wine
for the week of
May 17, 2020
is offered for the
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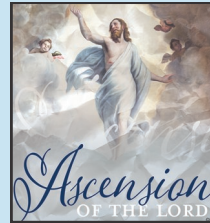
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:
Ed Grube, Dr. Margaret Dames, Br. Luke Gilchrist,
Arden Saenz

Let us remember all those who have died:
Antoni Kubski, Janet Lotli, Zenaida Bautista

Let us remember those serving in our military:
2nd LT Harry Aquino USAF, Lance Cpl. Alexander Banas,
1st LT Christopher Bascomb, 2nd LT Michael McPherson,
1st LT Michael Shuler, PFC David Solinas, Jr.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD TO BE CELEBRATED ON **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

Due to the challenges that we are facing from COVID-19, **Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin**, Archbishop of Newark has approved the transfer of the observance of the **Ascension of the Lord** from Thursday, May 21 to **Sunday, May 24, 2020.**



In keeping with the Cardinal's directive, we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord NEXT Sunday.

Currently, Newark is one of six U. S. dioceses (encompassing ten states) that celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven on the traditional fortieth day after Easter. The rest already commemorated it on the following Sunday.

HOLY DAY and SUNDAY DONATION

If you are in a position to include your donation for the Ascension along with your Sunday contribution, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see below on how you can continue to support your church.

HELP SAINT JOSEPH SURVIVE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME



DONATE ONLINE: Please go to sjcnj.churchgiving.com and follow the **directions.** You can quickly and easily make a **one-time donation** or **set up an account** to make your normal **weekly contribution ...OR...**

SEND US YOUR ENVELOPE: Please mail it to the **Parish Office at 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646.** (Do **NOT** use the Church address of 300 Elm Street, Oradell.)

If you live nearby, you may put it in the **locked mailbox** outside the rectory/parish office. **Please do NOT ring bell at Rectory.** The box is checked frequently every day by staff.

A Message from Saint Joseph Church, Oradell/New Milford

Archdiocese of Newark Directives for Re-Opening Churches **UPDATE #6: May 12, 2020**

Our pastor, Msgr. Hubba, and our parish priests, Fr. Anthony and Fr. John, wish for all to know of their many prayers and blessings for your continued health and spiritual wellbeing in these challenging times. We are grateful for you and we are praying for you until we can all be together again.

NEW DIRECTIVES dated May 11, 2020

We are pleased to continue providing information about our initiatives that will help you and your family to stay safe, healthy and prayerful at this time. **THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK HAS ISSUED A NEW UPDATE ON THE REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH.** Recognizing that we are eager to return to our church, the Archdiocese has announced directives for a safe and prudent GRADUAL RE-OPENING OF OUR LITURGICAL LIFE in **THREE PHASES** giving consideration to the health policies of state and local officials:

PHASE ONE: effective May 17, 2020

Based on the new directives issued by the *Archdiocese of Newark*:

- Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as well as from the "Easter Duty" (obligation to receive Holy Communion during the season of Easter).
- Churches may be opened solely for personal prayer during limited and designated hours subject to state and local health directives (currently no more than 10 individuals). Individuals and families may enter the church, for QUIET PRAYER ONLY, both for health and safety and in courtesy to fellow parishioners.

NO GATHERINGS ARE PERMITTED

- SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH PRIVATE PRAYER HOURS:
MARY'S CHAPEL (Please enter *Harrison St.* Entrance only – exit via *Grant Street* only)
Sundays & Weekdays: 10 am – 12 Noon
- SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING, FACE MASKS AND SANTIZING REQUIRED:
 - Individuals and families must maintain social distancing (6 feet) between each person while in the church.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available and must be utilized upon entering and exiting.
 - Face masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
 - In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of Covid-19 or who have been exposed to infection are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.
 - Holy water fonts must remain empty until further notice.
 - Public restroom access restricted due to state health mandate.
 - Openly accessed areas of the church will be cleaned daily at regular intervals and *deep-cleaned* twice a week for health and safety.

PHASE ONE continued: EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2020

- **PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF LITURGIES, DEVOTIONS OR OTHER GROUP PRAYER ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THIS TIME.**
 - **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** can be offered at specified and limited times:
Available Sundays & Weekdays: 10:00 am – 12 Noon
 - **Social distancing must be maintained** by those waiting for the sacrament and to respect maintaining the seal of confession. **Masks must be worn** by *confessor* and *penitent*.
- **WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE MASS AT SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH AVAILABLE ONLINE:**
 - Please check our **parish website** sjcnj.org or facebook.com/church.st.joseph on Saturdays at 5:00 pm for the link and times of our **virtual Sunday Masses**.
 - *Mass is also available on OPTV, Oradell public access television – Altice/Optimum Ch. 77 (Oradell) and FiOS Ch. 38 (Oradell and New Milford), at 7:00 pm Saturdays and 10:00 am Sundays.*
- **ALL PARISH BUILDINGS (including the Upper Church, Parish Life Center, Parish Retreat House, Youth Center at Curry House will REMAIN CLOSED and LOCKED until further notice:**
 - **ALL PUBLIC PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS continue to REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Any meetings and communication within ministries and with the parish office may be conducted by telephone, email, mail and through *virtual meetings*.
- ***Parish offices* continue to remain publically CLOSED:**
 - As our parish staff continues to work remotely, please feel free to communicate with us, during our parish office/rectory regular office hours (*Mon.-Thurs. 9am – 5am; Fri. 9am – 2pm*), by **telephone** at 201-261-0148 and/or by **email** at office@sjcnj.org.
 - Any mail and collection envelopes should be sent to: Saint Joseph Parish Office at 105 Harrison St., New Milford, NJ 07646 or placed in the **lock-box outside rectory**.

