



Church of St. Joseph

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The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

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: Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Gymnasium. For High School and Students in Grade 8: February 16, March 1, March 15 and March 22.

Welcome to
Our Parish



**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 2, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of February 2 – February 9

SAT:	5:30pm	Pete Rufo
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
	9:00am	Demetrio Petrizzo & Antonio Riccio
LATIN:	9:00am	Priests of the Archdiocese of N.Y.
	11:30am	Raffaele Stampone
	1:00pm	-- <i>por los difuntos</i> --
MON:	7:30am	Dave Frisino
	12:10pm	Cristino & Tomasina Nieves
TUE:	7:30am	Christopher Arnita
	12:10pm	Jacob Mathew
WED:	7:30am	Frank W. Stringer
	12:10pm	Michael Partridge
	7:00pm	-- <i>por los difuntos</i> --
THUR:	7:30am	Josephine Arceri & Antonia Gallo
	12:10pm	Miguel Contreas Sr.
FRI:	7:30am	Antonio Boffa
	12:10pm	In Honor of St. Jude
SAT:	8:00am	Thanksgiving for Graces Received
	5:30pm	John Hart Jr.
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
	9:00am	Alfred & Angelina Fusco & Geniza & Herman Bauer
LATIN:	9:00am	Wves Marcy
	11:30am	Carmine Montalbano
	1:00pm	Maria Rosa Medina

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

**+ PRAY FOR +
John Garretta, Thomas J. Nolan,
Christopher Arnita.**

**DEVOTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY**



Feb. 1: **First Saturday Rosary** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*.

First Saturday Holy Hour in Spanish at 7:00 p.m. in the *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*.

Feb. 2: **Rosary Crusade for Life** at 4:00 p.m. in the *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*.

Feb. 6: **Confession** will be offered at 4:15 p.m.

Feb. 7: **First Friday Holy Hour** at 8:00 p.m. in the *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*.

HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING

A Holy Hour for Healing and Reparation will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next Sunday, **February 9**, at 3 p.m. Individual prayer and anointing will be offered after the Holy Hour. Following the anointing, refreshments will be served at the Parish Center. For more information, please call **Deacon Alex Gapay** at 914-443-1435.

TAX-RETURN TIME

If you would like a 2019 statement of contributions for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office at 845-343-6013. Please give us your name, envelope number and mailing address. Thank you.

SPREADING THE WORD

If you have an announcement of interest or importance to our Parish community, please submit it, in paragraph form, to the Church's email address: parish@schurch.com Please include the time, date and site of your event plus the full name of a contact person, including a phone number. All items must be received no later than the Thursday that precedes the publication date by 10 days. Submissions may be edited for space considerations, and submitting an item is no guarantee of publication.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



The inner walls and the arched domes of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., are covered with beautiful mosaics. The works of art are stunning and lead one to contemplate the great truths of our faith. Each mosaic is created of tiny, uniform-sized tiles of various colors. Two blocks away at the National Shrine of St. John Paul II, the walls also are covered with mosaics, but the size and texture of the material is quite varied. Some stones are large with irregular edges; some are smaller, smoother. Each piece lends to the whole a new dimension to bring to life a portrayal of a scene from the life of Jesus' or some saint.

Our lives are mosaics. At times, we have the routine days that hum along like the small uniform tiles. At other times, we feel shattered by illness or other concerns and our life is broken with rough edges. The good news is God is creating a beautiful mosaic with all of these pieces. We can color our mosaic with our faith and love of Jesus. How pleasing it is to Him if we come before Him in Adoration to thank Him for all that He has done in our lives and to seek His help in all that lies ahead.

We are blessed with Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. With 168 hours in the week you have many choices for your hour of commitment. Jesus is waiting for you. Choose a specific day of the week; choose one of the 24 hours of that day and pledge to Jesus you will come visit Him. Call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

HOURS OF SPECIAL NEED

SUN: Midnight-1:00 a.m. **MON:** 2-3 p.m.
TUES: 5-6 a.m. **THURS:** Noon-1:00 p.m.
FRI: Noon-1:00 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



Religious Education

A group of young people in our Religious Education Program attended the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., on **January 24** with our coordinator, **Ms. Linda Byrons**. This year, our program had a great number of young people in attendance, perhaps more than in years past.

