



Church of St. Joseph

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, Pastor
Rev. Alejandro Sanchez, Parochial Vicar
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: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415

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.
Thursday before 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. 3rd Saturday of the month at 12:00pm in English and 4th Saturday of the month 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: 845-343-6013.

LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani
Lector Coordinator: Mr. Martin Suchy
Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi
Head Usher: Mr. Joseph Owen

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Adoration in Chapel: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays 7:00 p.m.
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

Food Pantry: Open Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00 noon
Senior Dining: Serving lunch Mon-Fri 845-956-1428
Parish Website: www.sjchurch.com



Welcome To
Our Parish

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2017**



Mass Intentions for the Week

December 3 – December 10

- SAT: 5:30pm Albert & Marie Casillo
SUN: 7:00am Frances Ann Mirra
9:00am Bela Gesztesi Sr.
Luigi Fratto
LATIN 9:00am Angelo Monaco
11:30am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
1:00pm Raul Negron
MON: 7:30am Joseph Anthony Cerbasi III (Bingo)
12:10pm Ralph Napolitano
TUE: 7:30am Pietro & Clementi Catizone
12:10pm Lee Love
WED: 7:30am Connie & Bill Vogt
12:10pm Teresa De Maria
THUR: 7:30am Marion C. Coscette (Living)
5:30pm Altar Rosary Society
FRI: 6:30am Theodore Kasica
7:30am Kathleen O'Callaghan
12:10pm Mary Amitrano
7:00pm All Parishioners Living & Deceased
SAT: 8:00am Jennie "Sue" Amodio
5:30pm Mitchell Yanik
SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
9:00am Michael F. Amodio Sr.
George Raymond
LATIN 9:00am Angelo Monaco
11:30am Salvatore Citriniti
1:00pm Taide Campos Rodriguez & Luis
Munez Lozano

PRAY FOR

Joan Stewart
Louis Sisco
Thomas Mauro

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



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Friday, December 8th**

It's a Holy day of Obligation
Masses are as follows:

Thursday, December 7th at 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Friday, December 8th at 6:30 and 7:30am, 12:10pm
and 7:00pm (bilingual)

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

God of Life,
We rejoice in the promise of your coming.
You have sent your Son, born in Bethlehem.
He is the Prince of Peace, and
The one in whose name all oppression shall cease.

May we welcome His coming each day
And prepare for His coming at the end of time.
We build a culture that welcomes Him
By welcoming every child, born and unborn.

We pray through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RELIGIOUS**

The annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese will be held next weekend, December 9th and 10th. An envelope for the collection is included in the packet of offertory envelopes you received for the month of December. Please be as generous as your means permit.

MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE

Rosary Crusade to end Abortion is today Sunday December 3rd 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.

SPIRITUAL SEMINARS SERIES

Father Timone will be leading spiritual seminars in the chapel.

- Basic Review
- Foundation of Catholic Spirituality
- Questions & Answers Essential to Each Session

WHERE: ADORATION CHAPEL

WHEN: **DECEMBER**
(After the 8:00AM Mass on Saturday)
December 9 – 16- 23

LEADER: FATHER TIMONE

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 3	Cardinal Dolan Auxiliary Bishops
December 4	Rev. Michael Cedro Rev. Joseph Emmanuel
December 5	Rev. Joseph Fallon Deacon Edward Wood
December 6	Rev. Jack Arlotta Rev. Bejoy Thomas Valliyil CMI
December 7	Rev. Jeffrey Maurer Deacon John Frohbose
December 8	Rev. Paul Dmoch Rev. Ivan Csete
December 9	Ill and suffering priests and deacons



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

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 container at Our Lady's Altar.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

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St. Mary's in Port Jervis, NY will be having a Bus to the March for Life on January 19, 2018. Call Nancy 845-856-4610

ST. JOSEPH'S 50/50 CASH CALENDARS

St. Joseph Cash Calendar Sweepstakes are back! Calendars cost \$10.00 each. There will be a cash prize awarded each day starting January 1 – June 30, 2015. Prizes range from \$10.00 - \$500.00. Every ticket is entered in all drawings. That means you can win more than once. We will be selling calendars at all the Masses on **December 2nd and 3rd**. Calendars are available at the rectory – Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm.

SHORTER NOTICES

†**ADVENT MISSION:** On December 4-6, 2017 at St. Patrick-St. Mary Parish, 55 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY there will be an Advent Mission. Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI will be the presenter. For More information call 845-561-0885(Lisa). Flyers are on the bulletin boards of the church.

†**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00pm in the parish center. New members welcome.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

On Friday, December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, there will be a special period of Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 7:00pm until 1:00am on Saturday, December 9th. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers for Life will be offered at Midnight. Please spend some moments before the Blessed Sacrament on this Blessed Night.

OUR PARISH CELEBRATES OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SATURDAY, December 9th

8:00pm Reception of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Wisner Avenue entrance to the Cemetery by Father Dennis Nikolić and Father Alejandro Sanchez, with a procession to the Parish Center. Festivities in the Parish Center will continue all Night into Sunday Morning.

SUNDAY, December 10th

12:00pm: Procession through the streets.
1:00pm: Solemn Bilingual Mass

A cultural celebration will follow after the Mass in the Parish Center with food and traditional song and dance.

We welcome the entire parish and the community to any of these events.

Those attending the 11:30am Mass on Sunday December 10th are reminded that there may be more congestion in the parking lot and on the streets due to the procession and the 1:00pm Bilingual Mass.

“COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS”

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 18th 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.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Advent is here and we prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. It is also the gift giving time. A perfect gift for anyone, young or old, man or woman, rich or poor is the gift of a Holy Hour offered for him. Come into the chapel and spend an hour with Jesus. Tell Him you love Him and ask for His grace and guidance. Tell Him who you are praying for and why. Trust that He hears your prayer. At the end of the hour, pick up a card from the back of the chapel. Write in the recipient's name and who it is from. Give him your gift on Christmas and see his joy and how your own heart has been changed.

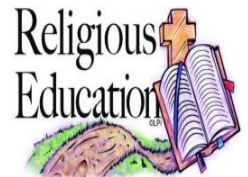
Consider becoming a Guardian of the Eucharist. Since the chapel is open 24/7 there is a need for many guardians to commit to covering one of the 168 hours of the week. Any hour that you are able to do is a good one. We can never have too many guardians on an hour. Call Marty/Clarice Suchy 692-4510.

There are some hours of special need. Please consider:

Mon. Midnight-1 AM
Mon. 1-2AM
Tues. 3-4 AM

Fri. 4-5 PM
Sat. 11-Noon
Sat. 3-4 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Our school is feeling the excitement of the **CHRISTmas** Season coming upon us! Throughout Advent, the catechists are following the journey of the Holy Family: Mary's willingness to say yes to Our Lord, Joseph's strength to protect his family & our Heavenly Father's gift of His son Jesus Christ.

RENEW + REBUILD

Our Renew + Rebuild Campaign has been a great success, thanks to the generous pledges of so many faithful parishioners. In order to begin some of the projects, we need a little more time to collect the funds pledged. The following is an update:

TOTAL GOAL: \$1,156,500.00
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$1,467,218.00
TOTAL PAID PLEDGES: \$ 212,874.70

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE!

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
WE WELCOME, HIS EMINENCE,
TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN



TO CELEBRATE MASS WITH US ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017
THE VIGIL OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
ALL ARE WELCOME!