



Church of St. Joseph

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Holy Family

December 27, 2020

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán Michael Connolly, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 27, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of December 27 – January 3

SAT:	5:30pm	Michael Donovan
SUN: <i>LATIN</i>	7:00am	Rose & Giovanni Biasi
	9:00am	Rosario Fratto; George, Bernice Scott
	9:00am	President Elect Joe Biden (living)
	11:30am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00 am	Thomas & Catherine Kennedy; Wes Campbell
TUE:	8:00am	Ronald Maidens III; Marie & Anothony Yukoweic
WED:	8:00am	Tony Geztesi Jr.; Antoinette Boffa
THU:	5:30pm	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI: <i>LATIN</i>	7:00am	Deacon Albert Loeffler
	9:00am	Eileen Laliberte Tripoldi (living); Luc & Delia Celetin
	9:00am	George Marinik
	11:30am	Dan Warnicki
	1:00 pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
SAT:	8:00am	William & Alice Dukes
SUN: <i>LATIN</i>	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	7:00am	Carmine & Marie Talarico
	9:00am	Susanne Schudel (living)
	9:00am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
	11:30am	Giuseppe Zarrella
	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.

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, 2020:
5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021:
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Latin in gymnasium),
11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

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. To 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 January 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

New Year requires early submission of our bulletin to the publishers. The **January 3** bulletin is closed and already to print. Submissions for the **January 10** bulletin are due by Monday, **January 4**, at 12:00 noon. We have no control or flexibility regarding these due dates.

+ PRAY FOR +
William Ribaldo, JoAnn Peters, Eugenia Kania,
Isaac Guerra Cordero, Jack Vuolo

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PERPETUAL ADORATION



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Joseph and Mary were in Adoration of Jesus, the Word Incarnate at all times. While they knew Jesus was God they could not continually kneel before Him. Rather, Mary and Joseph adored Jesus within their hearts as they entered into the daily tasks of providing for the family and raising their son in the love of God and keeping His laws.

We, too, have obligations to our family members. We are to attend to the needs of our children and spouse as best we can. And we have the same obligation to bring our family to love of God. Are we willing to follow the example of Mary and Joseph and spend time adoring Jesus? If we make the time to spend an hour adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, we will find that fulfilling our family obligations will become easier.

While Perpetual Adoration continues to be suspended, we do have the opportunity to adore Jesus every Wednesday from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Main Church. Come enrich your life and the life of your family. Jesus is waiting for you. Don't disappoint Him.

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 Sirach (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14)

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
– a house raised in justice to you.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128 (Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5)

- R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.
Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in His ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.
- R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants around your table.

- R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

- R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.



SECOND READING

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (Col. 3: 12-21)

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. and whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, He has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Luke (Lk 2:22-40)

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to Him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him