With wintry weather continuing to present a challenge, please remember that we follow the Middletown School District. If Middletown Schools are closed ... we are closed. If after-school activities are cancelled ... Religious Education classes are cancelled.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

We had an overwhelming response in collecting supplies for our military troops stationed overseas. The small green bin in the Church vestibule (the bell tower entrance of the church) will only be here this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

Any organization that wants to reserve the Parish Center Gymnasium or meeting room, kitchen or the old Parish Center must contact the Rectory to fill out a request form and submit it at the Rectory for authorization from the pastor. Only parish-affiliated groups may use the facility. Organizations will be notified upon approval.

All forms must be completed in full and approved in order to reserve any of the facilities. Please note that it might take up to several weeks to obtain approval and that filling out the form neither guarantees availability nor approval of your event.

FORMED

Lent is coming soon. Sign up for FORMED now and explore Catholic courses, movies and books for free. Gain confidence, knowledge, and wisdom!

FORMED.org

Our Parish Code: **XNNQX7**

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group will meet on Sunday, **February 16**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Gymnasium. All eighth-grade and high school-aged students are welcome. Upcoming youth-group meetings will be held **March 1**, **March 15** and **March 22**.

PRO LIFE NEWS

Last week's National March for Life in Washington, D.C., was well-attended with parishioners traveling on various buses organized throughout the Orange County Deanery. All who went reported that it was a powerful and spiritual experience. Many also attended the Mass celebrated by **Timothy Cardinal Dolan**, who gave a beautiful homily about the importance of recognizing the value of life.



The Spring campaign of *40 Days for Life* begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 26**. There is a three-pronged approach to ending abortion.

1) **Prayer.** Each of us can pray for those mothers considering abortion, for those who would encourage abortions and for the workers in abortion facilities.

2) **Fasting.** Each of us can fast from a favorite food, TV program or something else that brings us pleasure.

3) **Public Witness.** If possible, join us in front of Planned Parenthood, located at 7 Coates Drive in Goshen. St. Joseph's is there on Mondays.

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Jan 1 -- #5813	Jan 8 -- #5991
Jan 2 -- #5251	Jan 9 -- #5611
Jan 3 -- #6690	Jan 10 -- #6145
Jan 4 -- #6504	Jan 11 -- #5355
Jan 5 -- #6361	Jan 12 -- # 6058
Jan 6 -- #6232	Jan 13 -- #6510
Jan 7 -- #5231	Jan 14 -- #6904

KRISPY KREME FUND RAISER

Our Youth Group will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts, after all Masses next weekend, **February 8 and 9**. The cost is \$8.00 for a box of one dozen original glazed doughnuts. Please support our Youth Group and take home a box of fresh, delicious doughnuts.

SHRINES OF IRELAND



The Church of St. Joseph, in conjunction with Collette Tours, will be offering a pilgrimage to explore the Shrines of Ireland. The trip will run nine days, from **November 5-13**, and will include stops in Dublin to view St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Book of Kells at Trinity College; Down Cathedral in Belfast; Armagh; the Marian Shrine at Knock; Kylemore Abbey in Galway, and the Cliffs of Moher.

The projected price per person of \$2,729 for double rooms, \$2,629 for triples and \$3,029 for singles includes round-trip air fare from Newark International Airport, air taxes, fees and surcharges, hotel transfers and 11 meals (seven breakfasts and four dinners). Not included is the travel insurance cancellation waiver of \$329 per person.

A representative from Collette will offer a presentation about the trip on Monday, **February 10**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Center meeting room.

SHORT THOUGHT ON THE SCRIPTURES

It is good to recognize the tensions between our faith and our practice. Trusting in God, we can accept as true what we cannot prove or see. We rely on faith that the goal of life lies beyond our present existence. Tension and conflict can lead to a deeper understanding of ourselves, even to a new level of wisdom. Things are not always as they seem.

-- Deacon Albert Loeffler

PERSONAL AIDE NEEDED

Douglas McGlynn, who is wheelchair-bound, is seeking a personal-care aide to assist in his home from **February 4-11**, the hours being flexible. This is a paid position that requires strength and the ability to assist with transfers. For details, please call Douglas McGlynn at 845-455-3593 and leave a voicemail.