



Church of St. Joseph

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

Gaudete Sunday

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 Español
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*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2016**



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

December 11 – December 18

SAT:	5:30pm	Regina Jazwinski
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Maria Concetta, Pietro & Giovanni Scumaci
		Michael Amodio, Sr.
	11:30am	Salvatore Citriniti
	1:00pm	Maria de la Cruz
		Tavare & Angeline Contreras
MON:	7:30am	Living & Deceased Members of Zosehnik-Nemeth Families
	12:10pm	Firminio Amitrano
TUE:	7:30am	Frank Graziano
	12:10pm	Giovanni Amelio
WED:	7:30am	Michael J. Mingolla
	5:30 pm	Filomena & Antonio Levato
	7:00 pm	Julie Mendez
THUR:	7:30am	Thomas J. Phelan
	12:10pm	Saverio Amelio
FRI:	7:30am	Daniel J, Ann T & Vincent Sheridan
	12:10pm	Antonio & Francesca Loguercio
SAT:	8:00am	Peter J. Murray
	5:30pm	Deceased Members of Rumpf Family
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Giovanni Luciano Amelio
		Pasquale & Rosina Grazioso
	11:30am	Citriniti Family
	1:00pm	Mauricio Heredia Soriano
		Virtudes Sanchez
		Alfonso Farias

PRAY FOR

Walter Lowerre
Samuel & Priscilla Rogers
Raul Negron
Alphonse Langone
Margaret Curabba

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



CHRISTMAS MASSES AND CONFESSION

VIGIL MASSES FOR THE SOLEMINTY OF CHRISTMAS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm – Children's Mass
6:30pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
11:30pm - Christmas Carols
12:00pm – Solemn Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, December 25

We follow the regular Sunday schedule: 7:00am, 9:00am, 9:00am (Latin), and 11:30am, and 1:00pm Spanish Mass.

CONFESSIONS will be heard on Monday, December 19th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm we will hold a Taize Prayer Service in the Main Church. Taize is a prayerful chant style founded by a monastic community. A Taize worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, the burning of incense and liturgical readings. There is no preaching. The prayer service will help us prepare for the Christmas Season.

ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese will be held this weekend December 10th and 11th. Please be as generous as your means permit.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

There is still time to make a donation for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are at the doors of the church for those who made need one. On the envelope you can put the name of a deceased relative/friend that you wish to have remembered at the Christmas Masses this year. Envelopes can be put in the regular collection basket or the containers at Our Lady's Altar.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend **one quiet hour with Him each week in the Blessed Sacrament.** "Where your treasure is there is your heart..." "Could you not watch one hour with

Me?" (Matthew 6:21; 26:40)

Take the opportunity during Advent to develop this practice of love of Jesus. Become a Guardian of the Eucharist by committing a specific hour of adoration. Every hour is available to you. Call Marty/Clarice Suchy 692-4510.

Hours of particular need are:

Tuesday 3-4 PM
Wednesday 9-10AM
Saturday 6-7PM

FOR WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS OF THE CHAPEL YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING 341-0587



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:

December 11 Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD
December 12 Rev. William Damroth
Rev. Anthony Trung Nguyen, O.Carm
December 13 Rev. Christopher Argano
Deacon Warren Testa
December 14 Rev. Emmanuel Anyansi
Rev. Michael Kissane, O.Carm
December 15 Rev. Jeffrey Pomeisl
Deacon Daniel Byrne
December 16 Rev. John Bonnici
Rev. Andrew Kurzyna
December 17 Vocations
Seminarists

SHORTER NOTICES

† **ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet Sunday, December 11th, at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 914-443-1435.



We probably all know relatives or friends who, for whatever reason, have not been to Sunday Mass in a while. Advent is a perfect time to invite fellow Catholics to return to the practice of their faith.

This year again, every Catholic Church will be open for Reconciliation on Monday December 19th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. It might be a good idea to encourage all Catholics to make a good confession during this Advent season and to join us at Mass for Christmas.

This Advent, prepare your heart for the Peace of Christ



Is 3:

Monday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reminder to all students: Calendar monies are due this week. Thank you to all those who supported this project. **Reminder:** to all the children that are able to participate in the Nativity scene: some of our first grade students and Ms. Williams fourth grade classes are preparing to participate in the Nativity scene play that takes place on December 24Th. during the 4:00 pm Mass. Permission slips were sent home, if your child is able to participate please send it in as soon as possible. Thank you.

RESPECT LIFE

Nancy Smith is the Respect Life Coordinator of St. Mary's Church, in Port Jervis, NY. I want you to know we will again be having a bus to Washington on January 27th.

The price has not yet been determined. I know it might seem early but with Christmas coming I don't want this to get lost in the hussle and bussle of the season. If anyone is interested they can call me at 845-856-4610. We will take donations. If any of your committees would like to contribute to help defray the cost and make it more affordable so more can go it would be appreciated.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.



Catholic Schools Corner

Regional Catholic Elementary Schools Now Accepting Applications for 2017-18

Starting December 1st, NEW students and ALL rising Kindergarteners may **Apply** to our Regional Catholic Elementary Schools and learn about **Financial Assistance** in one of three ways:

1. Online, via www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org
2. Over the phone, by calling our bilingual number at 646-794-2885
3. In person, at any of these participating schools:

Most Precious Blood	180 Ulster Avenue Walden
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	205 Wawayanda Ave. Middletown
Sacred Heart Newburgh	24 S. Robinson Ave. Newburgh
Sacred Heart Monroe	26 Still Road Monroe
St. John	77 Murray Avenue Goshen
St. Stephen/St. Edward	75 Sanfordville Road Warwick

If you haven't had a chance to visit, we invite you to experience a Catholic school in action by attending an open house event or by scheduling a private tour.

Upcoming TOURING TUESDAY open house dates are:

**January 10, 2017, January 31, 2017,
February 14, 2017, March 14, 2017 and
April 4, 2017
from 9-11 am or by appointment**

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Reverend Dennis A. Nikolić
Pastor

Reverend Alejandro Sanchez
Parochial Vicar

Summary of Upcoming Events 2016

December 10: 8:00pm Reception of the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe *and opening ceremonies for the parish celebration. Cultural Dances and entertainment will continue in the Parish Center all night.*

December 11: 12:00pm O.L. Guadalupe Procession through the Streets of Middletown

December 11: 1:00pm Solemn Mass with Bishop Dominick J. Lagonegro *(bilingual Mass)*
A celebration will follow the Mass in the Parish Center- All are welcome.

December 13: 7:00pm Taize Advent Service: *Prayers, Scripture Readings, Chanting, Incense and Silence.*

December 19: RECONCILIATION MONDAY *Almost all Catholic Churches will be open for Confession from 4:00pm – 8:00pm.*

December 24: 4:00pm Children's Pageant and Mass

6:30pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

11:30pm Christmas Carols

December 25: 12:00pm SOLEMN MASS AT MIDNIGHT

7:00am Low Mass for Christmas

9:00am Mass at Dawn for Christmas

9:00am in the Chapel LATIN HIGH MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY

11:30am Mass During the Day of Christmas

1:00pm Christmas Mass in Spanish