

Church Schedules: Lodi

FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

95 Washington Street, Lodi • 973-778-4529

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CONVENT

143 South Main Street, Lodi

Mass: **Sunday** 9 a.m. • **Daily** (M-F) 7:00 a.m. • **Sat.** 8 a.m.

ST. FRANCIS De SALES

125 Union Street, Lodi • 973-779-4330

ST. JOSEPH R.C. CHURCH

40 Spring Street, Lodi • Rectory: 973-779-0643

Rev. Hector Di Nardo, C.R.M., Pastor

Rev. Americo Salvi, C.R.M., Assistant

Rev. Mr. Steve Marchese, Deacon

Sunday Obligation Masses:

6 p.m. Saturday

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Italian), 10:30 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.

Daily Masses: 7:00 a.m., Noon • **Holy Day Mass Eve:** 7 p.m.

Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: 11 a.m. to Noon

Church Schedules: Moonachie

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOONACHIE

221 Moonachie Road

Church Office: 201-641-4919

Rev. Kimberly Chastain, Pastor

Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship Service



ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA (Little Ferry/Moonachie)

31 Chamberlain Ave., Little Ferry • Office: 201-641-2988

Rev. Arthur Frank Humphrey, Pastor

Sr. Dorothy A. Donovan, S.S.J., Pastoral Associate

Sunday Obligation Masses:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

Daily Masses: Mon., Novena 7 p.m., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8 a.m.

Saturday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving: 9 a.m.

Rosary for Peace: First Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation (Confession): Mon. 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Church Schedules: Wood-Ridge

ASSUMPTION R.C. CHURCH

143 First Street, Wood-Ridge • Rectory: 201-438-5555

Center: 201-933-6118 • School: 201-933-0239

Fr. Brian Cullinane, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Paul Sinnema, OFM

Fr. Thomas Kelly, OFM

Fr. Cassian Miles, OFM

Deacon Nicholas Valdez

Sunday Obligation Masses:

5:30 p.m. Saturday

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses: (Church)

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. • Sat. - 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Assumption Church/School Websites

Parish: www.assumption-parish.org

School: www.assumptionschoolwr.org



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WOOD-RIDGE

190 Valley Boulevard • Office: 201-438-5559 • 201-438-8966

Rev. Kimberly Chastain, Pastor

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

MYUNG SUNG CHURCH OF NJ (KOREAN)

Rev. David Suh

Sunday 12:00 • **Thursday** 8:30 p.m. meeting

Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. meeting

201-681-0773



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH/RESURRECTION

Center & Humboldt Streets,

W-R • 201-438-8333

Rev. Jacob David, Rector

1st Sunday - 9:30 a.m., Combined CSI & Healing Service

3rd Sunday - 9:30 a.m., Combined Episcopal Eucharist

2nd & 4th Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Malayalam Service

Vestry Meeting: 2nd Sat. 10:00 a.m.



“The Saint Joseph Table”

The Saint Joseph Society of Lodi hosted “The Saint Joseph Table” on Saturday, March 15th, at 7 p.m., in the school gym. About 250 attended.

A tableau honoring St. Joseph was at the head of the main “Sharing Table.”

As people entered, they placed their food on the sharing table. Rev. Michael Marotta, C.R.M., Pastor, blessed the food. There was live entertainment during the evening.

This “St. Joseph Table” takes place on or about the actual Saint Day of Saint Joseph, March 19th.

Because this holiday often falls during Lent, the dishes are all meatless.

“St. Joseph’s Pasta,” which is a spaghetti with a meatless red sauce, was prepared in the school kitchen.

Some of the traditional foods that make up the celebration are the “Saint Joseph Pasta” (*bucatini-long pasta, sardines, toasted bread crumbs, fennel, in a red sauce*), St. Joseph’s Day Cream Puffs (*Sfingi di San Giuseppe – an Italian pastry, a large cream puff traditionally filled with ricotta*), and many different Italian breads (*Pane di San Giuseppe*).

In addition to the traditional foods, many people bake or cook something to bring for what is known as the “Sharing Table” at many “Saint Joseph Tables.”

“It’s a time of getting together, kind of like Thanksgiving,” said Antonino Pollaro, President of the St. Joseph Society in Lodi.

Mr. Pollaro elaborated by giving a brief history of the “Tavolata di San Giuseppe” (“Saint Joseph Table”).

The “Saint Joseph Table” was founded in Sicily during the Middle Ages.

History tells us that Sicily had been in severe drought for an extended period of time. No crops grew and countless people died of famine.

The peasants prayed to Saint Joseph to intercede with God on their behalf to bring



View of the main “Sharing Table” with a tableau honoring St. Joseph at the head. There was another table of food that was the length of the gym.



Each table was set up prior to the event.



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much needed rain to the island. Their promise in return was to have a special feast honoring Saint Joseph.

By miracle, the rains came and the peasants were able to plant their crops.

With the harvest, the people prepared a feast of foods from their crops which has become known as the “Tavolata di San Giuseppe” (“The Saint Joseph Table”).

The Saint Joseph Society of Lodi began holding this event when it was founded in 1915 and celebrated “The Saint Joseph Table” for decades, but the tradition declined during the 1970’s due to declining membership in The Society

This event was reinstated in the 1980’s by Josephine Smiraldi (who passed last year and was remembered with her photo placed on the table).
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Josephine Smiraldi was honored with her photo placed on the table (center).



Society President Antonino Pollaro with his two children.



Maria Scimeca brought a platter of cheeses and olives to the sharing table.