



Church of St. Joseph

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**Twenty Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 27, 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.

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of September 27-October 4

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Vito J. Masi
	9:00am	Michael & Jennie Amodio & Antonio Fotino
LATIN:	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Claudia Schirripa Szulwach
	1:00pm	En Honor de San Miguel
MON:	8:00am	Maria Schubert
TUE:	8:00am	Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stanford
WED:	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members, Wohlbein-Gombkoto Families & Patrick J. Coscette
THUR:	8:00am	Vladimir Brotanek & Geniza & John Madden
FRI:	8:00am	Andrew Lippiello & Kristofer Napolitano
SAT:	8:00am	Johny Abraham
	5:30pm	Peter & Mary Ellen Walsh
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Bernice Lutrario & Maria Parrotta
LATIN:	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Mike Dineen
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntosn</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 +
Salvatore Inarello, Frank Supan**

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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.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament resumes Wednesday, **October 7**, from 1-8 p.m. in the Main Church and will continue on ensuing Wednesdays.

CONFIRMATION has been postponed, with Confirmation dates planned for November. Please call the Religious Education Office (845-343-4415) for information. Please also call that office for information about **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**.

WEDDINGS for September and October 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.

HOLY HOUR TO UNITE THE NATION

There will be a special Holy Hour to Unite the Nation on Wednesday, **October 7**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Church. Prayers including the Rosary, will be offered before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed for peace and healing of our nation. This is especially intended to be offered on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary as we approach the election in November. All are welcome.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Have you ever really pondered the overwhelming generosity of God? One of the simplest ways to help understand this quality of God is to ponder a seed. One tiny tomato seed. If you give the slightest effort to plant that seed, it will respond to the rain and sun and grow and grow. In time it will bear fruit enough for your family and for sharing with the neighbors. And within each fruit there are plenty of seeds to plant another time. So little effort but such a big reward. That is the way God is. He is bounteous and generous in all things.

Now here is something else to ponder. What will be the response of God if you just offer Him one hour out of the 168 hours He gives you each week. One specific hour of Adoration each week. If you take the time to plan and visit Jesus at the same time each week you are planting a seed. In this case, as you enter into the chapel of adoration your seed of offering is immediately warmed in the Presence of the Son. Jesus waits for you. Jesus waits to give you, your family, the parish, and the world great blessings. All you have to do is show up and offer Him your heart.

Isn't it time to become a Guardian of the Eucharist? Adoration is returning slowly ... beginning Wednesday, **October 7**, from 1-8 p.m. in the Main Church and continuing on Wednesdays thereafter. The goal, as pandemic conditions allow, is for a full return of Perpetual Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next year. Choose one day of the week. Then choose one hour of that day whether morning, noon, afternoon, evening or night. Commit yourself to adoring your God. Call **Marty and Clarice Suchy** at (845-692-4510).

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 (Is 18:25-28)

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it My way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies,

it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just,

he shall preserve his life;

since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed,

he shall surely live, he shall not die.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25 (Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me Your paths,
guide me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are God my savior.

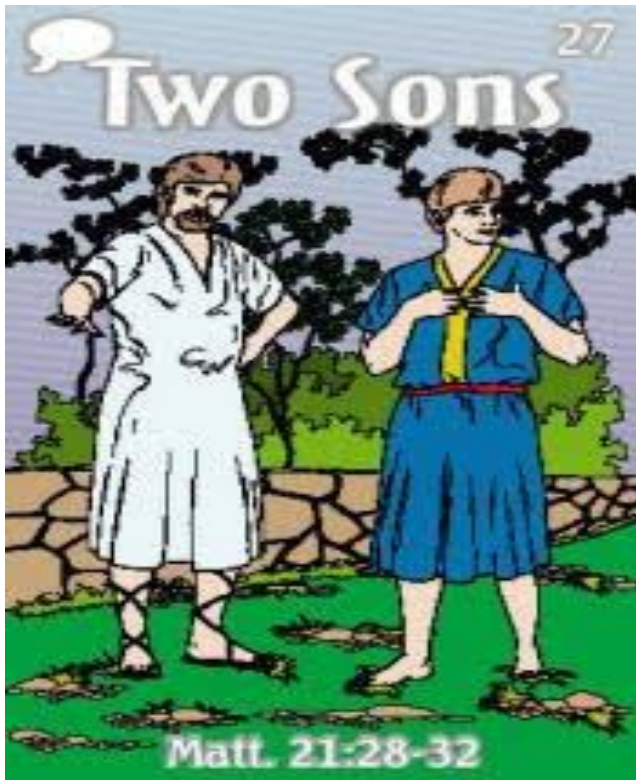
R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that Your compassion, O LORD,
and Your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
in Your kindness remember me,
because of Your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus He shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble His way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.



SECOND READING

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil 25: 2:1-11)

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ALLELUIA

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the LORD;
I know them, and they follow Me.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion? A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

"He said in reply, 'I will not, '

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

"The man came to the other son and gave the same

order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go.

"Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes

did. Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."



ADORATION RESUMES ... PARTIALLY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament returns to St. Joseph's on a limited basis, beginning Wednesday, **October 7**, from 1-8 p.m. in the Main Church and continuing on ensuing Wednesdays. Protocols of mask-wearing and social distancing will be required during this restricted, pandemic-necessitated schedule.

SAVE THE DATE

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally: **October 10, 2020**