



Church of St. Joseph

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**Twenty Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 13, 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
Parish E-Mail: 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.

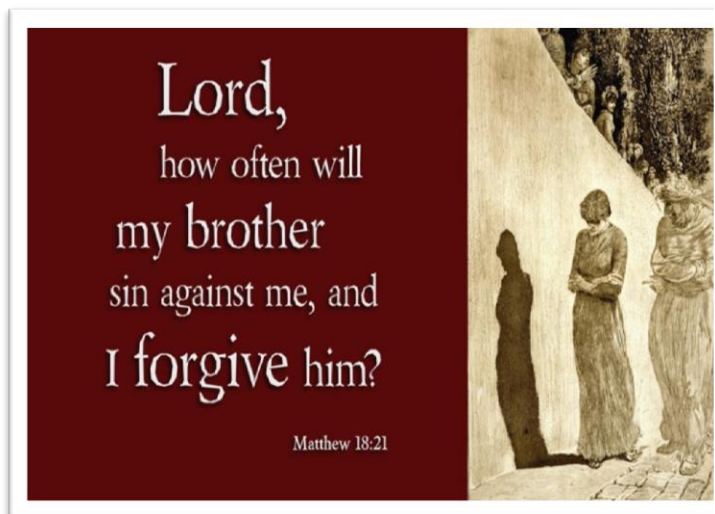
CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**



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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 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)* will celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in English on Saturday, **September 26**, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Candidates celebrating the Sacraments in Spanish will be assigned dates at the 1 p.m. Sunday Mass, celebrated in Spanish. The candidates of *RCIA* normally would have received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of September 13-September 20

SAT:	5:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michelle Ortiz & Rosario Rotundo
LATIN:	9:00am	Catherine Conroy
	11:30am	Anna B. Smith
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --
MON:	8:00am	Helga Anna Nemeth & Theresa Faulls
TUE:	8:00am	Rev. Vincent Meehan & Rita O'Neill
WED:	8:00am	Jonathan Ruggles
THUR:	8:00am	Frank & Teresa Connolly
FRI:	8:00am	Thomas & Cecilia Henry
SAT:	8:00am	Rita & Jack Monahan
	5:30pm	Jaime Velez
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Maria Parrotta
LATIN:	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Faustina Riccelli
	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 +

Faustina Riccelli, Catherine Conroy

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Prayer for the Spread of Perpetual Adoration

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We seek to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins. We need Your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness. May we obtain this through prayer and our union with our Eucharistic Lord. Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Eucharistic Adoration.

We beseech You to spread Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament help us to spread the glory to Your Son through Perpetual Adoration.

– *Pope Saint John Paul II (Eucharistic Adoration)*

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 Sirach (Sir 27:30-28:7)

Wrath and anger are hateful things,
yet the sinner hugs them tight.
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,
for He remembers their sins in detail.
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
Could anyone nourish anger against another
and expect healing from the LORD?
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,
can he seek pardon for his own sins?
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his sins?
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103 (Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless His holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide,
nor does He keep His wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does He deal with us,
nor does He requite us according to our crimes

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is His kindness toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has He put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.



GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 21-35)

Peter approached Jesus and asked Him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

"When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

"At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

"When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'

"Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

"Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

"His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

"Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

SECOND READING

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (1Rom 14:7-9)

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Alleluia.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

