



Church of St. Joseph

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
First Sunday of Passiontide
April 7, 2019

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

Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415
The regular program is open to children in grades 1-8
High School students who wish to complete their
Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion
and Confirmation) may enter our High School RCIC
Program. Registration for September begins soon.

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. and 12:10 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. -- en Español
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of
time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:15-5:00 p.m. and 7:30-8:00 p.m.
Reconciliation Monday: April 15, 3:00-9:00 p.m.
Good Friday: April 19, 7:00 p.m.
Other times, as announced. Also by appointment.

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after
instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; second through last
Sunday in English, first Sunday in Spanish.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center
English: Third Saturday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Spanish: Fourth Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

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: please call the Rectory. 845-343-6013.

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

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.

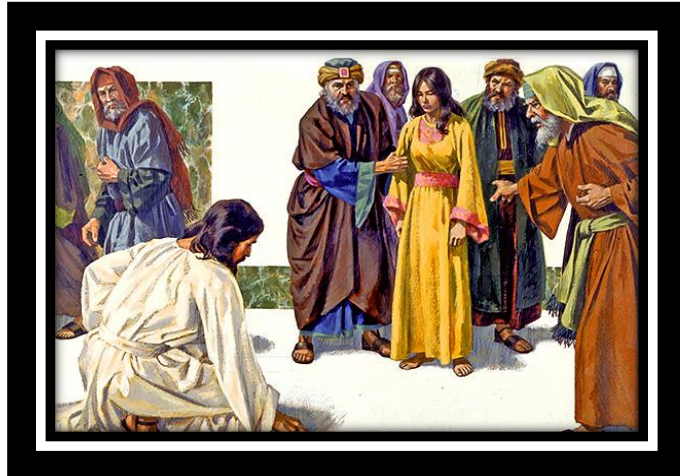
PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10:00am -12:00 noon
Senior Dining: Serving lunch Mon-Fri 845-956-1428
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
Youth Group: Schedule published in the bulletin



***Welcome to
Our Parish***

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 7, 2019



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of April 7 – April 14

- SAT:** 5:30pm Rosa DeMaria
SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
 9:00am Joseph Cantoli & Henry Fischer
LATIN 9:00am Winifred Bradley
 11:30am Rocco, Marianna, Cosimo & Maria Schirripa
 1:00pm Mauricio Heredia Soriano & Jose Luis Cardenas Jr.
MON: 7:30am William Brennan
 12:10pm Francesco & Rosa DeCicco
TUE: 7:30am Dennis Dalton
 12:10pm Maria & Rosario Fratto
WED: 7:30am Angelo Colello
 12:10pm Patsy Foti
 7:00pm Holy Souls of Purgatory
THUR: 7:30am David T. Schoenberger
 12:10pm Frank P. Biasi
FRI: 7:30am Maman Goudreau
 12:10pm John "Doug" Rupp
SAT: 8:00am William Brennan
 5:30pm Peter & Mary Ellen Walsh
SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
 9:00am Mario J. Martinez & Edward Persina
LATIN 9:00am Giovanni Rosario Fratto
 11:30am Dolores, John & Maureen Murphy
 1:00pm Mauricio Heredia Soriano & Jose Luis Cardenas Jr.

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

+ PRAY FOR +
Lorraine Chin, Jean Schwartz, Helen Zilevy

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, **April 14**. The days of Holy Week are the most sacred of the entire Church year. **Holy Thursday, Good Friday,** and the **Saturday Easter Vigil** are moments of extraordinary graces. Do try to participate in these liturgies and, if possible, invite someone to "Come Home" for Easter.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard in the Church on Monday, **April 15** from **3:00-9:00 p.m.** **NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY.**

HOLY WEDNESDAY: Perpetual Adoration will cease after the **12:10 p.m.** Mass and will resume **2:00 p.m.** Easter Sunday.

HOLY THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. Low Mass

7:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper (English / Spanish)

GOOD FRIDAY, Day of Fast and Abstinence: 9:00 a.m. – Bilingual Stations of the Cross beginning in the Church with an outdoor procession, depending on the weather.

11:00 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Spanish

12:00-3:00 p.m. – Church will be open for quiet prayer.

3:00 p.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord (English)

7:00 p.m. – Individual confessions. (There are **NO** Confessions on Holy Saturday)

HOLY SATURDAY: 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Bilingual). Those who participate in this Vigil fulfill their Easter Mass obligation (**there is no 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass**)

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses are at **7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.** (in Latin in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel), and **11:30 a.m.,** and **1:00 p.m.** (in Spanish). **Perpetual Adoration resumes at 2:00 p.m.**

FAST & ABSTINENCE – Good Friday, **April 19.** Abstinence all Fridays during Lent

MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE



This month, the Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be held this Sunday, **April 7** from 4:00-5:00 p.m in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are invited to come to the Holy Hour. which includes special Prayers for the Unborn, the Rosary of Our Lady, and the Divine Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

There are two weeks left in Lent, this week and Holy Week. Maybe you haven't quite figured out what you are doing to draw closer to Jesus. Maybe your fasting hasn't panned out the way you had hoped. The good news is that you can still turn this season into a time of deep prayer. But, to do that you must be willing to really try. A shortcut to deepening your prayer life is to come into the Presence of Jesus truly present in



the Most Blessed Sacrament. Take the time to slow down and enter into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There you will find Jesus waiting just for you. Kneel in His Presence and feel Him draw near to you. Speak to Him from your heart and He will draw you closer to His.

