



Church of St. Joseph

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**Twenty Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 20, 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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Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard [Codex aureus Epternacensis]

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of September 20-September 27

SAT:	5:30pm	Jaime Velez
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Maria Parrotta
<i>LATIN:</i>	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Justin and Mikaela Scuctici (living)
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --
MON:	8:00am	Eugene Kevin Bellew
TUE:	8:00am	In Honor of St. Padre Pio
WED:	8:00am	Maria Silva
THUR:	8:00am	Kathleen O'Callaghan & Margaret Fuller
FRI:	8:00am	St. Joseph Purgatorial Society
SAT:	8:00am	Intentions of Fr. Dennis Nikolic
	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Vito J. Masi
	9:00am	Michael & Jennie Amodio & Antonio Fotino
<i>LATIN:</i>	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Claudia Schirripa Szulwach
	1:00pm	Maria Schubert

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

+ PRAY FOR +

Sister Eileen Clifford, Bernard J. Laurenzi

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

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 limited 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 this 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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Perpetual Adoration. What does that mean? Breaking it down Adoration refers to that worship which is due to God alone. It is giving praise to Almighty God for His honor and glory. Perpetual means ongoing and continuous. When we use the term Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, we are referring to the continuous worship of Jesus, true God and true Man present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Another way of explaining Perpetual Adoration is to say it is Heaven on earth. We know that in eternity we will be with God and adoring Him continually. We will see God face to face and praise and glorify Him for all eternity. What we do in our Chapel of Adoration we will continue in heaven. While we are on earth our life, family and job, distract us from being with God continually. Perpetual Adoration here takes the form of many people in succession taking one hour to adore God followed by another and then another. One of our Guardians said that, upon entering the chapel and signing in for his hour, "I feel like I am signing into the book of heaven!"

We hope to resume Perpetual Adoration soon. If you are a current Guardian we pray you will continue your hour. If you are not currently a Guardian consider taking one specific hour of one specific day of the week to offer Jesus your adoration. Maybe you have time on Wednesday. All 24 hours of Wednesday are available to you. You like Friday? The chapel is open all 24 hours of Friday. And that is true of the rest of the week. Jesus is waiting for you ... will you enter Heaven on earth?

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 Isaiah (Is 55:6-9)

Seek the LORD while He may be found,
call Him while He is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are My ways above your ways
and My thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145 (Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18)

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

Every day will I bless You,
and I will praise Your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all His works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

The LORD is just in all His ways
and holy in all His works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

SECOND READING

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil 1:20c-24, 27a)

Brothers and sisters:
Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and
death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means
fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall
choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart
this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I
remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.
Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel
of Christ.
Alleluia

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of Your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 20:1-16a)

Jesus told His disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’

“So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

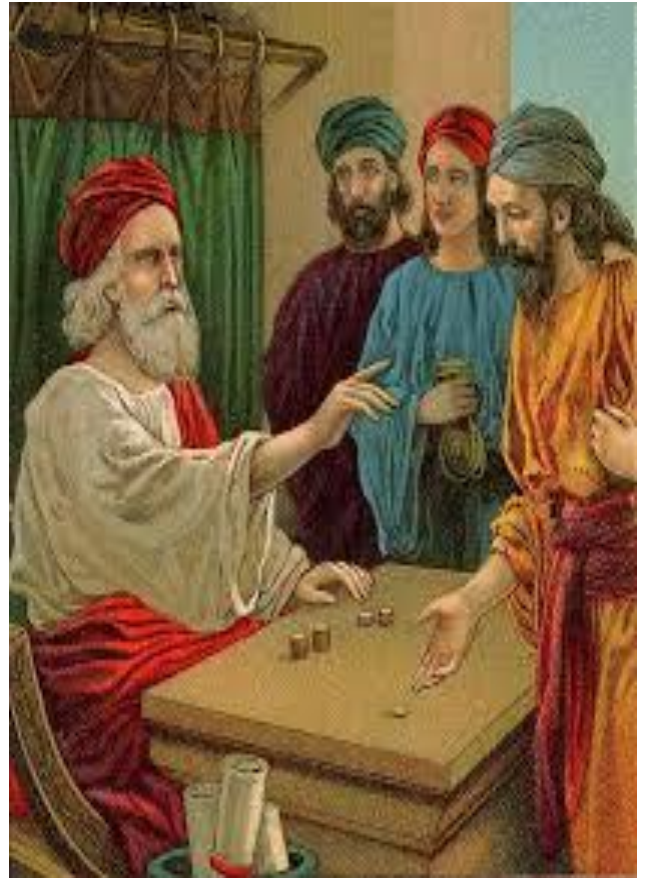
“They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

“He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’

“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.

“And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’

“He said to one of them in reply,
‘My friend, I am not cheating you.
Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?
Take what is yours and go.
What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?’
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



40 DAYS OF LIFE

The 40 Days of Life will be conducting a vigil in front of Newburgh Planned Parenthood, located at 136 Lake St. in Newburgh. Campaign hours will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., starting on Wednesday, **September 23**, and continuing until Sunday, **November 1**. The campaign will have a candlelight kickoff Tuesday evening, **September 22**, at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church, 301 Ann Street in Newburgh.

Coronavirus social-distancing guidelines will be followed, so please wear a mask and stay six feet apart. This campaign’s effort is concentrated in Newburgh because Planned Parenthood offices in Goshen and Monticello are closed.

Participants are encouraged to continue prayer, fasting, devotion to the Eucharist and visits to receive God’s love, protection and mercy for the Born and Unborn, for all women struggling with an unwanted pregnancy and for post-abortive women.

The campaign manager is **Wendy Wood**, who can be reached following contact information at 40DaysforLife.com/Newburgh or by calling 845-820-4366. For further information, please call **Veronica Murphy-DeWitt** at 845-551-8560.