



# Church of St. Joseph

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*Twenty Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 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.

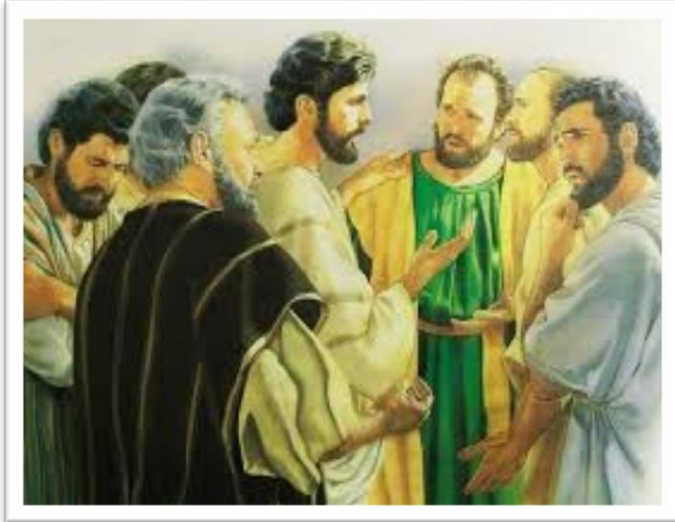
## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction.

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*for the Week of August 30 – September 6*

<b>SAT:</b>	5:30pm	Bradford & DeGroate Families
<b>SUN:</b>	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Kenneth Van Sciver
<b>LATIN:</b>	9:00am	Deceased Benefactors
	11:30am	Barry B. White
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --
<b>MON:</b>	8:00am	Francisco & Rose DeCicco
<b>TUE:</b>	8:00am	Herbert, Mary & Daniel Van Gelder & Michael Lisek
<b>WED:</b>	8:00am	Francesca & Antonio Loguerico
<b>THUR:</b>	8:00am	San Nicola di Tolentino
<b>FRI:</b>	8:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
<b>SAT:</b>	8:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	5:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>SUN:</b>	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michelle Ortiz
<b>LATIN:</b>	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Anna B. Smith
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --

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

**+ PRAY FOR +**

**Antonio Fotino, Ann Cummings,  
Antoinette Bellotto, Rosario Rotundo**

**FOR UPDATES PLEASE VISIT US AT:**

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**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**

Weekday Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. in the Main Church. Sunday Mass 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 to allow for proper social distancing.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** has been postponed until the fall. Please call the Religious Education Office (845-343-4415) for information.

**CONFIRMATION** also has postponed until the fall, with Confirmation dates planned for November. Please call the Religious Education Office (845-343-4415) for information.

**WEDDINGS** for September 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 restrictions. Families who wish to schedule a Memorial Mass should call the Parish Office (845-343-6013).

**CONFESSION** is available Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. and by request. Call the Parish Office (845-343-6013) to schedule an appointed time. 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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' MEETINGS RESUME**

The Catholic Daughters will resume their monthly meetings on Wednesday, **September 9**, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

New members are always welcome.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION



At first you barely notice, but there it is, crabgrass in your flower garden. It is small and the thought might be to pull it out later. Then, as so often happens, it becomes part of the landscape and you no longer notice it. When it does grab your attention again, it is tall, wide and seedy! To really get rid of it, you must prepare for some real struggles to uproot it. In uprooting the crabgrass, you might find that other noxious weeds have taken root under the spread of the crabgrass and that some of the desirable plants have been choked out.

In our spiritual life, we also have weeds. We get crabby but excuse our short temper. After a fashion, we no longer notice that we are grumpy and critical of others even though our words can have a far-reaching effect and do harm to others. We might come to realize other weedy traits have begun to pop up. What to do?

We should come to the Master Gardener, Who will help us to uproot the vices and grow the virtues. Confession is a good start, but we need closer contact with the Master in the Holy Eucharist. We can receive Him in Holy Communion and come into Jesus' Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament. This time allows Jesus to speak to our souls and to let His graces shine on us. We can grow again and weed out the sins of our lives with His help. He will nurture us with such tenderness.

Perpetual Adoration allows us to come before Jesus at any hour of any day. If we have time in the middle of the day ... or in the middle of the night ... Jesus waits for us. No hour is a wrong hour; every hour can be a grace-filled one. Although Perpetual Adoration is currently suspended, we look forward to resuming soon. If you are currently a Guardian, please renew your commitment to Jesus. If you are not yet a Guardian, consider how you might grow and flourish spiritually if you would give one hour to Jesus each week.

**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 Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (Ez 33:7-9)*

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel;

when you hear Me say anything, you shall warn them for Me.

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out

to dissuade the wicked from his way,

the wicked shall die for his guilt,

but I will hold you responsible for his death.

But if you warn the wicked,

trying to turn him from his way,

and he refuses to turn from his way,

he shall die for his guilt,

but you shall save yourself.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 95 (Ps 95:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9)*

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;

let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For He is our God,

and we are the people He shepherds,

the flock He guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear His voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted Me;

they tested Me though they had seen my works."

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**



## SECOND READING

*From the First Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (1Rom 13:8-10)*

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.”

## ALLELUIA

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**



## GOSPEL

*From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 18:15-20)*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

“If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

“If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by My heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”

