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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Seán Michael 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: 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. -- en Español  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

### HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:15-5:00 p.m. and 7:30-8:00 p.m.  
Other occasions as announced  
Also by appointment

### BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; second through last Sunday in English, first Sunday in Spanish.

### PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center  
English: Third Saturday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Spanish: Fourth Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

### 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

Adoration in Church: Wednesdays 1:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

### PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. -12:00 noon  
Parish Website: [www.SJChurch.com](http://www.SJChurch.com)  
Parish E-Mail: [Parish@SJChurch.com](mailto:Parish@SJChurch.com)  
Youth Group: Schedule published in the bulletin



Welcome to  
Our Parish

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2020**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*for the Week of December 6 – December 13*

<b>SAT:</b>	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
<b>SUN:</b>	7:00am	Albert & MarieCasillo
	9:00am	Antonio Loguerico
	9:00am	President Elect Joe Biden (Living)
	11:30am	Teresa DeMaria
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
<b>LATIN:</b>	9:00am	President Elect Joe Biden (Living)
	11:30am	Teresa DeMaria
<b>MON:</b>	8:00am	Marion C. Coscette (Living) & Mathews Abraham
<b>TUE:</b>	6:30am	Don Tomislav Bondulić
	8:00am	William & Concetta Vogt
	12:10pm	Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stafford
	7:00pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
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<b>WED:</b>	8:00am	Dominicka & Rosina Citriniti & Kathleen O'Callaghan
<b>THU:</b>	8:00am	Dennis Dalton
<b>FRI:</b>	8:00am	Lucia Furlo & Family
<b>SAT:</b>	8:00am	Antonio & Caterina Matria
<b>SUN:</b>	5:30pm	Gerald Zazzero
	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Deceased Members, Citriniti Family
<b>LATIN:</b>	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

+ PRAY FOR +  
**All Deceased Parishioners, Benefactors and  
 Victims of the Pandemic**

**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.

The **2021 MASS BOOK** now is open. The secure your desired dates and intentions, please call the Parish Office (845-343-6013) and someone will return your call in short order.

**WEDDINGS** for December 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 leave a message by calling (845-343-6013).

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Tuesday, **December 8** this year. We will have Holy Day Masses that day in honor of Our Lady at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The 7 p.m. Mass will be bi-lingual. An Anticipatory Mass (Vigil) will be held Monday, **December 7** at 5:30 p.m.

**ADVENT TOY DRIVE**

Because of the pandemic, we have been forced to suspend our popular Adopt A Child program this year. Instead of conducting our usual Advent Wreath drive on the Thanksgiving weekend, we ask that anyone who wants to help children in need to please drop off a toy for a boy or girl during the weekend of **December 6** and **7** at the church. All donations will reach children in need, through the help of Toys for Tots.



## PERPETUAL ADORATION



Is your spiritual preparation for Jesus' birth at odds with your material preparation? It doesn't have to be. Select person to whom you will give a gift, perhaps someone who has everything and has few needs. You will want to give that person the best gift that you can.

Spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament and adore Jesus truly present to you. While you are adoring Jesus ask Him to soften your heart. Ask Him to bless that one person you have chosen. When your hour is over, write a note to the person for whom you have prayed telling him that you have offered a Holy Hour for him. In one hour you have adored Jesus, improved your spiritual life and given a meaningful gift. Not bad!

Adoration is available in the Main Church every Wednesday from 1-8 p.m. Come to Jesus, Who loves you so much! If you have any questions about Adoration, call **Marty** or **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*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Envelopes for the annual Christmas flower collection are in your regular collection packets. Additional envelopes can be picked up at the doors of the Church. Envelopes can be put in the collection basket or in the box at Our Lady's Altar. On the envelope you can put the names of the deceased relatives and friends whom you wish to have remembered at the Christmas Masses this year. The Altar Rosary Society has been conducting this worthwhile project for many years. Please support it.



## CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



**Sunday, December 13 1:00 p.m.** Solemn Mass in Spanish

The Procession through Middletown is not being held this year.

The customary cultural celebration will also not be held.

Those attending the **Sunday 11:30 a.m.** Mass on **December 13**, are reminded that there may be more congestion in the parking lot and on the streets due to the increased participation at the 1:00 p.m. Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

## EARLY BULLETIN DUE DATES

Christmas and New Year require early submission of our bulletin to the publishers. The **December 20** bulletin is due Monday, **December 7**. The **December 27** bulletin is due Monday, **December 14**. **January 3** bulletin is due by Monday, **December 21**. All submissions are due by 12:00 noon. We have no control or flexibility with these due dates.

## READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### FIRST READING

*From the Book of Isaiah (Is 40:1-5, 9-11)*

Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and  
proclaim to her that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the  
hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the  
LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our  
God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and  
hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a  
plain, the rough country, a broad valley.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of  
good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of  
Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power  
the Lord GOD, who rules by His strong arm; here is His  
reward with Him, His recompense before Him.  
Like a shepherd He feeds his flock; in His arms He  
gathers the lambs, carrying them in His bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 85 (Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14)*

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD – for He proclaims peace to His people.  
Near indeed is His salvation to those who fear Him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

The LORD himself will give His benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before Him,  
and prepare the way of His steps.

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

### SECOND READING

*From the Second Letter of St. Peter (2 Pt 3:8-14)*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord  
one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years  
like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as  
some regard “delay,” but He is patient with you, not  
wishing that any should perish but that all should come  
to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a  
thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty  
roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire,  
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort  
of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in  
holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the  
coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens  
will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by  
fire. But according to His promise we await new heavens  
and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. There-  
fore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to  
be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

### ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL

*From the Gospel of Mark (Mk 1:1-8)*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of  
God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am  
sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare  
your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”  
John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a  
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
People of the whole Judean countryside and all the  
inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him  
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River  
as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in  
camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist.  
He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he  
proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His  
sandals. I have baptized you with water;  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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