



# Church of St. Joseph

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

First Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 2017

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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 5, 2017



March 5– March 12

SAT:	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
MON:	7:30am	Thomas Loiodice II
	12:10pm	Salvatore Calabretta
TUE:	7:30am	Andrew Lippiello
	12:10pm	Antonio Alesci
WED.	7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12:10pm	Salvatore Calabretta
	7:00pm	Hector Gutierrez
THUR:	7:30am	Mary Mingolla Cutler & Carmen Mingolla Salvati
	12:10pm	Curtis & Fuller Family
FRI:	7:30am	Thomas Meyer Miller
	12:10pm	Living & Deceased Members Amitrano Family
SAT:	8:00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
	5:30pm	Geraldo Zazzero
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Alfredo Piacente Yvette Maniguet
LATIN	9:00am	Elizabeth Gallagher (Living)
	11:30am	Assunta "Susie" Bianchi & Carmen "Chopper" DeStefano
	1:00pm	Oscar Ortiz Mauricio Heredia Soriano



## PRAY FOR

Mitchell Yanik  
Frank Labbate

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

## LENT HAS BEGUN

We begin the Holy Season of Lent with hope. Our hope is for a successful Lent, where we grow in the grace that Jesus gives us. Our hope is for the repentance of sinners, remembering that we, too, are sinners in need of redemption. Our hope is for the fallen away Catholics who have stopped practicing the faith that they take courage to return to God's grace. How can we make the most of this penitential season? We certainly can follow what the Gospel tells us to do: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

For Catholics prayer is centered around Jesus, especially in the most perfect prayer of the Eucharist or the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our prayer is enriched when we make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament or when we make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel. Special graces are given to those who are guardians of the Blessed Eucharist, because they dedicate one hour weekly before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. It is true that prayer can take place in our homes and even by ourselves in private. Prayer before Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is fruitful and enriching. Praying the Mass is an obligation on Sundays and Holy Days but it is also a great gift.

Fasting or depriving ourselves for a short period of time is a great way to strengthen our will. By practicing some sort of fasting, we purify ourselves and we reset ourselves to be more open to God. There are many different kinds of fasts. The Church calls us to fast on one meal and two smaller meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Other fasts include eating only bread and water to maintain strength. Still other fasts call for water only or nothing at all for a certain period. The practice of abstaining from eating meat on appointed days comes from an old discipline of depriving oneself of a main staple.

Almsgiving is a practice people often forget. The giving of money to help the poor or to help a particular cause is an obligation that we cannot forget. God uses us to help others in need. Often God will allow us to be fortunate so that we might help those in need. Almsgiving allows us to give of our time, our talent or our treasure. Consider giving a gift to help the poor of our area or to help the unfortunate elsewhere. Give a gift to the parish Church, to Catholic Charities or to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal.

As we proceed in the Lenten Season, let us do our best to grow in the grace of God by these practices: prayer, fasting and abstinence. May God bless us this Lent.



## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As we enter into the Lenten Season we would do well to visit the end of the journey to see where it leads. The night before Jesus dies He gives us the gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. His tremendous love for us leads Jesus to institute this sacrament of His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that He might remain with us and we might be nourished by Him in Holy Communion. That same love led to Jesus' pouring Himself out in death on the Cross. What is our response? How do we show our gratitude. Many strive to attend daily Mass during Lent. Some are unable because of their duties to family or work. All of us are able to come and adore Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament here in our chapel. The chapel is open every day all day and all night. Make it a Lenten practice to come and adore Jesus for an hour each week. Come, make a spiritual communion and tell Jesus how you love Him.

