

Church of St. Joseph

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

Laetare Sunday

Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, Pastor
Rev. Sandro A. Leyton, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Donald Timone, In Residence
Rev. Ngozi Osuji, In Residence
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay
Deacon Michael Brescia

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator: Angelica Frausto, 343-4415

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: 5:30

Sunday morning: 7:00, 9:00, 9:00 (Latin), 11:30

Sunday afternoon: 1:00 -- en Español

DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m., & 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. en Espanol

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:15 to 5:00 & 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Eve of First Friday: 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Also by appointment.

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m., 2nd through last Sunday in English, 1st Sunday in Spanish.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center

English: 3rd Saturday, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Spanish: 4th Saturday, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday

MARRIAGES

For registered parishioners. Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

PASTORAL VISITS

Communion for the home-bound and anointing of the sick: call the rectory.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For adults interested in becoming Catholics and for Catholics who need to receive Communion and/or Confirmation. Please call the Rectory: 343-6013.

LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani

Lector Coordinator: Martin Suchy

Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary:

Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Perpetual Adoration In Chapel: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

First Friday: Holy hour 8:00-9:00 p.m.

First Saturday: Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

First Saturday: Holy hour 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Spanish

Rosary Crusade for Life: First Sunday of the month, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Website: www.sjchurch.com



*Welcome To
Our Parish*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 6, 2016**



Mass Intentions for the Week

 March 6 – March 13

SAT:	5:30pm	Louis Ingrassia, Sr.
Sun:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Frank Sorice
		Giuseppina & Raffaele Elia
	11:30am	Susie Bianchi & Carmen "Chopper" De Stefano
	1:00pm	Raul Cid
		Doroteo Dionisio Lino
MON:	7:30am	Andrew Lippiello
	12:10pm	Lorraine Barone
TUE	7:30am	Bealuh Stargell
	12:10pm	Michael Sviszero
WED:	7:30am	Rosemary Lempka
	12:10pm	Mary Mingolla Cutler & Carmen Mingolla Salvati
THUR:	7:30am	Raymond Francis La Place
	12:10pm	Carol Di Domenico (living)
FRI:	7:30am	Mary Mc Nulty
	12:10pm	Maragarita & Giuseppe Rotundo
SAT:	8:00am	Franz Kristian & Charles Reich
	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Henry Carosia
	9:00am	Marion Mc Lean
		Maria Scarpitta-Fortunato
	11:30am	Fran Cosgrove Horn
	1:00pm	Rita Conklin

PRAY FOR
 Jeffrey C. White II

Note: Monday through Friday, 12:10 mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

There will be a second collection today for Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as your means permit.

EDUCATION ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

An Educational Evening on Opposing Assisted Suicide will be held here at St. Joseph's Parish Center/Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 9 from 7:30 to 9pm.

Assisted suicide continues to be in the forefront of issues being considered in Albany. Some claim it is simply "medical assistance in dying" and not suicide. But what is really at stake here? Are lethal pills the most we can offer to our brothers and sisters who find themselves suffering with a terminal illness? Join us to learn the facts as we look at the legislation and all of its medical, legal and ethical implications.

This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdioceses of NY with main speaker, Ed Mechmann, Esq. Public Policy Director and Sr. Lucy Marie, Respect Life Coordinator.



THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your blessings and make a gift to the *2016 Cardinal's Appeal*.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

March 6	Cardinal Dolan Auxiliary Bishops
March 7	Rev. Joseph Fallon Rev. Thomas Roslak
March 8	Rev. Jack Arlotta Deacon Edward Wood
March 9	Rev. Jeffrey Maurer Rev. Paul Dmoch
March 10	Rev. Kenneth Nielson Deacon John Frohbose
March 11	Most Rev. Peter Byrne Rev. Joseph Doran, SDB
March 12	Retired Priests

PORK DINNER

The pork dinner will be held on Saturday, April 9 after the 5:30pm mass. Tickets will be sold on the weekends of March 5th & 6th and also March 12th & 13th after all the Masses. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6-10 years old, 5 years and under are free. Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00pm in the gymnasium.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A very special **thank you** to the "St. Joseph's Angels", Deacon Gapay and Mrs. Armesto for doing the Stations of the Cross with our religious education students.

Reminder to all students: It's time to return your **Missionary Childhood Association** donation box. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Reminder to all 8th grade and HSRCIA2 Classes:

Last day of classes for all students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 19, 2016 is this:

Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Saturday, March 12, 2016

Orders for Confirmation photo packages:

If you would like to order a photo package for your child's Confirmation please come in to the Religious Education office to place any orders. Orders will be taken during classes or you may also schedule an appointment if needed. Money is due at time of order please.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13th. REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted on Wednesday's after the 12:10pm Mass and on Fridays' at 7:00pm in the main Church. The Friday Stations will be bilingual and are followed by the Year of Mercy Holy Hour.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"My soul is thirsting for God, the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God?" (Psalm 42:3)

We pray along with the psalmist longing to have a personal relationship with God. We don't need to wait till heaven to see the face of God. Jesus, our Lord and our God is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is here exposed in the monstrance day and night waiting to see us face to face. Come and open your heart to Jesus and let Him fill you with joy! Become a Guardian of the Eucharist. Choose a specific hour of a specific day of the week. Every hour is available to you to meet Jesus face to face.

Hours of special need are:

Monday 3-4 AM
Tuesday 1-2 AM
Tuesday 4-5 AM
Wednesday 3-4 AM
Thursday 1-2 AM
Friday Midnight-1 AM
Saturday Midnight- 1 AM

MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE

This month the Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be today, Sunday March 6th from 4:00-5:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are invited to come to the holy hour that includes special Prayers for the Unborn, the Rosary of Our Lady, and the Divine Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower Envelopes are included in your regular monthly envelopes. There are envelopes at the doors of the church for those who may need one. On the envelope you can put the names of your deceased relatives or friends that you wish to have remembered at the Easter Masses this year. Envelopes can be put in the collection basket or in the container at the Altar.

Please help support this worthwhile project that the Altar Rosary Society has been conducting for many years. They continue to make our Altar look beautiful not only on Easter but every Sunday of the year.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the Promised Land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer, fasting and witness work! Through a loving, prayerful witness the hearts of mothers are changed to choose life. In the first two weeks of this campaign 198 babies have been saved. Continue your prayer and your fasting. If possible come and stand for an hour to witness your love and the love of God for those choosing abortion. St. Joseph's is responsible for Mondays from 7AM until 6PM at Planned Parenthood on Coates Drive in Goshen.

C.D.A. MONTHLY MEETING

The Catholic Daughters of the America, Court Rosemary #681 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Meeting Room. New members are welcome.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

SHORTER NOTICES

†**ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet Sunday, March 13th, at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 1-845-673-5339.

†**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on Tuesday evening, March 8th at 7:00pm in the parish center meeting room.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend from April 1-3 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration, please call Roseanne at 845.462.9293 or email at ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org