



Church of St. Joseph

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

The Nativity of Our Lord

December 25, 2016

Christmas

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: 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*

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(CHRISTMAS)
DECEMBER 25, 2016**



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM
PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF**



May Our Savior whose birth we
Celebrate today, bless you and
Your loved ones with a very
Happy and grace-filled Christmas.
As always we priests will be
Offering our Christmas masses
For your intentions. Merry Christmas
From all of us at St. Joseph's Parish.

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

December 25- January 1

Sat:	4:00pm	Children's Christmas Eve Mass
	6:30pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas
	12:00am	Midnight Mass
SUN:	7:00am	Low Mass at Dawn
	9:00am	Sung Mass in English
LATIN	9:00am	Latin High Mass
	11:30am	Solemn Christmas Mass
	1:00pm	Christmas Mass in Spanish
MON:	7:30am	Rosario Fratto
	12:10pm	Frank & Rosa Biasi Giovanni
TUE:	7:30am	Thomas & Cecilia Henry & Deceased Family Members
	12:10pm	Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stanford
WED:	7:30am	Thomas Murray Kennedy
	12:10pm	Infant of Prague
THUR:	7:30am	Mary Panaro
	12:10pm	Thomas Steven Grecco
FRI:	7:30am	Anthony "Tony" Gesztesi
	12:10pm	Antoinette Boffa
SAT:	8:00am	Filippa Alesci
	5:30pm	Nicholas Cortese
SUN:	7:00am	All parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Guiseppe & Teresa DeMaria Jacqueline Jean Baptiste
LATIN	9:00am	Mary Joyce Pedersen Brennan
	11:30am	Michael O'Donnell
	1:00pm	Miguel & Maria Herrera Contreras Mauricio Heredia Soriano

**MASSES FOR JANUARY 1,
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER
31ST AT 5:30PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
AT 7:00AM; 9:00AM, 9:00AM (LATIN),
11:30AM and 1:00PM SPANISH**

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Eternal God, This joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

If a weekend Mass is for your loved one and you would like to bring up the gifts, please see one of the ushers before the start of Mass.



PRAY FOR
Filicita Perricelli

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



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The first Adoration Chapel was in Bethlehem where Mary and Joseph knelt in the Presence of the Infant Jesus. Will you follow their example and come before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament? Become a

Guardian of the Holy Eucharist; it will be the best gift you can give Jesus and the best gift you will receive. Call Marty/ Clarice 692-4510.

Hours of special need:

Tuesday 8-9 AM
Wednesday 9-10 AM
Saturday 6-7 PM
Saturday 7-8 PM

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the children's mass yesterday on Christmas Eve. A special Thank you to all the children who participated and to Ms. Williams for preparing the children. Reminder No Classes On: Wednesday, December 28, Thursday, December 29, December 31, 2016 The staff and students wish everyone a Blessed Christmas!

PARISH MISSION AT ST. STEPHEN'S WARWICK, NY

St. Stephen's Parish in Warwick, NY will be hosting a parish mission offered by Frank Runyeon on January 27th, 28th, and 29th. There is no cost to attend these performances but a free will offering will be collected.

Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical text over the past 20 years. More information is on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the Church.



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 25 Christmas
All Priests
December 26 Rev. Raymond Nwegede
Rev. Daniel O'Hare
December 27 Rev. Clifford Ekwueme
Deacon Peter Reynolds
December 28 Rev. Dennis Dinan
Rev. Fernando Hernandez
December 29 Rev. Sandro Leyton
Deacon John Pelella
December 30 Rev. Patrick Bonner
Rev. Bladi Socualaya
December 31 Deceased priests and deacons

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MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE

There will be NO Rosary Crusade on January 1, 2017.

FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

On January 6th, 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, January 5th from 4:15-5:00pm. First Saturday devotions follow the 8:00am mass on January 7th.

ST. JOSEPH'S CALENDAR FUNRAISER

St. Joseph's Cash Calendar are still available to purchase. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Stop by and purchase your calendar today. You can also stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm to purchase a calendar.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 2016 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2017.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

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Sunday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-1



ENCOURAGE

A Catholic Apostolate for those who have family members with same sex attraction. A new website has been created to help the faithful who are searching for information about EnCourage, the church's teachings on same sex attraction and spiritual support: www.encyourageny.com

USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

Any organization who wants to reserve the Parish Center gymnasium or meeting room, kitchen or the old parish center must contact the rectory to fill out the request form and submit it to the rectory for authorization from one of the priests. Only parish affiliated groups may use the facility. Upon approval you will be notified.

All forms must be completed in full and approved no later than December 28th in order to reserve the facility.

THERE WILL BE NO HOSPITALITY SUNDAY TODAY DECEMBER 25th DUE TO CHRISTMAS

FOOD PANTRY

"For I was Hungry and you gave me food..."

Thank you for your continued support to St. Joseph's Food Pantry. **OUR NEED IS STILL GREAT.** Our pantry has been a real life support for many people and families who struggle to make ends meet. This program cannot exist without you. If you are able please consider bringing some canned and packaged food with you to church as our pantry is at an all-time low.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you...
We cannot help everyone but everyone can help someone.

