



Church of St. Joseph

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

Laetare 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



*Welcome To
Our Parish*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 26, 2017



Mass
 INTENTIONS
 March 26– April 2

- SAT: 5:30pm Genevieve Maruszewski
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Mildred D. Lamberti
Ralph & Antoinette Damiano & Family
- 11:30am Michael Krause
- 1:00pm Mauricio Heredia Soriano
- MON: 7:30am Michael J. Lucretia Mingolla
- 12:10pm Demetrio Petrizzo & Francesco Riccio
- TUE: 7:30am Mary Alice Kennedy
- 12:10pm Francesca Loguercio
- WED. 7:30am St. Jude
- 12:10pm Carolina Perrella
- THUR: 7:30am Frank & Pauline Olivieri
- 12:10pm Alfonzo Mandara
- FRI: 7:30am St. Jude
- 12:10pm Carmella Tondo
- SAT: 8:00am Karlheinz Grenzhauer
- 5:30pm Angiolina Pistoia & Nicola Corea
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 9:00am Juliet & Phillip Critelli
Paolo & Angela Oliva
- 11:30am Marie M. Loeffler
- 1:00pm Virdues Sanchez



PRAY FOR
 Calvina Weigel
 Jose V. Dominguez
 Grace Sorino

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

MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE



This month the Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be held on Sunday April 2nd 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 April 7th 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, April 6th from 4:15-5:00pm.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is the sign and the reality of God's permanent, unchangeable love for man. Jesus in the Holy Eucharist continues to be "stone rejected by the builders." Many do not believe in His Eucharistic presence. Others who do believe reject His appeal for love and personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament either through indifference or erroneous thinking. Your belief and being faithful to an hour of adoration consoles the Heart of Jesus. One person who loves and consoles Jesus makes up for many who reject Him. Prayerfully consider how you will answer Jesus' desire to be with you. Will you answer with love or with rejection? EVERY hour of the day and night is available for you to come and adore Jesus. Perhaps you cannot commit to a specific hour but could take an hour occasionally. **Substitutes** are also needed for **all hours, day or night**. Please call Marty/Clarice Suchy 692-4510. Hours of particular need are:

- Sunday 2-3 AM**
- Tuesday 3-4 AM**
- Friday 1-2 AM**
- Friday 2-3 AM**

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS PERMIT

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please continue your prayer and fasting for the success of the current 40 Days campaign. At the halfway point there have been 172 babies saved that we know about. Our small sacrifice causes a ripple effect in all of our lives. God's grace and mercy is stirred up for His people.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join in praying the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's after the 12:10pm Mass and on Fridays' at 7:00pm in the main 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:

March 26	Pope Francis
March 27	Rev. Bejoy Thomas Valliyil CMI Rev. Jeffrey Mauer
March 28	Rev. Paul Dmoch Deacon Dennis White
March 29	Rev. Ivan Csete Most Rev. Peter Byrne
March 30	Rev. Joseph Doran SDB Deacon Leonard Farmer
March 31	Rev. Francis Amodio, O.Carm Rev. Jaime Bono
April 1	Deceased priests and deacons

SANCTUS/HOLY, HOLY

The music and words for the Latin form of the "Holy Holy," which we are using during Lent, is found in the back of the Missalette, song #178, titled "Sanctus."

EASTER FLOWERS

It's still not too late to contribute to our Easter Flower Collection. The envelopes can be put in the regular collection or in the container at Our Lady's Altar. Please help support this worthwhile project that the Altar Rosary Society has been conducting for many years.

SHORTER NOTICES

†**ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet Sunday, APRIL 9TH at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 914-443-1435.

†**ST. STEPHEN'S** is hosting an exclusive movie screening of Ignatius of Loyola on Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm at Warwick High School Auditorium. This powerful film, produced by Jesuit Communications, is based on the true events in the life of the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola. Tickets are \$10.00. More information, call St. Stephen's Church at 845-986-4028

†**SPRING FLING VENDOR SALE** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 17 High St., Bloomingburg, NY on Saturday, May 6 from 11:00am to 5:00pm rain or shine. Vender fee \$30. Call Barbara Cinque at 845-733-4740.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

March 12- #5162	March 19- #5051
March 13- #4585	March 20- #4074
March 14- #5078	March 21- #4153
March 15- #4604	March 22- #5983
March 16- #5922	March 23- #5829
March 17- #5429	March 24- #4461
March 18- #5143	March 25- #4843



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Today, March 26th is Hospitality Sunday. Please join us after the 9:00am Mass for a little reception in the Parish Center Meeting Room. This is a great opportunity to socialize and get to meet new friends. Please come and join us.

PORK DINNER

The pork dinner will be held on Saturday, April 29 after the 5:30pm mass. Tickets will be sold this weekend of March 25th & 26th after all the Masses. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6-10 years old, 5 years and under are free. Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Tickets will not be sold at the door. You must have a ticket for take-out orders.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

First Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As part of their alms-giving during Lent, Religious Education children and their families are supporting Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is a local organization that provides community services to Orange and Sullivan Counties. This activity occurs during the Holy Season of Lent to familiarize children the spirit of alms-giving and the personal sacrifices we offer to God in preparation for the celebration of the Easter Season.

Please have your child return the box to his/her catechist in class no later than April 8th.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Divine Mercy Conference for Doctors, Healthcare Professionals with CEU'S through the University of Massachusetts Medical School on May 3rd and 4th. For more information and to Register: www.TheDivineMercy.org/Worcester or 1-800-462-7426.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, April 10th is Lenten Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard in all parishes in the Archdiocese. They are scheduled from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. We invite all of you to come.



RENEW + REBUILD

We express thanks to all who have made generous pledges so far to our Capital Campaign. The excitement over the projects is very encouraging. Many have responded so generously. If you have not made a pledge, please consider making your pledge today.



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.encourageny.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



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Devotions for Lent and Holy Week at the Church of St. Joseph

March 29, 2017 12:45pm Wednesday: Stations of the Cross

March 31, 2017 7:00pm Friday: Stations of the Cross with Benediction in English
8:00pm *Stations of the Cross with Benediction in Spanish*

April 1, 2017 7:00pm Saturday Holy Hour in Spanish in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

April 2, 2017 4:00pm Sunday: Rosary Crusade for Life (*in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel*)

April 5, 2017 12:45pm Wednesday Stations of the Cross

April 6, 2017 Thursday: 4:15pm Confessions

April 7, 2017 7:00pm Friday: Stations of the Cross with Benediction in English
8:00pm *Stations of the Cross with Benediction in Spanish*
8:00pm First Friday Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

April 8, 2017 5:30pm Saturday: Solemn Vigil for Palm Sunday (*begins in the gymnasium*)

April 10, 2017 Reconciliation Monday: Confessions 3:00pm – 9:00pm

April 13, 2017 7:00pm Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (*English / Spanish*)

April 14, 2017 Good Friday: 9:30am Stations of the Cross Procession (*English / Spanish*)
11:00am *Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Spanish*
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in English

April 15, 2017 7:00pm Holy Saturday: Solemn Easter Vigil (*English / Spanish*)

**Nb: There are no Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 15. The Vigil Mass is at 7:00pm not at 5:30pm.*

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am, 9:00am (*Latin*), 11:30am,
1:00pm (*Spanish*)