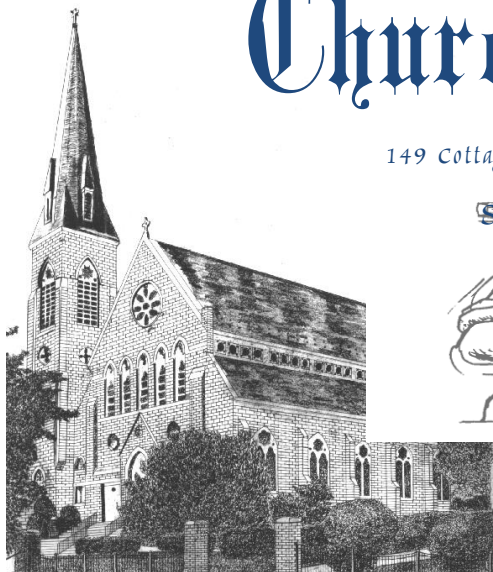


# Church of St. Joseph

149 Cottage Street, Middletown, N.Y. 10940 ☩ (845) 343-6013



## ADULT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center  
1st: 3rd Saturday, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
2nd: 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](http://www.sjchurch.com)

*Welcome To  
Our Parish*

**Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić**, Pastor  
**Rev. Sandro A. Leyton**, Parochial Vicar  
**Rev. Thomas A. Roslak**, 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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 8, 2016**



*Mass Intentions for the Week*  
May 8- May 16

- SAT: 5:30pm MASSES ON  
 SUN: 7:00am MOTHER'S DAY  
 9:00am MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OFFERED  
 11:30am FOR ALL MOTHER'S  
 1:00pm LIVING & DECEASED  
 MON: 7:30am Angela Cisternino  
 12:10pm Rose Mingolla  
 TUE: 7:30am Luigi, Rosario & Giovanni Fratto  
 12:10pm Giovanni Fratto  
 WED: 7:30am Andrea Sorice  
 12:10pm Geraldine Grenzhauser  
 7:00pm Raul Cid  
 THUR: 7:30am Anthony "Tony" Gesztesi  
 12:10pm Mother Mary  
 FRI: 7:30am Anna Kulls  
 12:10pm Ludwig Grenzhauser (Ludo)  
 SAT: 8:00am Amelio Rebelo & Family  
 5:30pm Patrick Cochrane  
 SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living &  
 Deceased  
 9:00am Frank & Grace Amodio & Family  
 Ralph & Antionette Damiano  
 & Family  
 LATIN 9:00am Rose Leone  
 11:30am Caruso & LeClair Families  
 1:00pm Filiberto Zenteno &  
 Manuela Figueroa

**PRAY FOR**

Isabella Freehill  
 Elvira Reda  
 Sara Santello

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

*"Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."*

- Acts 7:59



*Help those in need,  
 Give strength to the weak,  
 Comfort the sorrowful,  
 Pray for God's people,  
 Assist the clergy,  
 Intercede for religious.  
 May all who seek your  
 Help experience your  
 Unfailing protection.  
 Amen.*



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

**"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us; the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from one to the other." – St John Vianney**

Become a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament. Choose a day of the week. Choose any hour of the day or night. Call Marty/Clarice 692-4510.

While every hour is available for you to adore these are hours of particular need:

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

**YEAR OF MERCY**

We would like to remind everyone of the Bilingual Holy Hour on Friday nights during the Year of Mercy. There is a printed program in both languages so it is easy to follow. The Holy Hour is at 8:00pm.

## C.D.A. MONTHLY MEETING

The Catholic Daughters of the America, Court Rosemary #681 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Meeting Room. New members are welcome.

## ORDINATION FOR DEACON JON TVEIT

On Saturday, May 28, 2016 Deacon Jon Tveit will be ordained to the Priesthood. Deacon Jon has been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders and to serve the Church as a priest.

For convenience, we will be offering a bus for any parishioner that would like to go to the Ordination Ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The cost of the bus is \$30.00. In order to be placed on the list you must call the parish office at 343-6013. Seats are limited. Deacon Jon Tveit will also celebrate his First Solemn Mass as a priest on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. A light reception with "First Blessings" will be held after the Mass. All are invited.