Hours in great need of Guardians:

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

## MUSIC FOR MASS

As has been our practice for the past few years, during Lent we'll be using the Latin form of the Holy, Holy set to the familiar Gregorian Chant melody:

\*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.\*

\*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.\*

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout Orange County are invited to take part in the National 40 Days for Life effort. All are asked to pray and 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. You may volunteer for any hour. Our parish is committed to covering the vigil on Monday, March 6 – Monday, April 3. We will need at least 2 volunteers for each hour from 7am until 6pm. For more information call Deacon Mike Brescia at 845-341-7357

## 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 5 Cardinal Dolan  
Auxiliary Bishops  
March 6 Rev. Andrew Kurzyna  
Rev. Bernard Heter  
March 7 Rev. George Hafemann  
Deacon Peter Haight  
March 8 Rev. Sandro Leyton  
Rev. Charles Szivos  
March 9 Rev. Stephan Huy Tran, O.Carm  
Deacon Larry Kawula  
March 10 Rev. Sean Harlow, O.Carm  
Rev. Dennis Nikolic  
March 11 Retired Priests

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00pm in the parish center. New members are always welcome.



Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or  
5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted on Wednesday's after the 12:10pm Mass and on Friday's at 7:00pm in the main Church.



### New Applications Now Being Accepted at Catholic Elementary Schools for the 2017-2018 School Year.

The Catholic School Region of Orange is pleased to announce that new applications are being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. Re-Registration for current families is currently underway.

Prospective families interested in applying for grades Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 can apply and learn about scholarships and financial assistance in several ways:

- online at [www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org)
- By phone at 646-794-2885
- In person, at the school of interest
- New financial aid applicants can apply at [www.ScholarshipsCatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.ScholarshipsCatholicSchoolsNY.org)

**Orange Catholic Elementary Schools to host TOURING TUESDAYS: March 14, and April 4 from 9-11 am.** Families interested in applying for Pre-K to Grade 8 can visit any of these schools listed below on TOURING TUESDAYS or by appointment.

- **Most Precious Blood School**, 180 Ulster Avenue, Walden 845-778-3028
- **Our Lady of Mount Carmel School**, 205 Wawayanda Avenue, Middletown 845-343-8836
- **Sacred Heart School**, 148 Windsor Highway, New Windsor, NY 845-561-1433
- **Sacred Heart School**, 26 Still Road, Monroe 845-783-0365
- **St. John School**, 77 Murray Avenue, Goshen 845-294-6434
- **St. Stephen – St. Edward School**, 75 Sanfordville Road, Warwick 845-986-3533

To learn more about our faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school programs, visit [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org) or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Important Dates for Confirmation Candidates:

Students in Mr. William's and Mrs. De Stefano's classes Confirmation rehearsal: **Tuesday, March 7 @6:00pm.** Please have your child report directly to the church basement no later than 5:40pm. Parents and sponsors do not attend this rehearsal. **Confirmation Mass: March 11 @10:00am.** The candidate should meet in the church basement at 8:30am. The sponsors should meet in the church basement at 9:00am.

Students in Mr. Ayala, Mrs. Torres, Mr. Rivera and Mr. Zeszutek's classes Confirmation rehearsal: **Thursday, March 9 @6:00pm.** Please have your child report directly to the church basement no later than 5:40pm. Parents and sponsors do not attend the rehearsal. **Confirmation Mass: Saturday, March 11 @1:30pm.** The candidates should meet in the church basement at 12:00pm. The sponsors should meet in the church basement at 12:30pm.

**REMINDER TO SATURDAY CLASSES:** There will be **NO** classes on Saturday, March 11 due to Confirmation.

### SHORTER NOTICES

**†ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet Sunday, March 12, at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 914-443-1435.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

# Devotions for Lent

March 5, 2017 4:00pm Rosary Crusade for Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March 10, 2017 7:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction in English  
*8:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction in Spanish*

March 17, 2017 7:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction in English  
*8:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction in Spanish*

March 21, 2017 7:00pm Prayer service with meditative music and readings

March 24, 2017 7:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction in English  
*8:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction in Spanish*

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

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

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

April 6, 2017 4:15pm Confessions

April 7, 2017 7:00pm 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 10, 2017 3:00pm – 9:00pm Reconciliation Monday- Confessions