

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Oradell - New Milford, NJ

February 12, 2012

BE PART OF OUR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS!

This Lent the Pastoral Council has decided to offer members of the parish and their friends an opportunity to sign up to be part of a small group experience for Lent. For five weeks of Lent there will be small groups meeting at various times and on various days for about an hour or so to focus on the Gospel Reading for the coming Sunday. These meetings will require no special knowledge, only a desire to grow closer to the Lord and an openness to be touched by his life-changing Word.

OPEN OUR HEARTS

Those taking part in our Lenten small group program will use the book, *OPEN OUR HEARTS, A Small Group Guide for an Active Lent*, published by Ave Maria Press of Notre Dame University and authored by Sr. Donna Ciangio and Fr. Tom Iwanowski, our pastor. This book is available at the discounted price of \$5.

TIME SCHEDULE

Our five week Lenten program will meet February 26 through March 29. Participants can sign up for whatever meeting time best suits their personal schedule. Meeting days and times are:

Sunday, 10:15 am	Monday, 10 am	Monday, 7:30 pm
Tuesday 1 pm	Wednesday, 9 am	Thursday 7:30 pm

Each meetings will last about an hour. Existing small groups and parish committees are encouraged to devote part of their scheduled meetings during Lent to using *OPEN OUR HEARTS*.

Sign up forms will be available in church, the parish office, and on our parish website (sjcnj.org). The Lenten Book, *OPEN OUR HEARTS*, which can also be used for individual meditation on the Sunday and daily scripture readings, is available for purchase after Mass or at the parish office.

Schedule

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12 Noon
Weekdays: 7am, 8:30am Saturday 8:30am
Holy Days: As announced in the bulletin

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office before the fifth month of pregnancy

Sick / Homebound / Hospital Ministry

Call the Parish Office

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least one year in advance

Reconciliation / Confessions

Saturday, 4 pm - 5 pm

Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact the Parish Office

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, 7 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of the Month, 9am to 5:30 pm

Parish Registration:

Contact the Parish Office

		<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Website</u>
<i>Parish Office</i>	105 Harrison St., New Milford	201-261-0148	office@sjcnj.org	sjcnj.org
<i>St. Joseph School</i>	305 Elm St., Oradell	201-261-2388	office@sjsusa.org	sjsusa.org
<i>The Greenhouse</i>	305 Elm St., Oradell	201-477-8114	vailc@greenhouseusa.org	greenhouseusa.org
<i>Religious Education</i>	300 Elm St., Oradell	201-261-1144	religiously@sjcnj.org	sjcnj.org

Parish Office Hours: Weekdays 9 am - 4 pm or by appointment
Religious Education Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 9 am - 5pm



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office. For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your support.

- Saturday February 11, 2012**
5:00 pm Arthur Feichione
- Sunday February 12, 2012**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Deceased Members of the
Prior and Plinio Families
10.30 am Hugh J. Flanagan
10:30 am MC Richard J. LoRusso
12 noon Mary Bernadette Sweeney
- Monday February 13, 2012**
7:00 am Rev. Leonard A. Miodowski
8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. William Johnson
- Tuesday February 14, 2012**
7:00 am John J. McMahon
11th Anniversary
8:30 am Paul Rota
- Wednesday February 15, 2012**
7:00 am Gerardo Pignatti
8:30 am Anthony Meehan
- Thursday February 16, 2012**
7:00 am Rev. Thomas William Onacilla
8:30 am Flora C. Acosta
- Friday February 17, 2012**
7:00 am Rev. John J. Mulvey
8:30 am Margaret Mary Sinnott
- Saturday February 18, 2012**
8:30 am Lilia Gomez
5:00 pm Susan Schrader
- Sunday February 19, 2012**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Robert Raimo
10.30 am Joseph Clement Kemper
10:30 am MC Charles Calabrese
12 noon Vit Lukacik

BREAD AND WINE INTENTIONS

The Bread and Wine for the week of **February 12, 2012** are offered In Loving Memory of **The Deceased Members of the Miller and Potter Families**, donated and requested by Mary and Ray Potter.

