



# Church of St. Joseph

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

*Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

*February 26, 2017*

*Quinquagesima 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 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](http://www.sjchurch.com)



*Welcome To  
Our Parish*

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

"All are from  
the  
dust,  
and to  
dust all  
return."  
Exhortation 3:38




February 26– March 5

SAT:	5:30pm	Frank & Lorraine Barone
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Kenneth R. Van Sciver Jennie "Sue" Amodio
LATIN	9:00am	Mary Joyce Pedersen Brennan
	11:30am	Mary Citriniti
	1:00pm	Mario Fernandez Mauricio Heredia Soriano
MON:	7:30am	Eleanor Petak
	12:10pm	Frank & Teresa Connelly
TUE:	7:30am	Michael, Kathleen & Danny O'Callaghan
	12:10pm	Antonio Alesc i
WED.	6:30am	Msgr. George Valastro
	7:30am	Clara Dziengiel
	12:10pm	Michael & Patrick DiRenzo
	7:00pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
THUR:	7:30am	Frank & Antonio Sorice
	12:10pm	Lucrezia Parisi
FRI:	7:30am	Antonio & Philomenia Sorice
	12:10pm	Herbert, Mary & Daniel VanGelder
SAT:	8:00am	Thomas & Cecilia Henry & Deceased Family Members
	5:30pm	Sylvia Vitro
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Frank Sorice Jennie "Sue" Amodio
LATIN	9:00am	Luke Hermos
	11:30am	Oreste De Maria
	1:00pm	Virdules Sanchez Angelina Marquez & Mauricio Heredia Soriano



**PRAY FOR**  
Mary Giacchi  
Frances Ryan

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS  
FORTY DAYS OF LENT**

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Church teaches us that "During Lent, penance should be not only internal but also external and social and the practice of penance should be encouraged in ways suited to the present day, to different regions, and to individual circumstances." During Lent we are called upon to offer special prayers, to perform works of piety and charity and to mortify ourselves by fulfilling our responsibilities more faithfully.

**DAILY MASS FOR LENT:** During Lent millions of Catholics throughout the world attend daily mass, the greatest of Lenten devotions. Weekday masses here at St. Joseph's are at 7:30am and 12:10pm. Stations of the Cross are conducted each Wednesday after the 12:10 Mass and each Friday at 7:00pm (English) and 8:00pm (Spanish) in the main Church.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.**

**FASTING** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**ABSTINENCE** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obligated to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, begins the Season of Lent. Masses will be offered at **6:30am, 7:30am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm(bilingual)**. A Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes will be held at **4:30 pm and 5:30pm**.

Please note that the General Instruction of the Roman Missal prohibits the Altar to be decorated with flowers during the penitential season. This in force both in the main Church and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Nocturnal Adoration has been a part of the Church devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as a way to make reparation to Jesus for the sins of mankind. It springs from the desire to console Jesus in the long hours of His imprisonment on Holy Thursday night. Perhaps you are being called to be a Guardian during the night. Prayerfully consider it. We have several hours that need covering. If you cannot commit to an hour perhaps you could be a sub once or twice a month. Call Marty/Clarice Suchy 692-4510. Hours of great need:

**Tuesday 3-4 AM**  
**Tuesday 4-5 AM**  
**Wednesday 4-5 AM**  
**Friday 1-2 AM**  
**Friday 2-3 AM**  
**Saturday 6-7 AM**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REMINDER to the Saturday 9am 8<sup>th</sup> grade class: Last day of class will be Saturday, March 4, 2017. This applies only to students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 11, 2017.

### REHEARSALS FOR CONFIRMATION AS FOLLOWED:

Students in Mr. Williams & Mr. De Stefano's classes: Tuesday, March 7 @5:45 to 7:00pm

Students in Mr. Avalas, Mrs. Torres, Mr. River and Mr. Zeszutek classes: Thursday, March 9 @5:45 to 7:00pm.

BOTH REHEARSALS WILL MEET IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH.

**REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS:** There will be NO CLASSES on March 11 due to Confirmation.

There is still time to place your order for Confirmation pictures. Forms are available at the school and at the Confirmation Rehearsals.



*God Bless You  
this Ash Wednesday*

## 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:

February 26 Cardinal Dolan  
Auxiliary Bishops  
February 27 Rev. Yaroslav Kostyk  
Rev. Joseph Tyrell  
February 28 Rev. Kenneth Bolin  
Deacon Richard Mc Carthy  
March 1 Rev. Paul Feeley, O.Carm  
Rev. Philip Marani, O.Carm  
March 2 Rev. Raymond Bagdonis, O.Carm  
Deacon Edward Grosso  
March 3 Rev. Raymond Schmidt  
Rev. John Bonnici  
March 4 Vocations  
Seminarians

## MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE



This month the Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be held on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, March 2nd from 4:15-5:00pm. First Saturday devotions follow the 8:00am mass on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Feb. 12 -#4976	Feb. 19- #5165
Feb. 13- #5096	Feb. 20- #5733
Feb. 14- #5983	Feb. 21- #4798
Feb. 15- #4586	Feb. 22 -#5389
Feb. 16- #4484	Feb. 23- #5579
Feb. 17- #5549	Feb. 24- #5327
Feb. 18- #4077	Feb. 25- #5738

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christian throughout Orange County are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort. All are asked to pray and to fast to end evil of abortion in our land. In addition you are asked to consider volunteering to pray near Planned Parenthood, Coates Drive, Goshen, NY. You may volunteer for any hour. Our parish is committed to covering the vigil on Mondays, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will need at least 2 volunteers for each hour from 7AM until 6PM.

A table will be set up in the back of the church this weekend for anyone interested to sign up.

You can call Deacon Michael Brescia at 845-341-7357 for more information or any questions you may have.

### PORK DINNER

Tickets will be available after all the Masses this weekend March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The dinner prepared by "Chef" Fr. Dennis, will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30pm Mass. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-10, and 5 years and under are free. Tickets will also be available at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

We are looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of the dinner. Donations can be sent to the rectory. They will be greatly appreciated.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

The city of Zion laments that God has forsaken it. God replies that a mother would not forget her baby. Yet even if she did forget, "I will never forget you."

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul describes himself as a servant of Christ. He explains that the opinions of other people are unimportant to him. God is the only one worthy to judge us. When God returns, he will praise those who deserve it.

### Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus warns the people not to waste their time worrying about material things. He says that God provides for the birds in the sky. "Are you not more important than they?" Jesus asked. We should not worry about food and clothes. Instead we should act as God wants us to, then he will help provide for us.



## CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR HOLY WEEK

If you would like to join the choir for **Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday** services, rehearsals will be Thursdays beginning March 2 in the church choir loft at 7pm. The music will include traditional Chant as well as works by Monteverdi, Pergolesi and others.

Questions? Speak to our Music Director Joseph Bertolozzi after Mass.

## BENEFIT CONCERT

The Grace Church Musicians present "A Benefit Concert" on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 4:00pm, located at 8 North St., Middletown, NY. Pieces for piano, voice, organ, trumpet and trombone – featuring the Works of Bach, Brahms, Berlioz and more. There will be a free will offering to benefit the Guild of St. Margaret Soup Kitchen.



### Sunday

Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

### Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

### Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

### First Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

### First Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32