

# Church of St. Joseph

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## Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

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**

Perpetual Adoration In Chapel: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays 7:00 p.m.

First Friday: Holy hour 8:00-9:00 p.m.

First Saturday: Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

First Saturday: Holy hour 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Spanish Rosary Crusade for Life: First Sunday of the month,

4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### **PARISH SERVICES**

Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10:00am -12:00 noon Senior Dining: Serving lunch Mon-Fri 845-956-1428

Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com

**Youth Group:** Schedule published in the bulletin

#### Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, Pastor

Rev. Alejandro Sanchez, Parochial Vicar Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Ngozi Osuji, Prison Chaplain Rev. Donald Timone, In Residence

Deacon Richard Trapani **Deacon Albert Loeffler Deacon Alexander Gapay** 

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415 Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year.

#### **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:** 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. -- en Espanol

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

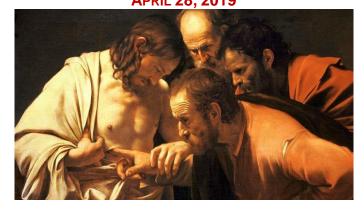
#### **BAPTISMS**

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



Welcome to Our Parish

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 28, 2019



### MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of April 28 - May 5

SAT: 5:30pm Vincenzo & Concetta Barone

**SUN:** 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased

9:00am Mamie, Mary & Thomas Damiano

**LATIN** 9:00am William Brennan

11:30am Anna & Ed Baumgartner
1:00pm Mauricio Heredia Soriano &

Jose Luis Cardenas Jr.

MON: 7:30am Eustachio & Teresa Romito

12:10pm Maria Cortese

**TUE:** 7:30am Souls in Purgatory

12:10pm John Frisenda

WED: 7:30am Mary Lippiello

12:10pm Rosario Lia

7:00pm Ellen Blass

THUR: 7:30am Marcela McGlynn

12:10pm Rosario Corea

FRI: 7:30am Marcela McGlynn

12:10pm Giovanni, Rosario &

Luigi Fratto

**SAT:** 8:00am Henry Loeffler

5:30pm All Parishioners Living & Deceased

SUN: 7:00am Patrick J. Coscette

9:00am Teresa & Nicola Arceri

**LATIN** 9:00am William Brennan

11:30am Ciro Ciccarelli

1:00pm Jose Luis Cardenas Jr.

**Note:** Monday through Friday, 12:10 p.m. Mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested.

#### + PRAY FOR +

Lynn Perlongos, Francesca Fratto, Patrice Diego

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Today, **April 28**, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is an annual celebration of God's Mercy, when all

sin is forgiven and the punishment due to sin is completely removed for those who prepare for this day by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation within the week and who receive Holy Eucharist on the day itself or at the Evening Vigil the night before. The focus of Divine Mercy Sunday is God's



Mercy for sinners, for those who turn to Him with trust.

We will be having a Divine Mercy Holy Hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

#### FIRST FRIDAY / FIRST SATURDAY

On **May 3**, the First Friday Masses will be 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. There will be a Holy Hour at 8:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard on Thursday, **May 2**, beginning at 4:15 p.m. First Saturday devotions follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **May 4**.

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION

One day, St. Faustina Kowalska saw Jesus in the

Blessed Sacrament. When Jesus appeared to her there were red-and-white rays emanating from His Sacred Heart and radiating into the whole chapel. Whenever someone came into the chapel for a visit these divine rays would go forth from Jesus and encircle the whole world. Jesus told Sr. Faustina that each person coming to Him before the Blessed Sacrament represented



all humanity. Every man, woman and child experiences a new effect of goodness, grace, love and mercy for each Holy Hour made in His Divine Presence.

With your Holy Hour you win countless graces for souls who are away from God. Come before Jesus and beg His Divine Mercy on all of mankind.

