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

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 Initiation
of Adults—RCIA
Contact Parish Office

PARISH
REGISTRATION
Contact Parish Office

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri.: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. YOU MUST TELEPHONE FIRST (201-261-0148)
PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD—ADVENT WREATHS MADE AND BLESSED

Saint Joseph Youth Ministry began the Advent season by offering parishioners the opportunity to assemble their own Advent Wreaths. Special thanks to Vicki Aquino for helping us and to Phil De Rosa and Mike Smith for sharing their talents to create our new large outdoor Parish Advent wreath that passersby can see on the plaza in front of Saint Joseph Church. And thanks to Father Anthony for the beautiful blessing he gave all our wreaths.

UPDATE: PARISH OFFICE AND MEETINGS

ALL PARISH BUILDINGS REMAIN CLOSED to in-person meetings of any kind. Due to increased health and safety concerns, all MINISTRY MEETINGS SHOULD CONTINUE VIRTUAL ONLY and all OUTDOOR GROUP GATHERINGS are currently NOT permitted anywhere on parish grounds.

For health and safety considerations, in-person visits to the Parish Office/Rectory are limited. Walk-ins are not currently permissible. If you need in person assistance, you must CALL the Parish Office/Rectory at 201-261-0148 Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm for an appointment.

Most parish office business (baptism, wedding and funeral arrangements, sacramental records and Mass intention requests etc.) can be easily accomplished with our staff by phone, email (office@sjcnj.org) or postal mail (105 Harrison St., New Milford, NJ 07646) or the lock-box outside the rectory. (Please do not ring the bell when dropping off mail).

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

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

A Virtual Afternoon of Christmas Joy

Traditional, religious, contemporary and popular Christmas music performed virtually by Saint Joseph’s choirs, soloists and musicians.

Watch Sunday, December 20

online via the parish YouTube channel & on OPTV

www.sjcnj.org
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One delightful Advent custom is the Jesse Tree, which stems from at least the eleventh century. Over the years, it has taken several forms, sometimes emphasizing the key events of salvation history and at other times portraying Jesus's human ancestry.

The remarkable Abbot Suger (c. 1081-1151), a man of humble origins, became the head of St. Denis abbey near Paris. Because of his significant accomplishments for the Church and for France, he has been called both “the father of Gothic architecture” and, for his extensive diplomatic work, “the father of the French monarchy.” Suger is often given major credit for the Jesse Tree’s popularity because of a beautiful stained glass window that adorned his magnificent rebuilding of St. Denis church. Suger chose the themes for every window in it.

Suger spent the early years of his work as Abbot in reforming the abbey, because, as the art historian George Seddon has written, it had become “materialistic and morally slack.” After accomplishing this crucial goal, Suger began the great project of rebuilding the abbey church. As Seddon notes, “His involvement in the new St. Denis was total and practical”:

In the detailed record he kept of the rebuilding, there is a revealing account of how he handled the problem of finding beams long enough for the new roof—since all the foresters had sworn that they could not find any tall trees in the area. One morning at dawn, he called his carpenters together and—to the great amusement of the foresters—set off with them to fight a way through the undergrowth of the forest “with the courage of faith.” By nine o'clock his faith had been rewarded; they had found the twelve tall trees they needed.

Sadly, in 1793, many of the windows of St. Denis were destroyed by the violent extremists of the French Revolution. Some survived, including many that are now housed in various churches and collections in Europe. One shows Abbot Suger presenting the Jesse Tree window.

If you would like to make a Jesse Tree for your home and need help planning the project, please see me.

Msgr. David Hubba

SAINT JOSEPH’S
ADVENT SPIRITUAL
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

A listing of all the special Advent 2020 prayer opportunities and activities planned by Saint Joseph Parish (Oradell/New Milford).

Advent Giving Tree – found at both church entrances (Elm/Harrison Street)
– Return gift cards at all the Masses no later than Sunday 12/13

Virtual Journey Through Advent – Parish Spiritual Reflections – subscribe to Parish You-Tube channel to access daily links to reflections beginning 1st Sunday of Advent on 11/29 and concluding Christmas morning 12/25

Parish Nativity Blessing – Saturday 12/12 @ 4:00 pm in the Upper Church and on You-Tube

Advent Penance Service – Monday 12/14 @ 7:30 pm in the Upper Church

“Zoom-Sharing” Family Christmas Traditions – Friday 12/18 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – email ellen@solinas.net to receive link and passcode

A Virtual Afternoon of Christmas Joy – with music performed virtually by Monroe Quinn and our parish choirs, soloists and musicians – Sunday 12/20 on You-Tube and 3 opportunities for viewing on OPTV

Opportunity for Confession – Saturday 12/19 4:00-5:00 pm or following daily Masses on Monday 12/21 through Wednesday 12/23
SHARE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS THROUGH OUR PARISH “GIVING TREE”  
— DUE DECEMBER 13

Our Giving Trees, an Advent tradition at Saint Joseph Parish, have been placed in the main entrance of the church and at the Harrison Street entrance.