BREAD AND WINE INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Bread and Wine dates are available throughout 2012. Bread and/or Wine may be offered in memory of a loved one, for a special anniversary, or any special occasion. The offering is: Bread - \$40/ Wine - \$40 / Both - \$80

OUR SUNDAY GIVING

2% Plus Because It's My Parish

Our parish's main source of revenue is the Sunday and holyday collections. Therefore, each Sunday, we will publish the amount of the previous Sunday collection. We will also include the collection amount needed each week to ensure that the parish remains on a sound financial basis and can continue, and hopefully expand, its many ministries. We thank you for your support and hope that in light of our need, you will carefully consider your weekly contribution to our parish.

Date	Basket	Parish Pay	Total	Needed
Feb. 5	\$11,346	\$5,651	\$16,997	\$20,000

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

A note of thanks to our parish from the Office of Concern Food Pantry at Saint Cecilia in Englewood.

Dear Father Iwanowski:

The volunteers at our food pantry extend our grateful thanks to you and your parishioners for your many food donations over the past year. Your efforts help us in our ministry to care for the needy of our area whose number has now risen to over 750 families. Our pantry distributes an almost unbelievable 4.5 tons of food every week to these appreciative families.

Please convey to your parishioners our gratitude for their generosity for it is a vital segment in this accomplishment and mission to the poor.

Sincerely Frank Tarsney, Director

THIRD SATURDAY PRAYER — FEBRUARY 18

All parishioners are invited to join the Legion of Mary after the 8:30am Mass in Mary's Chapel for the Rosary and continuing series on the virtues of the Blessed Mother.

CURSILLO RETREATS

In the early spring, The Archdiocese of Newark sponsors Cursillo Retreats. Please keep the candidates and team members in your prayers. Thank you, The Cusillistas of St. Joseph Parish. For further information please call Pat DeNicolo (**201-261-4323**).

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN



VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS

This Tuesday, February 14, is Valentine's Day. This is the day when people give special gifts to those individuals who have a special place in their heart. The thought struck me that here at the parish we have so many people who give gifts to show their love not only on Valentine's Day, but

on many days throughout the year. A few examples come to mind. I am sure you can think of many more.

- We have people who show their love for God by gathering each Sunday for the celebration of Mass.
- We have people who show their love for God's Church by their generosity in the Sunday Collection.
- We have people who show their love for the wider Church community by their support of the Annual Archbishop's Appeal.
- We have people who show their love for their fellow parishioners by serving as liturgical ministers at Mass, or by giving of their time and talent to be on various parish committees, councils, and organizations.
- We have people who show their love for children by sharing their faith in our programs of religious education and sacramental preparation.
- We have people who show their love for Catholic Education by their support of Saint Joseph School, our parish school.
- We have people who show their love for those in need by their involvement with the many programs sponsored by our Social Concerns Committee.
- We have people who show their love for young people by volunteering their time to work in our scouting program, with TARGET, and to serve as coaches for the teams run by the Saint Joseph Athletic Association.
- We have people who show love for their friends and neighbors who want to grow in their relationship with God by their involvement in our Cornerstone Retreat Program.
- We have people who show their love for the sick by bringing them Holy Communion and by visiting them at home or in health care institutions.
- We have people who show their love for the Word of God by taking part in our Great Adventure Bible Study.
- We have people who show their love for the Blessed Mother by their involvement with Legion of Mary and their attendance at our Monday Novena.
- We have people who show their love for us all by being dedicated parish employees who go far beyond what is required to serve Saint Joseph Parish.



A SUGGESTED GIFT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

If you need to get a gift for someone for Valentine's Day, I recently heard of a wonderful gift that would touch the heart of anyone who received it. I have to give credit to Phyllis Vrola, our Parish Business Manager, who told me about it. She said that a husband and wife decided that beginning on Valentine's Day and continuing once a week for the next 12 months, each person would place a note for the other in some location where the other person would find it. The note would begin *"I love you because you _____."*

In this way, every week each person would come across another reason why he or she was loved by the other. For example, the wife might leave a note for her husband in his briefcase saying *"I love you because you never forget to kiss me and the kids when you leave for work."* The husband might leave a note for his wife on her mirror, saying, *"I love you because your smile makes me smile."* Imagine getting such a little note each week and finding it in unexpected places.

This is something that not only spouses can do, but it could also be done by a parent and a child, a friend and a friend, etc. Such a gift would brighten each person's week and make each person grow in their appreciation of the other.

