



Church of St. Joseph

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

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 10:00 a.m. -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

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán Michael Connolly, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay

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. 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.
Other occasions as announced
Also by appointment

BAPTISMS

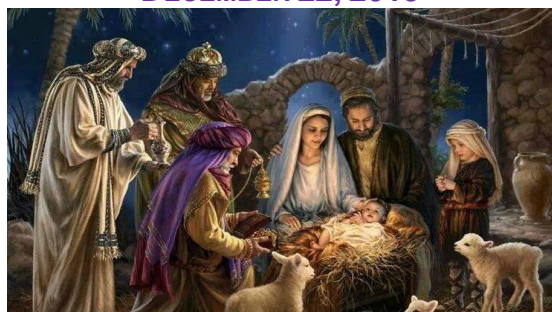
For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; second through last Sunday in English, first Sunday in Spanish.

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



ADVENT

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of December 22 – December 29

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Thomas & Cecilia Henry & Deceased Family Members
	9:00am	Rosario Fratto & Giuseppe, Andrea & Giuseppina Caruso
LATIN:	9:00am	Most Reverend Mate Garković
	11:30am	Rosario & Daniel Fratto
	1:00pm	Carlos Alberto Bravo Flores
MON:	7:30am	Mary Brennan
	12:10pm	Dominick & Rosina Citriniti
TUE:	4:00pm	<i>Children's Mass with Pageant</i>
	6:30pm	<i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
	12:00am	<i>Mass at Midnight (Bilingual)</i>
WED:	7:00am	<i>Low Mass</i>
	9:00am	<i>Mass at Dawn</i>
LATIN:	9:00am	<i>Latin High Mass</i>
	11:30am	<i>Mass During the Day</i>
	1:00pm	<i>Christmas Mass in Spanish</i>
THUR:	7:30am	Mary Spisso
	12:10pm	Marie & Anthony Yukeweic
FRI:	7:30am	Rosa & Giovanni Biasi
	12:10pm	Matthew Krause
SAT:	8:00am	Thomas & Catherine Kennedy
	5:30pm	Josephine & Joseph Hardy
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Maria Velez & George & Bernice Scott
LATIN:	9:00am	
	11:30am	Bernice Lutrario
	1:00pm	Fanny Vargas (Living) & Family

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

**+ PRAY FOR +
All enrolled in our Christmas Offering**

**CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE**



**CHRISTMAS MASSES
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS,
CHRISTMAS VIGIL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- 4:00 p.m. – Children's Mass
- 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
- 11:30 p.m. – Christmas Carols
- 12:00 Midnight – Solemn Mass at Midnight

**MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

We follow the regular Sunday schedule:

- 7:00 a.m. – Low Mass for Christmas
- 9:00 a.m. – Christmas Mass at Dawn
- 9:00a.m. Latin High Mass (*Blessed Sacrament Chapel*)
- 11:30 a.m. – Christmas Mass During the Day
- 1:00 p.m. – Spanish Christmas Mass



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
MASS FOR JANUARY 1, 2020
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

NEW YEAR'S EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
We follow the regular Sunday schedule:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Latin), and 11:30 a.m.,
and 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEAR**

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24, 25, 26
and on January 1 and 2.

PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU COME TO BE SURE THERE IS
SOMEONE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU AT 845-343-6013

PERPETUAL ADORATION



As Mary and Joseph journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem they were tired, cold and weary. They were hoping to find a room to rest a bit and warm themselves. God's plan was for them to be turned away from this simple need and, eventually, to be in a cave that housed a stable. There they did find shelter and so much more! The Christ Child was born and they were warmed by His love, refreshed in His presence. They heard the angelic choir sing the praises to this Divine King. What they found at the end of their journey was so much more than they expected.

We, too, wander along the road of life and we have those same needs to be sheltered and warmed. Like Mary and Joseph our help is in Jesus. We do not enter a cave but, rather, we can enter into Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. He waits for us to warm our hearts and relieve our weariness of this world's problems. He gives us the safe shelter of His Most Sacred Heart. Come. Come and feel the love and mercy of our God! Jesus is present under the veil of the Sacred Host. True God, true man waiting just for you.

