



Church of St. Joseph

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

Solemnity of the Epiphany

January 6, 2019



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

Food Pantry: Open Wednesdays 11:00am
Senior Dining: Serving lunch Mon-Fri 845-956-1428
Parish Website: www.sjchurch.com

Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, Pastor
Rev. Alejandro Sanchez, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Ngozi Osuji, Prison Chaplain
Rev. Donald Timone, In Residence
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.
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.



Welcome To
Our Parish

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 6, 2019**



January 6 -- January 13

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| SAT: | 5:30pm | Daniel Kujawski |
| SUN: | 7:00am | All Parishioners Living & Deceased |
| | 9:00am | Thomas O'Brien
Sean Kerrigan |
| | 11:30am | Patricia 'Pat' Mills |
| MON: | 7:30am | George E. Moser, Jr. |
| | 5:30pm | Carmen & Maria Anna Talarico |
| TUE: | 7:00am | Mary Ellen Schwartz |
| | 12:10pm | Thomas, Catherine, John & James
Stanford |
| WED: | 7:30am | Margaret & Charles Fuller |
| | 12:10pm | Dennis Dalton |
| THUR: | 7:30am | Rae Nuzzolese |
| | 12:10pm | Ralph Stanpone |
| FRI: | 7:30am | Dorothy Chojnowski |
| | 12:10pm | Robert Hoffman |
| SAT | 8:00am | Antonio Mastria |
| | 5:30pm | All Parishioners Living & Deceased |
| SUN: | 7:00am | Mary Ellen Schwartz |
| | 9:00am | Brian Dallio
Eiden Jacob De Souza |
| | 11:30am | Patricia 'Pat' Mills |

PRAY FOR

Margaret Carey
Nancy Schumaci
Urtha Mae Grasty

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 today 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

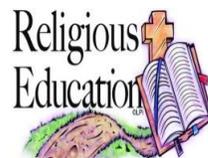
APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

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

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| January 6 | Pope Francis |
| January 7 | Rev. Augustine Grasp, O.Carm
Rev. Joseph Komonchak |
| January 8 | Rev. John Vondras
Deacon John Sadowski |
| January 9 | Rev. Msgr. Bayani Valenzuela
Rev. Bob Buckner |
| January 10 | Rev. Robert Sweeney
Deacon Thomas MacDougall |
| January 11 | Rev. Joseph Tokarczyk
Rev. Thomas Byrnes |
| January 12 | Vocations
Seminarians |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Christmas Eve, **Dominick Russo** and **Deanna Villegas** did a great job coordinating the Christmas Pageant at the Children's Mass.



Alanah Bedford narrated the Pageant. Mary was played by **Annalise Alarcon**. The part of Joseph was played by **Oliver Lupian**. The Angel Gabriel was **Emma Honsaker**. The Innkeeper **Jason Zapata** and Innkeeper's Wife was **Evelyn Mateer**. The Shepherds we played by **Aaron Diaz** and **David Vega**. The Magi were **Rebeka Rugerio**, **Renata Rugerio** and **Melissa Diaz**. **Grace Gibson** was the Star of Bethlehem. The angels were played by **Francesco Muniz**, **Aldo Lupian**, **Lia Newberns**, **Alexa Ocasio**, **William Salazar**, **Lilliana Crowe**, **Elizabeth Honsaker**, and **Natalie Diaz**.

We are grateful to all who played a part making this year's Pageant and Children's Mass spectacular!

FLU SEASON IS HERE

The flu season has started with medical personnel reminding us to wash our hands with warm, soapy water and to cover our coughs and sneezes.

Starting next week at church, we will not offer the exchange of peace, as we have done in the past. Please respect your neighbors at Mass. We will resume inviting all to exchange a sign of peace when the flu season has passed.

SHORTER NOTICES

†ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES will meet Sunday, January 13th, at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 914-443-1435.