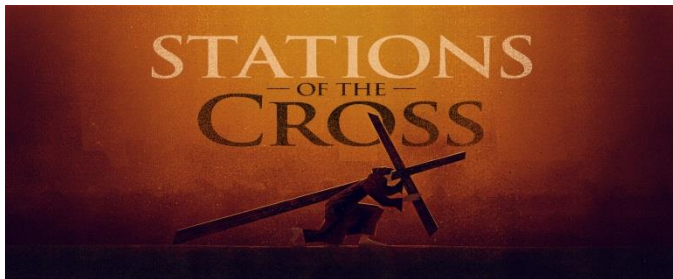
Do you think your day is too busy to make time for a visit? If so, you are busier than God wants you to be. If you can visit Jesus in the evening or during the night He will welcome you! You can still have a meaningful Lent ... but it is up to you. Open your heart to Jesus and let Him fill you with His love, peace and joy.

Are you ready to become a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament? Call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510. Every hour of the week is available.

Hours of special need are:

SUN: 1:00-2:00 p.m. **TUES: 3:00-4:00 a.m.**
WED: 2:00-3:00 p.m. **WED: 4:00-5:00 p.m.**
SAT: 1:00-2:00 a.m.

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be offered on Wednesdays after the 12:10 p.m. Mass and on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in English and 8:00 p.m. in Spanish, both in the main Church.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**

Prayer for Aborted Babies

Heavenly Father, You give us the gift of freedom to love and to follow in Your ways and commands. Some parents choose to abuse this freedom by destroying the gift of life which you have given to their offspring. Please forgive these people who destroy human life by aborting their unborn babies. Give these unborn children the opportunity to enjoy You for all eternity. Assist me in being one in solidarity with Your little ones by taking to heart the words of Your Son, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (*Mt. 24:40*) Therefore allow me today, Father, to adopt spiritually an unborn child and to offer my prayers, works, joys and sufferings for that little one, so that child will be able to be born and live for Your greater honor and glory. We pray this in Jesus' name, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

Thank you to all our faithful pro-life warriors! Along with our wonderful St. Joseph parishioners we were blessed with St. John the Evangelist, Holy Name of Jesus, Trinity Lutheran, Holy Cross, Our Lady of the Scapular, Orange County Right to Life, St. Mary's Immaculate Church of Port Jervis and St. Mary's of Washingtonville and "new" recruits, over the last two weeks. God Bless our Pro-Life warriors! God Bless the Born and Unborn! Thank you,

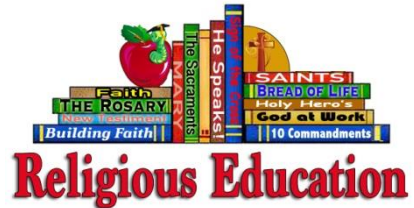
– **Veronica Murphy-DeWitt**, Manager of the 40 Days for Life Goshen Campaign

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Mar. 31 – 3016	Apr. 07 – 3581
Apr. 01 – 3464	Apr. 08 -- 3879
Apr. 02 – 4571	Apr. 09 – 3601
Apr. 03 – 4780	Apr. 10 – 4532
Apr. 04 – 3545	Apr. 11 – 3191
Apr. 05 – 3777	Apr. 12 – 3439
Apr. 06 – 4682	Apr. 13 – 4916

FLOWERS NOT PERMITTED DURING LENT
This directive is in force both in the Main Church and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

SHORTER NOTICES



† **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** will have their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, **April 11** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center Meeting Room. New members are always welcome.

† **ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet Sunday, **April 14**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Come and join us ... everyone is welcome. For more information, call **Deacon Alex** at 914-443-1435

† **TEMPORARY SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITY:**
Photo Set located in Galleria at Crystal Run. Please contact **Kathy Stiffler** at 609-206-7557; or email: kstiffler@cherryhillprograms.com

DISCOVER THE SHRINES OF ITALY ON PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER DENNIS



Consider a pilgrimage to Rome and the Shrines of Italy, **November 12-22, 2019**. Spend time at the famous Abbey of Montecassino, founded by **St. Benedict**. Visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary in Pompeii. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi, like never before. Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City. Stroll through the ancient catacombs where the early Christians hid and buried their dead. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loretto. There will be an informational meeting this Monday, **April 8** at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Spectacular discounts are available to those attending the meeting. Ask for a full-color brochure or RSVP by email at Parish@SJChurch.com

BAPTISM AND BAPTISMAL CLASS

On **April 20**, we will hold our usual Parental Baptismal Class at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. Unfortunately, the Holy Week schedule cannot accommodate Baptisms on **April 14**, **April 20** or **April 21**. Please choose from the many other dates we have.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On **April 15**, our Confirmation candidates will make their Mandatory Retreat. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they begin preparations to celebrate the Sacrament.

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

- ❖ Pay attention to the schedule of Masses and Services. Please do not expect a regular schedule of Mass and Adoration during the *Sacred Triduum* (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday).
- ❖ The 5:30 p.m. Mass on **April 13**, the Vigil for Palm Sunday will begin in the Parish Center Gymnasium (unless it is raining). We hope to have a short solemn procession from the Parish Center to the Church. Please cooperate with the program. The palm branches will be blessed only at this Mass. On Palm Sunday itself, Blessed Palm Branches will be distributed at all Masses.
- ❖ The 5:30 p.m. Mass on **April 13** will be bilingual (English / Spanish), so as to allow the entire Parish Community to celebrate together.
- ❖ All Masses on Palm Sunday itself will use the shorter form of the Reading of the Passion. If you wish to participate in a more Solemn Mass with the full text proclaimed, please consider the Saturday Night Vigil for Palm Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Parking will be an issue after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday and before the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. We strongly recommend you do not linger after Mass. We deliberately plan the 11:30 Mass to be reverent but we try to keep it moving. Please be patient if others are trying to get into the parking lot while you are leaving.
- ❖ Please remember to keep a reverent attitude during Holy Week. There is no reason for there to be talking or laughing before or after Masses or Services. Remember the church is a house of prayer.