



Church of St. Joseph

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**Twenty Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 4, 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

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.

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



St. Joseph, the Worker

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 4, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of October 4 – October 11

SAT:	5:30pm	Peter & Mary Ellen Walsh
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Bernice Lutrario & Maria Parrotta
	<i>LATIN:</i> 9:00am	President Donald J. Trump (Living)
	11:30am	Mike Dineen
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --
MON:	8:00am	Eliosa Luna & Bernice Lutrario
TUE:	8:00am	Gilles Goudreau & Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stanford
WED:	8:00am	Richard Musa & Basil Burgos
THUR:	8:00am	Dennis Dalton & Raul Torres
FRI:	8:00am	Catherine Tarrant & Bernice Lutrario
SAT:	8:00am	Vincenzo Macri
	5:30pm	Nicola Dilorio
SUN:	7:00am	Pino Rossi
	9:00am	Ralph & Antionette Damiano & Anna B. Smith
	<i>LATIN:</i> 9:00am	Father Sean Connolly (Living)
<i>LATIN:</i>	11:30am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	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 +
Agelina Caputo**

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www.SJChurch.com

Live stream of Masses can be found by clicking the link on our website or by visiting us on YouTube at:
SJChurch

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.

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



With great joy and thanksgiving we announce that we will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament **every Wednesday from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Adoration will take place in the Main Church so that we might maintain proper social distancing. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and visit Our Eucharistic Lord. Please spread the word!

This Wednesday, **October 7**, is the feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. We will have a special Holy Hour offered for unity in our nation and for the elections. This hour will include prayers and Benediction. You might choose to continue to offer one hour each week for these same intentions.

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid 19 situation, Perpetual Adoration will continue to be suspended until sometime next year when it is deemed safe to be back in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. That is why it is so important for you to avail yourself of the opportunity to adore Jesus every Wednesday.

. 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

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.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Is 5:1-7)

Let me now sing of my friend,
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside;
he spaded it, cleared it of stones,
and planted the choicest vines;
within it he built a watchtower,
and hewed out a wine press.
Then he looked for the crop of grapes,
but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes?

Now, I will let you know
what I mean to do with my vineyard:
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,
break through its wall, let it be trampled!

Yes, I will make it a ruin:
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
but overgrown with thorns and briars;
I will command the clouds
not to send rain upon it.

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished plant;
He looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!
for justice, but hark, the outcry!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80 (Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20)

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt You transplanted;
You drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have You broken down its walls,
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste,
and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what Your right hand has planted
the Son of Man Whom You Yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil 4:6-9)

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things. Keep on doing what you have
learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then
the God of peace will be with you.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce.

"But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."