CHURCH PARKING/SNOW EMERGENCY

Please be advised that overnight parking on the church or cemetery grounds is not permitted. In the event of bad weather, it is essential to have the parking lots cleared of all vehicles. If you leave your car in the parking lot during a snow emergency, it may be necessary to have your car removed at your expense. Similarly the City of Middletown does not permit parking on the street during a snow emergency or at night.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

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PERPETUAL ADORATION



A New Year. Many of us have made resolutions which we hope will make us a better person. One resolution that will definitely change you is to become a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament. No diet here, no sweaty exercises, no heavy studies. Just an hour a week in the presence of the Lord, Jesus, is all that is required to make you a happier, holier, better person. Come into the chapel and pray or just sit in the silence and let Him speak to your heart! Do something good for yourself!

Choose one specific hour of the week. Whatever hour fits into your life is good. Morning, afternoon, evening, night, middle of the night. Every hour is open for you to sign up. After you choose call Marty/Clarice Suchy 692-4510.

Hours of particular need:

Sunday 4-5 PM

Saturday 8-9 AM

Saturday 5-6 PM

Saturday 8-9 PM

**FOR WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS OF THE
CHAPEL YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL
RECORDING 845-956-1455**

PRAYER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all of our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.



A MESSAGE FROM SISTER EMILY TRAPANI

Merry Christmas to you all from Africa! I pray this greeting finds you and your families well and happy, especially because our Hope has been renewed with the birth of our Savior.

I believe some of you may know, earlier this year I was assigned to our mission in Kampala, Uganda, which has been quite an experience so far with trying to get a grasp on the culture, the language, and the cuisine with things such as nsenene (grasshoppers) being a favorite for many Ugandans.

Things have been going well for us, with many blessings coming even and especially when least expected. There are many challenges in life but there are always double the blessings. God has been very good and I pray at least half (if not more!) of that goodness I've experienced from Him may be present in your own lives, especially as we prepare to enter a new year.

Keep us in your prayers and be assured of ours, and may He bless you super-abundantly!

Merry Christmas and Blessed 2019,

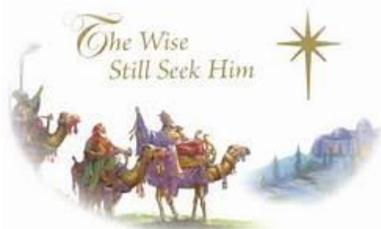
Sister Emily, MOP

Sister Emily grew up in our parish and entered the Missionaries of the Poor. She was assigned to Jamaica until recently being transferred to Uganda, Africa. We remember Sister Emily in our prayers for those in the Consecrated Religious Life.

THANKS FROM ALTAR ROSARY

Much time and work is involved in preparing our altars for Christmas. We extend special thanks to the members who gave their precious time and talents to beautify the sanctuary and altars. The results were truly effective and appreciated by the whole congregation.

To all the parishioners who contributed to the collection for Christmas flowers, thank you for your generosity.



BLESSING

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

The joyful Christmas season comes to a close with Epiphany (from the Greek *epiphaneia*, manifestation), celebrating the visit of the magi (Matthew 2:1-12). In the Greco-Roman world an *epiphaneia* was an official state visit of a king or emperor to his kingdom. It most often referred to an occasion when the leader publicly showed himself to his people. The

Feast of the Epiphany-older in origin than the feast of Christmas-began as a feast of the Lord's nativity. It celebrated both his birth and the visit of the magi. Later, Christ's baptism also came to be celebrated on this day.

The coming of Jesus makes every Christian home a holy place, so on Epiphany we celebrate God's presence revealed to us in our homes and in our family life by blessing our homes. To bless your home, gather as a family in front of your home. Say a blessing (below) and write it in chalk above the door the numerals for the New Year combined with the first letters of the words in the Latin blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the dwelling." The initials below stand for the Three Wise Men: Gaspar, Melchior and Bathasar. (Write 20+C+M+B+12.)

Leader: Peace be with this home and with all who enter.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Today God comes to live with us in our home and in our family.

All respond: Today our home is a holy place.

Leader: Bless this home, O Lord,
Bless all who enter through these walls.
May our love for each other
shine as brightly in our home
as the Bethlehem star shone
over the first home of the Infant Jesus.

All respond: Amen

Walk through the home, sprinkling each room with water using a flower or evergreen branch. In each room say

Leader: Bless this room and all who enter here.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.