

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Children's Mass with pageant in English

6:30pm Vigil MASS for Christmas in English

11:30pm Christmas Carols before MIDNIGHT MASS

Midnight Mass begins promptly at Midnight



### DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 Midnight: SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS

7:00am Low Mass at Dawn in English

9:00am Sung Mass of Christmas in English

9:00am Latin High Mass in Chapel in Latin

11:30am Solemn Christmas Mass in English

1:00pm Christmas Mass in Spanish

COME AND PRAY WITH US !

PLEASE NOTE:

Perpetual Adoration will be suspended at 3:00pm on December 24<sup>th</sup> and will resume at 2:00pm on Christmas Day



# Church of St. Joseph

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

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*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 18, 2016*

**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:** Mr. 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*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 18, 2016**



*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

*December 18 – December 25*

- SAT: 5:30pm Deceased Members of Rumpf Family
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
9:00am Giovanni Luciano Amelio  
Pasquale & Rosina Grazioso
- LATIN 9:00am Sylvia O'Halloran  
11:30am Citriniti Family  
1:00pm Mauricio Heredia Soriano  
Virtudes Sanchez  
Alfonso Farias
- MON: 7:30am Valentine Sorrentino  
12:10pm Barbara Taylor
- TUE: 7:30am Agnes Foley  
12:10pm Andrew C. Lamberti
- WED: 7:30am Patrick Foley  
12:10pm Conrad Vacirca  
7:00pm Julio Rojas Gonzalez
- THUR: 7:30am Mary & Andrew Lippiello &  
Bernard Ptak  
12:10pm Giuseppe Caruso
- FRI: 7:30am Maria Velez  
12:10pm Jim Lagana & Antonio Sorice
- Sat: 4:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE  
6:30pm MASSES  
12:00am (SEE SCHEDULE)
- SUN: 7:00am CHRISTMAS DAY  
9:00am MASSES  
11:30am (SEE SCHEDULE)

**PRAY FOR**

Ann Barberio Bowen  
Jennie "Sue" Amodio

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



**CHRISTMAS MASSES AND CONFESSION**

**VIGIL MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF  
CHRISTMAS, SATURDAY, 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, Sunday, 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  
19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

**MASSES FOR JANUARY 1,  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF  
GOD  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31  
AT 5:30PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1  
AT 7:00AM; 9:00AM 9:00AM (LATIN), 11:30AM  
and 1:00PM SPANISH**

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**



Mother Mary has one more week of journeying before she holds her Child. She ponders the life of this Child within her and longs to hold Him in her arms. Let us ponder our meeting with Jesus this Christmas and our response to His immense love for us. Perhaps you are being called to be a Guardian of the Holy Eucharist. One specific hour of one specific day of the week is all that is needed. Every hour of the day and night is available to you. Call Marty/ Clarice 692-4510.

Hours of particular need are:

**Tuesday 8-9 AM**

**Wednesday 9-10 AM**

**Saturday 6-7 PM**

**\*\*Adoration will be suspended at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve and resume at 2:00pm Christmas Day.\*\***

**FOR WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS OF THE CHAPEL YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING 341-0587**

### **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 18	Pope Francis
December 19	Rev. Bernard Heter Rev. George Hafemann
December 20	Rev. Herb De Garis Deacon John Tomasicchio
December 21	Rev. Andrew Kurzyna Rev. Sean Harlow, O.Carm
December 22	Rev. Dennis Nikolić Deacon Frank Iovine
December 23	Rev. Alejandro Sanchez Rev. Thomas Roslak
December 24	Priests and deacons who have served in the vicariate



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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **RESPECT LIFE**

Nancy Smith is the Respect Life Coordinator of St. Mary's Church, in Port Jervis, NY. I want you to know we will again be having a bus to Washington on January 27th.

The price has not yet been determined. I know it might seem early but with Christmas coming I don't want this to get lost in the hussle and bussle of the season. If anyone is interested they can call me at 845-856-4610. We will take donations. If any of your committees would like to contribute to help defray the cost and make it more affordable so more can go it would be appreciated.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Confessions are typically offered on Saturdays from 4:15pm until 5:00pm and again on Saturday nights from 7:30pm until 8:00pm.

This Saturday however (Dec.24), is Christmas Eve. The Mass schedule is different with Masses being offered at 4:00pm, 6:30pm and Midnight. **We will not be able to offer confessions on Christmas Eve.** Please make use of the confession time on **Reconciliation Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm – 8:00pm.**

You may always try to arrange to celebrate the Sacrament with a priest by making an appointment but please do not approach the priest just before a scheduled mass and insist on going to confession. The time before Mass is needed by the priest to prepare himself for offering the Eucharist. Likewise on Saturday, it is not appropriate to join the line for confession after 5:00pm or 8:00pm. The priests hearing confession need to end confession before Mass begins. If you are already on line for confession before the 5:00pm or 8:00pm end time, most likely you may remain waiting on the line and the priest will finish hearing confessions. Joining the line after the 5:00pm or 8:00pm end time will keep the priest from ending confession and from moving to the next obligation the priest has- sometimes the next obligation is the 5:30pm Mass. We need to observe to these times a bit more strictly, especially at the 4:15pm – 5:00pm confession time.

We thank everyone for their understanding.



**Sunday**

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**Monday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday**

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday**

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Friday**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79



**Christmas Blessings from the Catholic Schools Corner!! Warm wishes to you and yours this holiday season. May you be filled with peace, love and joy!**

**The Gift of a Catholic Education**

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education. Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life- long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another. To locate a faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school program near you, visit [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org) or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Mrs. Smalls' and Mrs. Glickman's' first grade classes did a great performance acting out the Nativity scene for our Saturday 11:00am session. Thank you to all the parents that attended and everyone who helped us prepare the children.

On Saturday, December 24, 2016 there will be a children's Mass at 4:00pm. Ms. Williams's fourth grade classes will be acting out the Nativity scene during the mass. Please come and join us, everyone is invited. Reminder for the children that are participating in the Nativity scene: Rehearsal will be held today, Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the Church. On December 24<sup>th</sup> please have your child here by 2:30pm.

Reminder no classes on: Wednesday, December 21, Thursday, December 22 and Saturday, December 24.

The staff and students wish everyone a Blessed Christmas!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

Our monthly food drive for the poor will be held next weekend. Do bring some canned food when you come to mass. You can leave your food at the doors of the church. All canned foods are welcome, but there is always a special need for canned items such as: spaghetti or ravioli, macaroni and cheese, cereal, soups, **tuna, spam, or other meats, fruit and peanut butter and jelly.**

**ADOPT A CHILD TOY DRIVE**

Our Adopt a Child Toy Drive was a huge success once again this year. Thank you to all the people who so generously donated toys this year to make our drive successful. We were able to help many in our parish community to have a Merry Christmas. Without your help this would not have been possible. Thank you!

**ST. JOSEPH'S CALENDAR FUNRAISER**

We will be selling St. Joseph's Cash Calendar after all the Masses this weekend. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Stop by and purchase your calendar today. You can also stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm to purchase a calendar.

