



Church of St. Joseph

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

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016

Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, Pastor
Rev. Alejandro Sanchez, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Thomas A. Roslak, Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Ngozi Osuji, Prison Chaplain
Rev. Donald Timone, 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: Mr. 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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2016**



Mass Intentions for the Week

November 27- December 4

SAT:	5:30pm	Deceased Dominicans & Families
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Felipe Sorice John L. Mirra III
LATIN	9:00am	Rafaele Tenerelli
	11:30am	Le Clair & Caruso Families
	1:00pm	Jovita Rivera Mauricio Heredia Soriano
MON:	7:30am	Thanksgiving for prayers answered
	12:10pm	Jane Finn
TUE:	7:30am	Filippa Alesci
	12:10pm	Marina Cerisano
WED:	7:30am	Amelio Rebelo & Family
	12:10pm	Antonietta Gesualdo
THUR:	7:30am	Bela Geszteszi Sr.
	12:10pm	Andrea Sorice
FRI:	7:30am	Robert Grove
	12:10pm	Demetrio Petrizzo
SAT:	8:00am	Luigi Fratto
	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Alberto & Maria Casillo
	9:00am	Frances Ann Mirra Raffaele & Giuseppina Elia
	11:30am	John Frisenda
	1:00pm	Mauricio Heredia Soriano

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

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our parish will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe the weekend of December 10th and 11th. In addition to the celebration and festivities, there is a procession through the streets of Middletown on Sunday, December 11 beginning at 12:00 and ending at 1:00pm. A schedule will be published in the bulletin next week.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

God of Life,
We rejoice in the promise of your coming.

You have sent your Son, born in Bethlehem.
He is the Prince of Peace, and
The one in whose name all oppression shall cease.

May we welcome His coming each day
And prepare for His coming at the end of time.
We build a culture that welcomes Him
By welcoming every child, born and unborn.

We pray through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Today begins the new Liturgical Year. It is always good to strive to deepen our faith and love of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Come, Jesus, present in the Holy Eucharist exposed for your adoration, waits for you to visit Him. Draw near to Him and He will help you to grow in your faith. Become a Guardian of the Eucharist. Choose a specific hour of a specific day of the week. Every hour is available to you. Commit to visiting Jesus one hour each week. Call Marty/Clarice 692-4510. Hours of need:

**Tuesday 3-4 PM
Wednesday 3-4 PM
Saturday 2-3 AM
Saturday 6-7 PM**

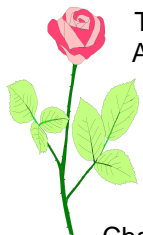


CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar was a great success again this year, thanks to many.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who put in many hours to help with our Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to those who helped make Christmas decorations, to those who baked for the cookie walk, to those who helped with set up and clean up. Thanks also to everyone who donated different items and food and thanks to all the vendors who rented a table. A JOB WELL DONE!

MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE



This month the Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be held on Sunday December 4th 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.

FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

On December 2nd, the First Friday Masses will be 7:30am and 12:10pm. There will be a Holy Hour at 8:00pm.

Confessions will be heard on Thursday, December 1st from 4:15-5:00pm. First Saturday devotions follow the 8:00am mass on August 3rd.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Today, Sunday November 27th is Hospitality Sunday. After the 9:00am Mass please join us for a little reception in the Parish Center Gymnasium. This is a great opportunity to socialize and get to meet new friends. Please come and join us.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Thursday, December 8th

It's a Holy day of Obligation

Masses are as follows:

Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30pm

Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 and 7:30am, 12:10 and 7:00pm (Bilingual)

REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR

Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass begin Thursday, December 1st in the church choir loft starting promptly at 7:00pm, and continue on Thursdays' until Christmas. These rehearsals are required in order to sing with the choir at this particular Mass.

Everyone is welcome. Speak to our Music Director Joseph Bertolozzi after Mass if you have any questions.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CALENDARS

Church calendars for the year 2017 were provided to the parish through the generosity of Morse Funeral Home in Middletown. They are at the doors of the church. Be sure to take one home. Thanks again to Lou Morse.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CALENDAR SALE: All of the students attending Religious Education Program have been assigned a calendar to sell. The cost for each calendar is \$10.00. Please return the bottom portion of the calendar along with the \$10.00 no later than Saturday, December 10, 2016. More calendars will be available in the Religious Education office if you would like to participate in selling more. Thank you.

Reminder to all Students: All classes resume this week.

REVIVE FAITH EVERY DAY

How do we know God's purpose for us? You are invited to a cluster wide mission at Holy Cross Church, 626 County Route 22, Middletown, NY on Monday, December 5 – Wednesday, December 7 from 7:00-8:00pm. All are invited.

Revive us that your people may rejoice in you – Psalm 85.

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:

November 27	Cardinal Dolan Auxiliary Bishops
November 28	Rev. Paul Denault, O.Carm Rev. Robert Traudt, O.Carm
November 29	Rev. Mark Connell Deacon John Sadowski
November 30	Rev. Mark Nacarato Rev. Ngozi Osuji
December 1	Rev. Augustine Graap, O.Carm Deacon Frank Rose
December 2	Rev. Joseph Komonchak Rev. John Vondras
December 3	Deceased priests and deacons



ADOPT A CHILD

An Advent Wreath has been placed on Mary's Altar this weekend November 26th and 27th containing candles whether a boy or girl and the age of the child. If you are able, please take a candle and purchase a toy for that boy or girl. Please attach the candle to the gift and return to the boxes to the church on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. You can also drop them off at the rectory Monday through Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm

ST. JOSEPH'S CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

St. Joseph Cash Calendar Sweepstakes are back! We will be selling the calendars after all the Masses **this weekend, December 3rd and 4th**. Calendars cost \$10.00 each. There will be a cash prize awarded each day starting January 1 – June 30, 2015. Prizes range from \$10.00 - \$500.00. Every ticket is entered in all drawings. That means you can win more than once.

Calendars will be available at the Parish Office and Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 343-6013.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Envelops are at the doors of the church for anyone who may need one for the Annual Christmas Flower Collection. Envelopes can be put in the collection basket or in the box at Our Lady's Altar. On the envelope you can put the names of the deceased relatives and friends that you wish to have remembered at the Christmas Masses this year. Please help support this worthwhile project that the Altar Rosary Society has been conducting for many years.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

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Sunday

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8