



Church of St. Joseph

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The Holy Family

December 29, 2019



Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán M. 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.

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

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



**THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 29, 2019**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of December 29 – January 5

SAT:	5:30pm	Josephine & Joseph Hardy
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Maria Velez & George & Bernice Scott
LATIN:	9:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	11:30am	Bernice Lutrario
	1:00pm	Fanny Vargas (Living) & Family
MON:	7:30am	Tony Gesztesi Sr.
TUE:	12:10pm	Mrs. Gyorgi "Gergie" Nemeth (Living)
	7:30am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED:	5:30pm	Joseph Cantoli
	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
LATIN:	9:00am	Monique Dure-Marcy
	9:00am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
	11:30am	Angiolina Pistoia
THUR:	1:00pm	<i>por los difuntos</i>
	7:30am	Demetrio & Michelina Petrizzo
FRI:	12:10pm	Giuseppe & Teresa DeMaria
	7:30am	Marina Mudraya (Living)
SAT:	12:10pm	Giuseppe Zarella
	8:00am	William & Alice Dukes
SUN:	5:30pm	Deceased Members of the Cizin Family
	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Eva Manda and Andrew Martichek
LATIN:	9:00am	-- Intention Available --
	11:30am	Max Jacques Toussaint
	1:00pm	<i>por los difuntos</i>

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

**+ PRAY FOR +
Andrew Martichek, Tlaczani-Lopez-Cruz (Baby Boy)**



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
MASSES 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.

**** The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is OPEN
on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day ****

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR

The Parish Office will be closed on January 1 and 2.

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

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

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.**

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Joseph and Mary were in Adoration of Jesus, the Word Incarnate at all times. While they knew Jesus was God, they could not continually kneel before Him. Rather, Mary and Joseph adored Jesus within their hearts as they entered into the daily tasks of providing for the family and raising their son in the love of God and keeping His laws.

We, too, have obligations to our family members. We are to attend to the needs of our children and spouses as best we can. And we have the same obligation to bring our family to love of God. Are we willing to follow the example of Mary and Joseph and spend time adoring Jesus? One way to make it easier to fulfill our family obligations is to make the time to spend an hour adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Become a Guardian of the Eucharist. One hour, one day a week, every week. It sounds difficult, but it is not. Once you start you will wonder why you didn't do this sooner.

Jesus is waiting for you. Make a commitment to Him. Call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

HOURS OF SPECIAL NEED

SUNDAY: Midnight - 1 a.m. SUNDAY: 4 a.m.- 5 a.m.
MONDAY: 2 p.m.- 3 p.m. TUESDAY: 1 a.m.- 2 a.m.
THURSDAY: Noon - 1 p.m.

**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

Father Dennis and all the clergy and staff would like to thank all who sent greeting cards, gifts and goodies for Christmas.

May God bless and reward your generosity and love!



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.

THE PARISH DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY

During the winter months, inclement weather is unavoidable. If there is a prediction of snow, frozen rain, sleet, ice, extreme temperatures or if there is a loss of power it may become necessary to cancel scheduled devotions, classes, meetings, prayer groups and other events. Provided that the parish priests are not away, scheduled Mass is always prayed.

Regarding Sunday Mass, although we have an obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, that obligation is lifted if the conditions of the roads are dangerous. Please use your best judgement. Although Mass is being offered, it is not prudent if you are going to be a danger to yourself or others in trying to get to church for Mass. Consider also that within the time you are at Mass, the weather conditions may worsen, causing great difficulties in getting home safely. There is a big difference between not attending Mass because we are being lazy or opt to do other activities instead of praying Mass and missing Mass because it might not be safe to travel to church.

Adoration at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be suspended when bad weather is predicted. A sign on the Chapel door will indicate when Adoration might resume. For updates, you may call the direct phone line for the Chapel: 845-956-1455. It has recently been reported to us that this phone line might not work from your house phone, depending on which phone company provides your service. If the number does not work, kindly report it to your phone service provider and call the main parish line -- 845-343-6013 -- after which you must dial 105 during the recording to access the Blessed Sacrament Chapel recording.

When the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is closed because Adoration has been suspended, all scheduled Masses **ARE** offered. Devotions, such as Holy Hours, Rosary, (Liturgy of the Hours) Morning Prayer, Novena and other devotions are **NOT** offered. During periods when Adoration is suspended, the Chapel should be unlocked a half hour before the scheduled Mass time. If you attend Mass, you must leave the Parish grounds shortly after the Mass is ended. Staying for longer periods after Mass prevents us from securing the Chapel properly.

When Adoration is suspended and Mass is being offered in the Main church building (as on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation), please do not attempt to enter the chapel. Being in the chapel when it is closed poses a risk to both yourself and others.

Occasionally, homeless may attempt to seek shelter in the chapel or in one of the buildings. This is one reason why all of the buildings on the parish grounds need to be secured when not in use. If you see someone that appears to be taking shelter in one of the parish buildings (especially the church or chapel) please report it immediately by leaving a message at 845-343-6013 ext. 3. Should someone approach asking you for money, please do not give out any money – you are not helping them by doing so, you may be enabling someone who

needs help with a drug or alcohol addiction. There are programs like emergency housing, Catholic Charities and others that can properly help those in need.

The church building is off limits when we are in a snow emergency unless there is a Mass scheduled in the main church. Sometimes people make visits to the main church building during the week to pray or light a candle. If you are in the main church or any other building (for example the Parish Center Gymnasium) during a snow emergency and there is no scheduled activity going on there it causes us to be alarmed. Exiting the church or other buildings after they have been secured may cause the doors to become unlocked after you exit. For your safety please do not venture into areas of the parish that are not in use.

Please observe the rules regarding parking. There is no parking permitted in any of the "Fire Lanes" These areas need to be free in the event there is an emergency. Please park in a legitimate parking space, the lines designate official parking spaces. Please do not park in a handicap space unless you have a permit to do so. Please do not block any driveway, roadway or any garage entrance. Parking in any of the one lane roads in the cemetery is not permitted. All of these things should be observed all year round.

Please be advised that overnight parking on the church or cemetery grounds is never 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 Parish Office is closed when the weather is bad. If the Parish Office is closed, please do not call or visit the Parish Office or Rectory because the staff or volunteers will not be there to help you. If you need to reach a priest in a medical emergency, you may call and if there is no answer please leave a message. The priest on duty will try to monitor incoming phone calls and voice messages on snow days. This is why we ask that any business you might have with the Parish Office be handled on the next day the office aides are in. If many people are calling the parish on a snow day for things that can wait, it becomes difficult for the priest on duty to respond in a real emergency that can not wait. Also, please be mindful that there are fewer and fewer priests and more and more demands being put on them.

Religious Education Classes follow the Middletown School district. If Middletown schools and after-school activities are canceled, Religious Education is also canceled. You may always call the Religious Education Office at 845-343-4415.

For all other activities that might be scheduled at the Parish, please check with the group leader or the organization on the policies and procedures for your event.