By the way, "I love you all because through you the Lord touches my heart here at St. Joseph Parish!"

Love, *Father Tom Iwanowski*

TRICKY TRAY — A WIN FOR OUR SCHOOL!



Betty Stalb, pictured with Ana Rossig, was a winner of one of the hundreds of prizes at the February 2 Tricky Tray event that benefitted our school. Thanks to all who made the event a great success!

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE MEETING

To all Women's Cornerstone Team Members! Our last team meeting before our Cornerstone XX Weekend will be this Wednesday Night at 8 pm in the K of C on River Road in New Milford. Please plan to attend and pray with us for the weekend. We will be going over the details of the weekend and offering up all of our work the past year to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to take our efforts and bless them as we pass this wonderful experience on to our new Cornerstone Sisters! We hope to see you Wednesday Night.

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT



The Women's Cornerstone Retreat will take place Friday and Saturday, March 2 & 3., here at our parish. Registration forms are available in church or at the parish office. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR GRADE 3

This **Monday, February 13**, there will be a special Reconciliation Service for Students in Grade 3 of the Religious Ed Program. The service will begin at **4 pm** in the Upper Church. Please make every effort to attend. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend.

WINTER BREAK NEXT WEEK NO CLASSES:

February 19 no Sunday Session; February 21 no Tuesday Session; February 22 no Wednesday Session
Classes resume regular schedule week of February 26.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

NO Preparation Session Sunday, February 19 and 26.

The Remaining Confirmation Preparation Sessions are: March 4, 11, 18 and 25

Confirmation Retreat Weekend

The third group of Confirmation Candidates will attend the Retreat Weekend, February 17, 18 and 19 as assigned. The Confirmation Retreat Closing Mass for the assigned candidates and their families will be on Sunday, February 19, at 3 pm in the Upper Church.

GOOD NEWS FOR LITTLE ONES

NO Child Care will be offered next Sunday, February 19, because of the holiday weekend.

TARGET NEWS HANG OUT NIGHT

Thursday February 16 and 23 from 7 to 9 pm in the TARGET Room in the Rectory/Parish Office Basement.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MYERS

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church...The US Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees' health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those "services" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty....We cannot-we will not-comply with this unjust law...And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting (www.usccb.org/conscience), to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

A NEW DATE—SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012

Because of the snow of January 21, the Day of Reflection for Women was cancelled. It is now rescheduled for Saturday, March 31. Join us for a day of prayer and reflection. We will look at the past—its struggles and gifts. We will be quiet enough to be aware of ourselves in the present moment. We will pray for the grace to be open to the new life God wants to give us. There will be time for quiet reflection and solitude. And, we will do what we do best as women, share our experiences and support one another.

Where Rectory Gathering Room

Presenter Kathleen E. Church, LCSW.

Kathleen is a psychotherapist specializing in adult treatment issues across the lifespan. he also does pre-marriage and couples counseling and is a spiritual director and retreat guide. She is an Adjunct Professor at Fordham's Graduate School of Social Service.

When Saturday, March 31, 2012
Welcome 9:30 am -- sign-in and coffee
Lunch will be provided
Farewell 4:00 pm

Offering \$35

Register Contact the Parish Office
(201-261-0148) (office@sjcnj.org)

If you were signed up for the January 21 date, please call the rectory to inform us if you plan to attend March 31.

MEN'S CONFERENCE—COME, FOLLOW ME!

MARCH 10

Come, Follow Me! – A Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8 am and ending around 4 pm. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

Ticket price: \$25 for adults; \$20 for students; senior citizens and priests & religious free. Breakfast and lunch are included. For registration please visit our website at (www.rcan.org/menscommission) or contact (973-497-4545) (CatholicMen@rcan.org)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember those who are ill: John Driscoll.

Let us remember all the deceased that the Lord has called to Himself: Eugenia Spoley.

Let us remember in our prayers all of our men and women serving in the military.

THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION *RISE UP AND WALK!*

MARCH 3

The Women's Commission Day of Reflection -- "*Rise Up and Walk!*" -- will be held at Seton Hall University on **Saturday, March 3,**. Women from the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond will gather for a Lenten reflection offering an opportunity for quiet meditation and fellowship with other faith-filled women.