To become a Guardian of the Eucharist call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

HOURS OF SPECIAL NEED

SUN: Midnight-1 a.m. SUN: 4:00-5:00 a.m.
MON: 2:00-3:00 p.m. TUES: 1:00-2:00 a.m.
THURS: Noon-1:00 pm

**** Adoration will be suspended at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will resume at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Day.****

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

(this number might not work from a Spectrum house phone)

YOU MAY ALSO CALL: 845-343-6013, ext. 105

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Envelopes for the annual Christmas flower collection are in your regular collection packets. Additional envelopes can be picked up at the doors of the Church. Envelopes can be put in the collection basket or in the box at Our Lady's Altar. On the envelope you can put the names of the deceased relatives and friends whom you wish to have remembered at the Christmas Masses this year. The Altar Rosary Society has been conducting this worthwhile project for many years. Please support it.



ADOPT A CHILD



Our gratitude is extended to all who generously donated toys this year, making our Toy Drive a great success. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH'S 50/50 CASH CALENDARS

The St. Joseph's 50/50 Cash Calendars are ready! If you purchase a calendar at a cost of \$10.00, you will be eligible to win a cash prize, ranging from \$10.00 to \$500.00, awarded each day from **January 1** until **June 30, 2020**. Every ticket is entered in all drawings, which means you can win more than once.

Calendars will be on sale at all the Masses this weekend. Calendars also are available at the Parish Office and Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 845-343-6013.

FORMED

Explore the details about Catholic beliefs at

[FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org)

Sign up for **FREE** using our Parish Code: **XNNQX7**

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.

SHORT THOUGHT ON THE SCRIPTURES

We find the fulfillment of the prophet's words in Jesus. "Come to me, all you who work hard and who carry heavy burdens and I will refresh you." (Mt 11:28). In the Lord, in his loving heart, we all find the necessary rest and strength not to lose spirit and, thus, to wait for Him with renewed love, while our souls do not stop blessing Him and our memories never forget His favors.

-- Deacon Albert Loeffler



ST. JOSEPH'S PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

All parishioners have the opportunity to enroll the names of deceased loved ones in the Purgatorial Society. The Purgatorial Society Mass will be held on the last Friday of each month at 12:10 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel beginning in January, 2020. The offering to be enrolled in the Purgatorial Society is **\$120** per name (a total of 12 Masses for one year will be said for your loved one). Please stop by the Parish Office if you are interested in having a loved one enrolled.

Aside from listing one name, the listing of a husband and wife together or a family name is also acceptable. Enrollment in the St. Joseph's Purgatorial Society is a great act of charity towards our beloved dead ensuring that they are being prayed for all year round at God's Altar. The names of the souls for whom we are praying will be visibly presented on an elegant board placed in the sanctuary at the Purgatorial Society Mass. You may enroll at any time during the year and will be contacted for the opportunity to renew your enrollment for another year just before the twelfth and final Mass of your enrollment is offered.

St. Joseph's Purgatorial Society Form

Name of the soul to be prayed for at Mass:

Name of the purchaser of the enrollment:

Date on which this form is submitted to the Parish Office:

Your contact information:

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

\$120 payment must be attached to this form.

EARLY BULLETIN DUE DATES

Christmas and New Year require early submission of our Bulletin to the publishers. The deadline for the **December 29** Bulletin has passed. The **January 5** Bulletin is due Monday, **December 23**. All submissions are due by 12:00 noon. We have no control or flexibility with these due dates.

FOOD PANTRY

"For I was Hungry and you gave me food..."

Thank you for your continued support to St. Joseph's Food Pantry. **OUR NEED IS STILL GREAT.** Our pantry has been a real life support for many people and families who struggle to make ends meet. This program cannot exist without you. If you are able, please consider bringing some canned and packaged food with you to the Church, as our pantry is at an all-time low.

Thank you and May God continue to bless you ... **We cannot help everyone, but everyone can help someone.**

PRO LIFE NEWS

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available, and the pain and sorrow of abortion need not endure for a lifetime.

A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion.

For dates, location and confidential registration information, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll-free) or send your emails to hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Also being offered are "Days of Prayer and Healing for Men". For more information or to register, please call **Lumina** at 877-586-4621 or direct your emails to Lumina@postabortionhelp.org