



# Church of St. Joseph

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*Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 26, 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.

## 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

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](http://www.SJChurch.com)  
**Parish E-Mail:** [Parish@SJChurch.com](mailto:Parish@SJChurch.com)  
**YouTube:** [SJChurch](https://www.youtube.com/SJChurch)  
**Youth Group:** Meetings are suspended

*Welcome to  
Our Parish*



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.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 26, 2020**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*for the Week of July 26 – August 2*

<b>SAT:</b>	5:30pm	Rita & Felice Sorice
<b>SUN:</b>	7:00am	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
	9:00am	Frank & Grace Amodio & Family & Francesco Olivo
<b>LATIN:</b>	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Joseph Paul & Biagio Bill Perrello
<b>MON:</b>	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --
	8:00am	Mary Ellen Schwartz & Maria Martinez
<b>TUE:</b>	8:00am	Nellie Diaz
<b>WED:</b>	8:00am	Anthony & Dorothy Foti
<b>THUR:</b>	8:00am	Giovanni Fratto
<b>FRI:</b>	8:00pm	St. Joseph Purgatorial Society & Giuseppina Ondrato
<b>SAT:</b>	8:00am	Giuseppina Ondrato
	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
<b>SUN:</b>	7:00am	Rita O'Neill
	9:00am	Glen Ruth & Rob Lyons & Andrew C. Lamberti
<b>LATIN:</b>	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Biagio & Orsola Perrello & Family
	1:00pm	Andy Perez

**Note:** All above Masses are being prayed in public with the added intentions remembered by our priests in private Masses that continue.

**+ PRAY FOR +**

**Barbara Whitby**

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**SJChurch**

**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 the quarantine is lifted.

**WEDDINGS** for August 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 / BURIAL SERVICES** will not be offered until the quarantine is lifted. 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 7:00 0p.m. and by request. Call the Parish Office (845-343-6013) to schedule an appointed time. Or, 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



What can I do in an hour? You have heard and perhaps used the expression “I have an hour to kill.” But what can I do in an hour? I can read a book, do some laundry, vacuum the house. I can call a friend, write out some bills, visit an elderly neighbor. In an hour, I can play tennis, watch TV, stream music. In an hour, I can watch sports, browse the internet, weed a flower garden, make a meal. I can visit someone in a nursing home, help at a food bank, write a letter. There are so many things that one can do with an hour, but sometimes one chooses to “kill it”.

What else can I do in an hour? I can make a Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament. What? Spend an hour doing nothing? Well, in that hour you can join your voice to that of Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and all the angels and saints and adore God. You can thank God for your life and all those around you. You can tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins and the sins which are being committed in our society. In that hour you can make reparation for the blasphemies so often uttered against God and His Church. You can stand in for others who think they are just fine without God and win grace for their souls. You can pray for the dying and aid them in accepting God’s Mercy.

Don’t kill another hour. Plan to become a Guardian of the Eucharist when Perpetual Adoration resumes. One hour a week is all it takes to sanctify your soul and the souls of others. In the meantime, make use of the time that the Church is open to come before Jesus hidden in the tabernacle. He waits for you!

**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 First Book of Kings (1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12)*

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Solomon answered: “O LORD, my God, You have made me, Your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve You in the midst of the people whom You have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give Your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge Your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who can govern this vast people of Yours?”

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: “Because you have asked for this — not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right — I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 119 (Ps 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130)*

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

I have said, O Lord, that my part  
is to keep Your words.  
The law of Your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

Let Your kindness comfort me  
according to Your promise to Your servants.  
Let Your compassion come to me that I may live,  
for Your law is my delight.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

For I love Your commands  
more than gold, however fine.  
For in all Your precepts I go forward;  
every false way I hate.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

Wonderful are Your decrees;  
therefore I observe them  
The revelation of Your words sheds light,  
giving understanding to the simple.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

## SECOND READING

*From the First Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (1Rom 8:28-30)*

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those He predestined He also called; and those He called He also justified; and those He justified He also glorified.

## ALLELUIA

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**



## GOSPEL

*From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 13:44-52)*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”