This year, we ask that you purchase a GIFT CARD (parishioners have given $25 or $50 gift cards, but please feel free to give any amount you are able to give); indicate the $ amount; and place it in the box next to the tree the next time you come to Mass. Gift cards from ShopRite, Target, and Walmart are appreciated.

For more information, please contact Kristin Racine or Melinda Rabbia at sjgivingtree@gmail.com

IMPORTANT: All Giving Tree gift cards need to be returned to the collection boxes under the trees in church NO LATER than Sunday, December 13 so that we have time to sort and return them to the agencies. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE  
— DECEMBER 14

This year’s Advent Penance Service will be held in Saint Joseph’s Upper Church on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 pm. There will be an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration during which time Msgr. Hubba, Fr. Anthony and Fr. John will be available for Confession.

“Do not be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.” — Pope Francis

A GIFT OF MUSIC  
OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
— DECEMBER 20

Our Parish Music Director, Monroe Quinn, is pleased to announce that, even though we can’t gather for our extremely popular annual Christmas concert this year, we will still be able to see a brand new concert, filled with amazing music, online and on TV on December 20.

The concert, “An Afternoon of Christmas Joy” will be available on our parish YouTube channel starting at 3:00 pm on Dec. 20. And it will also be broadcast on OPTV (Oradell Public Television) several times that day. Keep watching this bulletin for exact times.

Be sure to circle the date on your calendars!

A VIRTUAL JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT
SAINT JOSEPH PARISH SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

From now until Christmas morning December 25, join us each day on our parish YouTube channel as priests, staff, lay ministers and parish families come together virtually to experience the Advent journey of preparing our hearts for Jesus’ arrival this Christmas Season!

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL and have the link to each day’s video (as well as the links to our Sunday and Christmas online Masses) sent directly to your email in-box. Enter “Saint Joseph Church Oradell YouTube” in your search box, click on link to the official page, and then click on the PARISH NATIVITY BLESSING  
— DECEMBER 12

The custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve in 1223.

Many thanks to all the members of our Arts & Environment Committee and the volunteers who devote their time and talent to setting up and decorating our beautiful Christmas nativity scene each year!

As we wait with joyful anticipation for Jesus to appear in our Parish Nativity Manger on Christmas Eve, we invite you to join Fr. John in the blessing of the nativity display, on Saturday, December 12, at 4:00 pm in the Upper Church. You will also be able to view the Blessing on our parish YouTube channel. (See how to subscribe opposite.)

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020, 7:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Church, 211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ

For many people, facing Christmas may make “being merry” a trying task. Recent death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or other disease and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people. Our Blue Christmas Service is about being reflective, accepting where we really are, and holding out the healing and hope of Christ to those who might not find this to be the happiest time of year. For additional information please call 201-768-1600.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 6, 2020

Mass Intentions

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday**
5:00 pm  Betty Markey

**Sunday**
7:30 am  People of the Parish
9:00 am  Onofrio Petrella
10:30 am UC  Angelo Bartolomeo
10:30 am MC*  Concepcion Eguia (Living)
12:00 pm  Douglas Noble
4:00 pm  Carol Hubba

**Monday**
7:00 am  Emmett O’Grady
8:30 am  Joseph P. Hoock, Sr.
7:30 pm  Ann Marie Vrola  Vigil for Holy Day

**Tuesday**
December 8, 2020  Immaculate Conception
7:00 am  People of the Parish
8:30 am  Felice & James Capuani
7:30 pm  Betty Jane Corbett

**Wednesday**
December 9, 2020
7:00 am  Suzanne Higgins (Living)
8:30 am  Mehdi Fakharzadeh

**Thursday**
December 10, 2020
7:00 am  Ann Nelson
8:30 am  Paul Puccio

**Friday**
December 11, 2020
7:00 am  Daniel O’Connor (Birthday—Living)
8:30 am  For the living and deceased members of the Prior & Plinio Families

**Saturday**
December 12, 2020
8:30 am  Wilbert & Ann Norton
5:00 pm  Graham O’Brien

**Sunday**
December 13, 2020
7:30 am  People of the Parish
9:00 am  Thomas L. Barbagallo
10:30 am UC  Robert Westerdahl
10:30 am MC*  John Follety
12:00 pm  Felice Bartolomeo

*If attendance does not require the opening of Mary’s Chapel, the intention for the 10:30 MC Mass will be fulfilled by a concelebrant at the 10:30 Upper Church Mass.

**CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS TIMES—SEE INSERT**

Since health restrictions remain in place, we have expanded our list of Christmas Masses and, with permission of the Archdiocese, we will offer Masses on Christmas Eve as early as 2 pm and 3:30 pm.

**PLEASE SEE INSERT WITH ALL THE INFORMATION.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Let us remember all those who are ill:
Oliver Kamal, Ed Grube, Riley Suapengco, Mimosa Elayan, Rod & Mildred Largoza, Tom Byrne

Let us remember all those who have died:
Pedro Eguia, MaryKay Wright Dangerio

Let us remember those serving in our military:

**BREAD & WINE INTENTION**

The bread and wine for the week of December 6, 2020 is offered for a Special Intention for the family of Flor Alto.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"

December 8 is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began the work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. **On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!**

**MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY AT SAINT JOSEPH ARE:**

Mon., Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm;
Tues., Dec. 8 at 7am, 8:30 am, 7:30 pm

**ONLINE GIVING**

Please consider signing up for our electronic giving program WeShare. You can choose how much you will donate each week and your contribution will be made automatically, safely and securely, from your debit or credit card.

Simply go to our parish website: sjcnj.org Click on “Make a Donation”, then click on “Sign Up Today” and follow the instructions to register.

If circumstances prevent you from attending Mass or you are unable to mail or drop off your donation to the Parish Office at 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646, WeShare makes it possible for your weekly donations to be automatically sent to Saint Joseph Church in your name. **YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED!**
LEGISLATION ALERT

New Jersey Right to Life

Last month, plans were announced in New Jersey to introduce a radical bill to expand abortion (S3030/A4848). Please ask your legislators to vote “No” on S3030/A4848, the NJ Reproductive Freedom Act; you can visit https://njrtl.org/legislation/ to easily email your legislators with pre-written text.

And please continue to pray for respect for human life from conception to natural death.

“Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.” -Deuteronomy 30:15

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO MAILED CHRISTMAS FLYER

Please note that there have been changes made to the schedule you received with your Christmas envelopes. Besides the inclusion of additional Masses (see insert), INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS will be heard after daily Masses on Dec. 21, 22 and 23 (not the week of Dec. 14).

PUBLIC MASS GUIDELINES

- ARRIVE EARLY (20 minutes before Mass) and safely line up outside. Doors will open 15 minutes before Mass. WEAR A FACE MASK at all times while on the parish campus (both indoors and outside) and maintain SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 feet).
- ENTER via Elm St. or Harrison St. doors ONLY. (Grand St. entrance is handicapped-access only).
- HAND SANITIZER is available and must be used upon entering and exiting.
- You will be seated in alternating pews.
- No physical contact during the Sign of Peace.
- COMMUNION will be distributed to one entire side of the church and then the other starting from a single, socially distanced line up the center aisle.
- When processing forward to receive, keep mask on and follow the blue floor markings.
- PAUSE AT THE SOLID BLUE LINE, and WAIT until a priest/minister is available.
- Holy Communion is permitted in the HAND ONLY.
- Once the consecrated host is placed in your hand, step to the side, remove your mask briefly to consume, then immediately reposition your mask and return to your seat.
- AFTER FINAL BLESSING remain in your pew until a minister instructs you to move; exit the pew when prompted and proceed directly outside onto the campus.
- No private prayer or gathering after Sunday Mass is permitted to allow for church cleaning.
- Please do not congregate outside.

SUNDAY MASS AVAILABLE ONLINE*

On Sunday, please check our parish website: sjcnj.org for the link to our online Sunday Mass.

Televised Mass is also available on OPTV Sundays at 10:00 am on Altice/Optimum Ch. 77 (Oradell); FiOS Ch. 28 (Oradell & New Milford)

*Kindly note that since the Mass is a public event and being filmed, the image of those attending and that of their family may appear on camera during the recorded liturgy.

SUBSCRIBE (AT NO COST) TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

If you subscribe, the link to our daily Advent reflections, as well as the link to each of our Online Masses and our Nativity Blessing will be sent directly to your email in-box. To subscribe, 1. enter “Saint Joseph Church Oradell YouTube” in your search box; 2. click on the link to the official page; and then 3. click on the SUBSCRIBE BUTTON.

If you prefer not to subscribe, follow steps 1 and 2 to get to our YouTube Channel.

You can do your Christmas shopping on Amazon with “Amazon Smile” and benefit Saint Joseph Church (AT NO COST TO YOU!)

- Same low prices and selection as amazon.com
- Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to our parish.

HOW TO ORDER WITH AMAZON SMILE:
Just go to smile.amazon.com and select “St. Joseph Church New Milford” as your charity; then make your purchases as you normally would on Amazon.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

All announcements must be sent to our bulletin editor, Diane Hellriegel, at hellriegeld@sjcnj.org on or before the deadlines listed below. Please take careful note as some deadlines may have changed.

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