Doors to the Field House at Seton Hall will open at 8 am with a Holy Hour. The keynote speakers are Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak, with special guest Sister Marilyn Minter. Mass will be celebrated at 4:15 pm, with Archbishop John J. Myers as the celebrant.

Registration is \$25 per person. To register online (www.rcan.org/womcom) To register by mail send your name, address, telephone number, email address and parish name, along with a check payable to "Women's Commission, Archdiocese of Newark" to women's Commission, Archdiocese of Newark, PO Box 9755, Newark, NJ 07104. For information go to (www.rcan.org/womcom), or (973-497-4545) or (CatholicWomen@rcan.org).



At a parish wide meeting held January 9, 2012 an Executive Summary of our parish strategic plan, *Forward in Faith 2016*, was distributed. That Executive Summary is being published as a series of bulletin articles so that will it available to all interested. This is the Fourth Part of that series. This material is also on our website (sjcnj.org)

Executive Summary- *Forward in Faith 2016*

Please note- Items marked with a ★ indicate top priority that will be worked on during 2012.

III. LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION – *Growing as a Faith Community*

A vibrant parish is committed to faith formation and religious education of its adults, youth and children. Catechesis, sacramental preparation, family formation, and the Catholic school are essential aspects of faith formation.

- 1. Provide education/formation for parishioners and parish staff to foster a deeper understanding of church and nurture the faith and spiritual growth of all age groups within the parish.**
 - Invite/encourage parishioners to participate in faith formation programs.
 - Encourage/facilitate small Christian community groups.
 - Survey parishioners on topics of faith and spirituality they want to learn more about.
- 2. Encourage and assist families to develop spirituality in the home.**
 - ★Require parents to participate in the sacramental preparation programs.
 - Develop materials that draw parents into their child's religious education.
 - Research religious education resources/programs to assist families/parents.
- 3. Encourage and assist all catechists to attain catechist training and certification.**
 - ★Require catechetical certification of all catechists/Religion teachers.
 - Provide catechists with teaching methods and class management.
 - Hold periodic meetings for catechists to share ideas, concerns and effective practices.
 - Provide a retreat experience for catechists.



JUST FOR KIDS



**The Gospel is the Good News about Jesus.
The Gospel Reading for today is from St. Mark
Chapter 1 verses 40-45**

One day a man suffering from leprosy, a very bad skin disease, came to Jesus and pleaded with him to cure his disease. He trusted that Jesus had the power to make him well. Jesus was full of compassion and touched him and the man was healed. Jesus warned the man not to tell anyone else about what had happened but instead to show himself to the priest and make a gift/offering of thanks. However, the man was so overjoyed at being cured that he told everyone and soon crowds of people followed Jesus wherever he walked. Jesus could not go into a town without being mobbed. Everyone who was sick wanted him to make them better and everyone else wanted to see this wonderful healer.

 **Read the Gospel and Color**



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Compiled by the Liturgy of the Word With Children Committee

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY	WELL	GIFT
JESUS	WARNED	HEALED
POWER	SHOW	WALKED

M O S Y T E D A G U R
A L E P R O S Y E W A
N I U O A L I U D O M
S H O W F O E G I F T
E Y I E I J A O U H I
I W A R N E D I V E K
T E O D Y S E B Y A O
O L P A K U N A T L M
H L U N I S O Y A E U
U R E M W A L K E D W
P A C I E N U H P I Y

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NOTE TO PARENTS

The Liturgy of the Word with Children takes place at our 9am Sunday Mass. During that Mass the younger children are sent forth just before the First Reading and go to the lower church/Mary's Chapel for their own celebration of God's Word. The readings, homily, songs and prayers are geared to their understanding. The children return before the presentation of the gifts to continue the celebration of the Liturgy with their families. We want God's Good News to be exciting for the younger members of our parish family. If you wish to help with this committee, please contact us at (kids@sjcnj.org).

NOTE TO KIDS

Please be sure to use your special envelopes in the Sunday collection. You can get extra envelopes during the Liturgy of the Word With Children. Just ask Fr. Tom.

MISSION OF THE WEEK

Tuesday is Valentine's Day. Share God's love with someone who is sick. Make them a card or take them a treat. Do something to brighten up their day!