



Church of St. Joseph

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

Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2017**



January 8- January 15

- SAT: 5:30pm George E. Moser, Jr.
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Joan Anne Stifano
Emily Fujak
- LATIN 9:00am Msgr. George Valastro
- 11:30am Theresa Faulis
- 1:00pm Juan Frutos
Virtudes Sanchez
- MON: 7:30am Joseph Anthony Cerbasi III
- 12:10pm Margaret & Charles Fuller
- TUE: 7:30am Robert Hoffman
- 12:10pm Gigino Genovese
- WED: 7:30am Dorothy Chojnowski
- 12:10pm Dennis Faro
- THUR: 7:30am Rachel Nuzzolese
- 12:10pm Antonio Mastria
- FRI: 7:30am Deacon Alex & Menchie Gapay
(Living)
- 12:10pm Clinton Stevens
- SAT: 8:00am Vito Rometo
- 5:30pm John, Ella & Jason Conway
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Teresa Bojaj
Michael J. Mingolla
- 11:30am Thomas Miller
- 1:00pm St. Jude



PRAY FOR

Patricia T. Cournoyer

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

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**



The Three Kings travelled great distances from their homelands so that they might worship the newborn King, Jesus. That same Jesus is present in the Holy Eucharist, exposed for our adoration day and night. Are we willing to travel across town to worship Him? To become a Guardian of the Eucharist call Marty/Clarice 692-4510. While every hour is available to you we have a need for:

- 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

Reminder: All students attending our Religious Education Program received a "Calendar" raffle ticket to sell. If you haven't returned the bottom part of the calendar (with the money) please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder to all parents: In case of inclement weather please call the Religious Education office (845 343- 4415) there will be a recorded message letting you know if classes are canceled.

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:

- January 8 Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro,DD
- January 9 Rev. Dennis Nikolić
Rev. Alejandro Sanchez
- January 10 Rev. Raymond Nwegede
Deacon James Faulkner
- January 11 Rev. Daniel O'Hare
Rev. Peter Heasley
- January 12 Rev. Clifford Ekwueme
Deacon Tom Jordan
- January 13 Rev. Fernando Hernandez
Rev. Patrick Bonner
- January 14 Vocations
Seminarians

ST. JOSEPH'S CALENDAR FUNRAISER

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

JOINT COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS/ CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

A second collection will be held today for Catholic Communications/Catholic University of America. Envelopes for this collection are in your regular monthly envelopes. If anyone may need an envelope they are at the doors of the church.

Please be as generous as your means permit.

CHURCH PARKING/SNOW EMERGENCY

Please be advised that overnight parking on the church or cemetery grounds is not permitted. In the event of bad weather, it is essential to have the parking lots cleared of all vehicles. If you leave your car in the parking lot during a snow emergency, it may be necessary to have your car removed at your expense. Similarly the City of Middletown does not permit parking on the street during a snow emergency or at night.

SHORTER NOTICES

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

† **DOMINICAN COLLEGE:** An Information Session interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the Hennessy Center. For more information call 1-866-4DC-INFO.

† **HEALING MASS** will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown, NY on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00pm. For more information call 845-343-1879



PORK DINNER

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00pm in the meeting room/gymnasium. All interested in helping with the dinner are sked to attend. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

The flu season has started with medical personnel reminding us to wash our hands with warm, soapy water and to cover our coughs and sneezes.

At church, we will not offer the exchange of peace, as we have done in the past. Please respect your neighbors at Mass. We will resume inviting all to exchange a sign of peace when the flu season has past.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

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Catholic Schools Corner

Interested in Catholic Education?

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**

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.

Most Precious Blood	180 Ulster Ave. Walden
O.L. of Mount Carmel	205 Wawayanda Ave Middletown
Sacred Heart Newburgh	24 Robinson Ave Newburgh
Sacred Heart Monroe	26 Still Rd Monroe
St. John	77 Murray Ave Goshen
St. Stephen/St. Edward	75 Sandfordville Rd Warwick

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:

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BLESSING

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

The joyful Christmas season comes to a close with Epiphany (from the Greek *epiphaneia*, manifestation), celebrating the visit of the magi (Matthew 2:1-12). In the Greco-Roman world an *epiphaneia* was an official state visit of a king or emperor to his kingdom. It most often referred to an occasion when the leader publicly showed himself to his people. The

Feast of the Epiphany-older in origin than the feast of Christmas-began as a feast of the Lord's nativity. It celebrated both his birth and the visit of the magi. Later, Christ's baptism also came to be celebrated on this day.

The coming of Jesus makes every Christian home a holy place, so on Epiphany we celebrate God's presence revealed to us in our homes and in our family life by blessing our homes. To bless your home, gather as a family in front of your home. Say a blessing (below) and write it in chalk above the door the numerals for the New Year combined with the first letters of the words in the Latin blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the dwelling." The initials below stand for the Three Wise Men: Gaspar, Melchior and Bathasar. (Write 20+C+M+B+12.)

Leader: Peace be with this home and with all who enter.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Today God comes to live with us in our home and in our family.

All respond: Today our home is a holy place.

Leader: Bless this home, O Lord,
Bless all who enter through these walls.
May our love for each other
shine as brightly in our home
as the Bethlehem star shone
over the first home of the Infant Jesus.

All respond: Amen

Walk through the home, sprinkling each room with water using a flower or evergreen branch. In each room say

Leader: Bless this room and all who enter here.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.