



Church of St. Joseph

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017**



**Justice shall flourish in his time, and
fulness of peace forever.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 10 – December 17

SAT:	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
MON:	7:30am	Carmine Arrotta
	12:10pm	Firminio Amitrano
TUE:	7:30am	Thomas J. Phelan III
	12:10pm	Dominick Parrella
WED:	7:30am	Jimmy & Margaret Tirpak (Living)
	12:10pm	Giovanni Amelio
THUR:	7:30am	Michael J. Mingolla
	12:10pm	Antonio & Filomena Levato
FRI:	7:30am	Deceased Members Zoschnik- Nemeth Families
	12:10pm	Dominico & Rosina Citriniti
SAT:	8:00am	Yvette Tirpak (Living)
	5:30pm	Maria Concetta & Pietro & Antonio Scumaci
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Felice Sorice Rosina & Domenico Citriniti & Family
LATIN	9:00am	John & Nancy Adames (Living)
	11:30am	John Frisenda
	1:00pm	Alfonso Farias

PRAY FOR
Elaine Siefert

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



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.

**ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RELIGIOUS**

The annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese will be held this weekend December 9th and 10th. Please be as generous as your means permit.



APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Onge County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

December 10	Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD
December 11	Most Rev. Peter Byrne Rev. Joseph Doran, SDB
December 12	Rev. Francis Amodio, O.Carm. Deacon Albert Loeffler
December 13	Rev. Jaime Bono Rev. Vincent Odikanoro
December 14	Rev. Timothy Ennis, O.Carm. Deacon Richard Trapani
December 15	Rev. Thomas Zalewski, O.Carm. Very Rev. Mario Esposito, O.Carm.
December 16	Vocations Seminarians



CHRISTMAS MASSES AND CONFESSION

VIGIL MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 4:00pm – Children’s Mass
- 6:30pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
- 11:30pm - Christmas Carols
- 12:00pm – Solemn Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday, December 25

We follow the regular Sunday schedule:

7:00am, 9:00am, 9:00am (Latin), and 11:30am, and 1:00pm Spanish Mass.

CONFESSIONS will be heard on Monday, December 18th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

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 containers at Our Lady’s Altar

SPIRITUAL SEMINARS SERIES

Father Timone will be leading spiritual seminars in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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

WHERE: ADORATION CHAPEL

WHEN: December 16 and December 23
(After the 8:00AM Mass on Saturday)

LEADER: FATHER TIMONE

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 this weekend **December 9th and 10th**. Calendars are available at the rectory – Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm.

SHORTER NOTICES

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

*Dear God,
I want to take a minute,
not to ask you for anything,
but to simply say
THANK YOU
for all I have.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

ADOPT A CHILD

Toys for the children in the Adopt a Child can be left at the doors of the church this weekend or dropped off at the rectory Monday – Friday from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Thank you.

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



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.

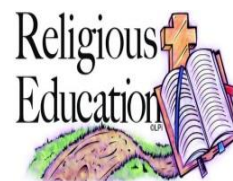
There are some hours of special need. Please consider:

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

Fri. 4-5 PM
Sat. 1-2PM
Sat. 3-4 PM

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



A group of our students had the privilege of attending the Mass last Saturday night, celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan. It was a beautiful and reverent Mass celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our Parish.

After Mass, Father Dennis arranged a brief meeting with Cardinal Dolan and our students. The Cardinal took some time to greet the students individually and they were able to take photographs with him and ask him questions. The Cardinal reminded us that the children of the parish are the hope of the future and he encouraged the young people to remain active in their faith and to be open to whatever God was calling them to do throughout their lives. We are all overjoyed with the celebration as well as the time and attention His Eminence gave to our youth. Thank you Cardinal Dolan!

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CALENDARS

Church calendars for the year 2018 were provided to the parish through the generosity of Morse Funeral Home in Middletown. They are at the doors of the church. Be sure to take one home. Thanks again to Lou Morse.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Jesus said:

This is My Body...

This is My Blood...



Could you not watch one hour with Me?

WHEN? Any hour of the day or night, any day of the week.

WHERE? The Blessed Sacrament Chapel here at St. Joseph Church.

WHY? To give God the adoration that is due Him and to continue our thanksgiving for the sacrament of the Eucharist.

WHY COMMIT? The exposed Blessed Sacrament must never be left alone. There are 168 hours in the week and we must know that someone will be there each hour. Guardians permit the chapel to remain open for anyone who wants to visit.

GUARDIAN? A Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament is an adorer who commits to visit Jesus each week at a particular time. For example you might choose Tuesday at 6PM or Sunday at 2AM. The choice is yours. Every hour is a good one and Jesus will be waiting for you!

NO TIME? How much time do you spend on the internet, Facebook or in other leisure activities? No other activity is worth as much as an hour with our Lord.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? The rewards are out of this world! Truly heavenly!

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Call the rectory 343-6013, or call Clarice or Marty Suchy 845-692-4510.

Perpetual Adoration at the Church of St. Joseph

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