As always, if it is an **emergency** and you need a priest, call the rectory (201-261-0148) and **dial ext. 18**.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

- **BAPTISMS:** may resume once **Phase Three** (see next page) has commenced with the exception of someone in the danger of death.
- **FUNERALS:** will be permitted in the celebration of public Mass following Archdiocese directives and norms within **Phase Two** (see next page).
- **WEDDINGS:** can only be scheduled once **Phase Three** (see next page) has commenced and in accordance with Archdiocese directives.
- **CONFIRMATIONS AND 1ST COMMUNIONS:** which were postponed may be scheduled once **Phase Three** (see next page) has commenced and at a time (before December 31st, 2020) and in the circumstances as determined by the pastor and pastoral leadership team according to Archdiocese directives.
- **RCIA:** Adult sacraments of initiation which were postponed may be scheduled once **Phase Three** (see next page) has commenced and at a time (before December 31st, 2020) and in the circumstances as determined by the pastor and RCIA coordinator according to Archdiocese directives.

Deacon George, Director of Religious Education (montalvog@sjcnj.org or 201-261-1144), and Arlene Kennedy, Sacraments Coordinator (kennedyva@sjcnj.org or 201-261-1144), as well as Father Anthony, RCIA Coordinator (fatheranthony@sjcnj.org or 201-261-0148 ext 13) are all available to speak with you if you have any particular questions regarding these directives on the sacraments of initiation and as celebration is implemented in **Phase Three**.

PHASES TWO & THREE: LOOKING AHEAD

The specific date for the commencement of Phase Two and Three IS **NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME** and **will be announced in the future**. Consideration will be given to the policies of state and local authorities:

PHASE TWO:

- Cardinal Tobin will continue to **dispense the faithful** from the **obligation** to attend **Sunday Mass** as well as the **"Easter Duty"** obligation to receive Holy Communion.
- All provisions of **Phase One** remain in force.
- **Weddings** should be celebrated with full compliance with all the provisions of Phase Three.
- Churches will be **permitted to celebrate public Masses** on **weekdays** as well as **funerals** within the **norms for celebrating Mass set by the Archdiocese**.

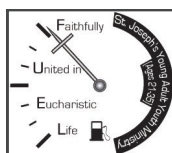
PHASE THREE:

- The **obligation** to attend **Sunday Mass** as well as the **"Easter Duty"** obligation to receive Holy Communion will continue to be dispensed by Cardinal Tobin.
- The provisions in **Phase Three** would remain in force *until otherwise directed by the Archdiocese*.
- Churches will additionally be **permitted to celebrate public Masses** on **Sundays** within the **norms for celebrating Mass set by the Archdiocese**.
- **Parishes will continue to provide online access of the Mass**, so that those unable to attend may maintain a spiritual connection with the parish.
- **Additional information** will be provided regarding the Masses *before Phase Three is commenced* and may be found in **the complete Archdiocese of Newark Directives for Re-Opening Churches dated May 11, 2020**.

The parish clergy, pastoral staff and ministry leaders continue to be there for our parishioners with spiritual support, virtual gatherings and prayerful resources throughout this crisis. We continue to keep all affected individuals, families, first responders, medical service providers and especially those on the front lines in our prayers throughout this time.

Together we, as a parish community, turn to Our Lord through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary in this trying time and rise to the challenge of the Gospel to share the love of Jesus with all God's people.

Please continue checking our **Saint Joseph Church website (sjcnj.org)** and our parish Facebook page (facebook.com/church.st.joseph) for frequent updates.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ("F.U.E.L.") NEXT ONLINE MEETING —MAY 29

The Saint Joseph Young Adult Ministry, F.U.E. L. (Faithfully United in Eucharistic Life) will meet on **Friday, May 29 at 7:30 pm via Zoom**. If you are an adult between the **ages of 21-35** and are interested in hearing about F.U.E.L.'s upcoming events, or know someone who would like to be included, please send an email to solinase@sjcnj.org or contact **Danielle Gherardi**.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BINS TO OPEN AGAIN

Sentinel Management has notified Catholic Charities that our **DONATION BIN (located in rectory parking lot)** is anticipated to be open as of **May 18**. They are in need of **clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, toys, knickknacks and children's books**.



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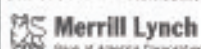
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