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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán Michael Connolly, Parochial Vicar
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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
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
Youth Group: Schedule published in the bulletin

Welcome to
Our Parish



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of December 20 – December 27

SAT:	5:30pm	John Deyo
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michael and Jennie Amodio; Antonio Boffa Sr.
LATIN:	9:00am	President Elect Joe Biden (living)
	11:30am	Rita & Felice Sorice
	1:00pm	Daniel Lopez Sedeño
MON:	8:00am	Patrick Foley; Andrew C. Lamberti
TUE:	8:00am	Conrad Vacirca; Bernard Petak; Mary & Andrew Lippiello
WED:	8:00am	Mary Brennan; Raul Torres
THU:	4:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
	6:30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
	12:00am	Solemn Midnight Mass (bilingual)
FRI:	7:00am	Low Mass
	9:00am	Mass at Dawn; Latin Mass
	11:30am	Mass during the Day
	1:00 pm	Christmas Mass in Spanish
SAT:	8:00am	Maryann Skrobanski
SUN:	5:30pm	Michael Donovan
	7:00am	Rose & Giovanni Biasi
	9:00am	Rosario Fratto; George, Bernice Scott
LATIN:	9:00am	President Elect Joe Biden (living)
	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 +
Victims of the Pandemic**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2020:
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020:
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Latin in gymnasium),
11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Although some parishes are taking reservations for Christmas Masses, because of the large capacity of our church building, we do not anticipate overcrowding.

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).

EARLY BULLETIN DUE DATES

Christmas and New Year require early submission of our bulletin to the publishers. The **December 27** bulletin is closed and already to print. **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.

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PERPETUAL ADORATION



As Mary and Joseph journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem they were tired, cold and weary. They were hoping to find a room to rest a bit and warm themselves. God's plan was for them to be turned away from this simple need and eventually to be in a stable cave. There they did find shelter and so much more! The Christ Child was born and they were warmed by His love, refreshed in His presence. They heard the angelic choir sing the praises to this Divine King. What they found at the end of their journey was so much more than they expected.

We, too, wander along the road of life and we have those same needs to be sheltered and warmed. Like Mary and Joseph, our help is in Jesus. We do not enter a cave but rather we can enter into Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for us to warm our hearts and relieve our weariness of this world's problems. He gives us the safe shelter of His Most Sacred Heart. Come. Come and feel the love and mercy of our God! Jesus is present under the veil of the Sacred Host. True God, true Man waiting just for you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Main Church. 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

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING

From the Second Book of Samuel (2Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16)

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build Me a house to dwell in?"

" 'It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of My people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for My people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over My people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that He will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before Me; your throne shall stand firm forever.' "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89 (Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29)

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim Your faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven You have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. "I have made a covenant with My chosen one, I have sworn to David My servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. "He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my Savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward Sim, and my covenant with Him stands firm."

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 16:25-27)

Brothers and sisters:

To Him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus
Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for
long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience
of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.



ALLELUIA

- R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.



GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Luke (Mk 1:26-38)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.



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