



Church of St. Joseph

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**Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
June 28, 2020

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings are currently suspended

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**.

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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**.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

Parish Office: 845-343-6013

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: Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: Your intentions are prayed at Mass
Saturday: by the Parish Priests in private

HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. using the confessional screen only
or at other times by appointment

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction.

LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani
Lector Coordinator: Mr. Martin Suchy
Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

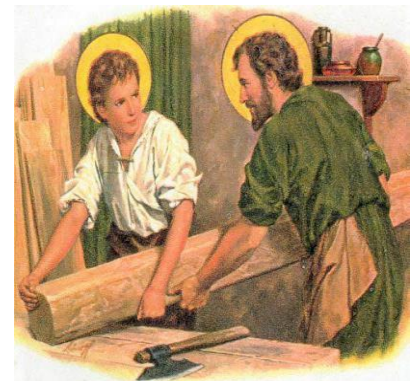
DEVOTIONS

All public devotions are on hold until it is safe to do so

PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: Suspended
Senior Dining: Congregant Dining suspended
Meals available for delivery: 845-956-1428
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
YouTube: [SJChurch](https://www.youtube.com/SJChurch)
Youth Group: Meetings are suspended

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 28, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of June 28 – July 5

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Thomas & Catherine Kennedy
	9:00am	Pietro Olivo & Antoinette Boffa
LATIN:	9:00am	Ramon Tabotabo
	11:30am	Edwin Baumgartner
	1:00pm	Mauricio Heredia
MON:	8:00am	Elva Pagan
TUE:	8:00am	Pietro, Maria, Concetta & Antonio Scumaci
WED:	8:00am	Luigi Fratto
THUR:	8:00am	Michael & Patrick Di Renzo – <i>Special Intention</i> --
FRI:	8:00pm	Patrick J. Coscette Luigi Fratto
SAT:	8:00am	Patrick J. Coscette
	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Pino Rossi
	9:00am	Antoinette Boffa
LATIN:	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Antonio Sclafani
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --

Note: All Masses are being prayed in private with the above intentions remembered by our priests.

+ PRAY FOR +

All who died from COVID-19

FOR UPDATES PLEASE VISIT US AT:

www.SJChurch.com

Live stream of Masses can be found by clicking the link on our website or by visiting us on YouTube at:

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PRECAUTIONS FOR PUBLIC MASS

Public Mass has begun! Weekday Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. in the Main Church. Sunday Mass also has begun and continues with the traditional Mass schedule: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Masses in English at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.; in Spanish at 1 p.m., all in the Main Church. The 9 a.m. Latin Mass has been moved to the gymnasium.

It is extremely important that all visitors to the church observe the protocols in place for everyone's safety. All not belonging to the same household must practice social distancing both in the church building and on parish grounds. At this time it is not appropriate to gather in the parking lot or anywhere on parish grounds.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION has been postponed to the fall, with possible dates in November.

CONFIRMATION has been postponed until the fall, with a date that will be assigned to us by the bishop.

Dates for **RCIA SACRAMENTS** will be determined when cases of the pandemic lessen in Orange County.

WEDDINGS for July will be considered on a case-by-case basis. (*Please contact the priest or deacon who is working with you on the marriage for details.*)

FUNERAL MASSES will be offered with limitations. Committal Services with the Rite of Christian Burial Final Commendation are being offered by the parish priests. Private Masses for the dead also are prayed for each parishioner who has died. Families who wish to schedule a Memorial Mass should call the Parish Office,

CONFESSION is available Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and by request. Call the Parish Office (845-343-6013) to leave a message and someone will return your call with an appointed time. You may also take advantage of times when a priest might be hearing confession – confession is behind the screened grill only.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is operating on summer hours. You may call the Parish Office (845-343-6013) and leave a message.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Do we have anything to eat? I'm starving! All across America these phrases are repeated in thousands of homes where teenagers live. Usually, it means the teen is looking for food, most likely chips or other snack food. Soon enough, he will be back asking what's for dinner?

During this pandemic we were all starving. There were no Masses and no Holy Communion. That Bread from Heaven was withheld from us. Without the soul's nourishment of the Body and Blood of Christ we all were hungry. We all need to come to the Sacred Meal of Holy Mass where we are fed spiritually on the Word of God and then further fed on Jesus' very Flesh and Blood. Weeks without the Holy Sacrifice has taught us just how blessed we are to have the Mass available to us daily. We, hopefully, have learned not to take for granted that we always will have the Mass.

But despite our hunger for the Lord, the Church was open and we were still able to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For those who were able to come, it was refreshment indeed. There was that spiritual union with Our Lord and a comfort that He alone can give. We must be grateful for Jesus remaining in the Blessed Sacrament and reserved in the tabernacle for us to come and visit.

In the future we will begin to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament again. It will take a while, but we look with hope and anticipation. As you think of the pandemic and being denied that which is most important to you, please consider whether you are being called to become a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a promise to keep Jesus company in the Blessed Sacrament for one hour a week. As you consider it think about how many hours you would have joyfully spent with Him during the pandemic.

FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHAPEL WILL OPEN, 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

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING

From the Second Book of Kings (2 Kgs 8-11, 14-16a)

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine.

So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."

Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?"

His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years."

Elisha said, "Call her."

When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89 (Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim Your faithfulness.

For You have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven You have confirmed Your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At Your name they rejoice all the day, and through Your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

You are the splendor of their strength, and by Your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.



SECOND READING

From the Second Letter of Paul to the Romans (2 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11)

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.

As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 10:37-42)

Jesus said to his apostles:

“Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me,
and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me;
and whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives Me,
and whoever receives Me receives the One who sent Me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet
will receive a prophet’s reward,
and whoever receives a righteous man
because he is a righteous man
will receive a righteous man’s reward.

“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple —
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