## 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:

May 8	Cardinal Dolan Auxiliary Bishops
May 9	Rev. Robert Traudt, O.Carm Rev. Mark Connell
May 10	Rev. Mark Nacarato Deacon Dennis White
May 11	Rev. Joseph Fallon Rev. Augustine Grapp, O.Carm
May 12	Rev. Joseph Komonchak Deacon Leonard Farmer
May 13	Rev. Joseph Vondras Rev. Msgr. Bayani Valenzuela
May 14	Vocations Seminarists

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We will once again begin meeting for the Annual Christmas Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Center/Gymnasium. Anyone interested in helping make homemade crafts for our gift table is welcome. We are always in need of new ideas. Please bring your ideas and talents. Come and join us and make the bazaar a great success.

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## BASKETBALL CAMP

St. Joseph's will be having basketball camp July 18-22. Camp is for boys and girls of any skill level entering grades 4-9. Registration forms can be found at the entrances of the church.

Sponsors: This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year that St. Joseph's has had camp. With the generosity of parishioners and businesses we strive to keep camp affordable. A donation of \$100 allows a child to attend camp for the week and receive lunch. If you would like to be a personal or business sponsor or for other questions please contact Chris Russo at 609-7052 or hhh\_basketball@yahoo.com

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Apr. 22 - #2750	Apr. 29 - #3552
Apr. 23 - #3675	Apr. 30 - #2605
Apr. 24 - #3161	May 1 - #3392
Apr. 25 - #3924	May 2 - #2362
Apr. 26 - #2140	May 3 - #3765
Apr. 27 - #3288	May 4 - #2535
Apr. 28 - #3859	May 5 - #3609

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### **Last day of classes:**

Wednesday May 11, 2016

Thursday May 12, 2016

Saturday May 14, 2016

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016-17 school year  
Our Religious Education Program welcomes all Parish children who will be in Grade one or above in September 2016; proof of Baptism is required for all new registrants. Please call the Religious Education office to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions.

Time to order First Holy Communion picture packets. If you would like to order a packet please come to the Religious Education office when your child attends classes.

**ST. JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP WILL BE  
CLOSED TODAY, MOTHER'S DAY**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

**Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**

John hears a voice saying, "Remember I am coming soon!" This messenger for Jesus says that he will come to reward those who are deserving. Those who hear the call of the Spirit are encouraged to answer by accepting Jesus.

**Gospel: John 17:20-26**

Jesus prays for all the people who will believe in him through the words of his disciples. His prayer is that the world will live in unity, with Jesus living in us as he lives in God. Although we have not known God, we know Jesus was sent by God because of his love for us. He prays that this love will live on in all people.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**

Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or  
The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23  
or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**Monday**

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday**

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday**

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday**

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-1

**MARY**

MARY, God chose you as the mother of His Son and called all nations and generations to bless the gift of grace He gave you. In the company of those who have gone before us, and with people of all races and languages, we upon you in prayer.

Holy Mary.....pray for us.  
Mother of God.....pray for us.  
Mother of our redemption.....pray for us.  
Mother of a lost child...  
Mother of comfort and understanding...  
Mother who shares our joys...  
Mother who endures our sorrow...  
Mother whose heart was pierced by a sword...  
Mother most merciful...  
Woman responsive to God's word...  
Woman willing to believe the impossible...  
Woman who rejoices in her lowliness...  
Woman with an undivided heart...  
Woman of perfect freedom...  
Woman wrapped in mystery...  
Woman moved by the Holy Spirit...  
Woman, champion of the poor and lowly...  
Woman graced by a husband's love...  
Woman widowed by a husband's death...  
Woman at the cross...  
Woman patient and waiting...  
Woman clothed with the sun...  
Queen of the fullness of times...  
Queen of beauty unalloyed...  
Queen of integrity...  
Queen of painful meetings...  
Queen of all our heart's treasure...  
Queen of our destiny...  
Queen of peace.....pray for us.

Mary, you are mother and virgin, wife and widow, peasant and queen – blessed for all time. We need the comfort of your prayers. Remember us always to our Father through your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

**MT. ALVERNIA RETREAT CENTER**

Most Holy Stigmata Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order will present an Information Night. at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, Delavergne Ave., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Want to learn more about the life of St. Francis?.....to grow in your relationship with Christ? You are cordially invited to join u at our Information Night on May 26, 2016 at 6:00pm for Orientation. Gathering begins at 7:15pm. Please park in the rear of the Retreat Center and come up the outside stairs. For more information: [tonirevelleofs@gmail.com](mailto:tonirevelleofs@gmail.com) or Call (845)564-4985



# Happy Mother's Day



With prayerful best wishes,

**Father Dennis, Father Sandro, Father Tom, Father Timone, and Father Ngozi.**