A Guardian of the Eucharist is someone who chooses a specific hour of the day or night and commits to spending that hour with Jesus every week. Every hour of the week, all 168 hours, are available for you to sign up. Call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

#### Hours of special need are:

SUN: 1:00-2:00 p.m. TUES: 3:00-4:00 a.m. WED: 2:00-3:00 p.m. WED: 4:00-5:00 p.m.



We have opened re-registration and new registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration is not automatic; you must re-register your child for the upcoming school year. For the convenience of our parents, we will hold a special Registration Day on **Sunday, May 5** from noon until 3:30 p.m. in the school.

Parents of the First Communion Class gathered for a very special presentation about the Eucharist. The presenters were **Tony Bellizzi**, **Father Alejandro** and **Brother Filiberto**. **Mark Schwartz** also gave a short presentation with an invitation for parents to consider becoming Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel.

A number of our students in the Parish Youth Group are on a trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine, please keep them in your prayers today.



#### YOUTH MEETING MOVED TO MAY 5

The St. Joseph's Youth Group has 25 members traveling today to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA. **Dominick Russo** and **Deanna Villegas**, along with **Father Dennis**, are guiding the pilgrimage. Due to this trip, the Youth Group meeting that was to take place this evening has been rescheduled to **May 5**, in the Parish Center Gymnasium, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m

#### **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Today, April 28, is Hospitality Sunday. After the 9:00

a.m. Mass, please join us for a little reception in the Parish Center Gymnasium. St. Joseph's Religious Education Program is sponsoring this month's



Hospitality Sunday. All are invited. Please join us.



## CARDINAL DOLAN ASKS EVERYONE TO DO SOMETHING FOR 'LIFE WEEK'

Life Week will be celebrated from today, Divine Mercy Sunday, through Saturday May 4. Life Week brings to life parishioner-generated ideas, culminating in the Focus on the Family Event "Alive from New York" on May 4, when thousands will gather in Times Square to celebrate the gift of life.

#### What does Life Week include?

- 1. <u>A Week-Long Call Campaign.</u> In solidarity throughout New York, all parishioners are invited to call their legislators between **April 28** and **May 4** to express their desire that life be upheld under law. In light of the passage of an aggressive law, the RHA, and **Governor Cuomo's** willingness to sign Physician-Assisted Suicide into law, we need to make our voices heard. Simply find your county and call all the Assembly members and Senators listed for your county. Encourage your fellow parishioners, family and friends to participate.
- 2. <u>Mass for the Unborn.</u> Prayer will always be our strongest response in this battle for life. So kick off the *Alive From New York* event by joining **Bishop Byrne** for a Mass for the Unborn at St. Patrick's Cathedral **May 4**, at 12 Noon. If you cannot attend the Cathedral Mass, attend your local Saturday morning Mass. (8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's) Please attend this Mass and bring in your heart the intention for the protection of all human life and the conversion of those in the culture of death. We will all be united in prayer.
- 3. "Alive from New York." This free event, which is expected to draw thousands to celebrate the sanctity of human life in Times Square (Seventh Ave & 47th St.), is on Saturday, May 4, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. A procession to Times Square will follow the Mass for the Unborn at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The rally will feature well-known speakers, musicians and much more. A 4-D ultrasound will be performed on a very special guest on the jumbo screens. The National March for Life in Washington D.C. will host the afternoon's events, and His Eminence Cardinal Dolan will give a video message on the jumbo screens. Please register for this free event at www.alivefromnewyork.com.

These events provide an avenue for the lay faithful to show their support for human life through prayer, witness and involvement in public policy. The hope is that it will unite all parishioners in the cause of life!

"We have been sent. For us, being at the service of life is not a boast but rather a duty, born of our awareness of being 'God's own people.' "

-- Saint Pope John Paul II

## DISCOVER THE SHRINES OF ITALY ON PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER DENNIS



Consider a pilgrimage to Rome and the Shrines of Italy, November 12-22, 2019. Spend time at the famous Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict. Visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary in Pompeii. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi, like never before. Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City. Stroll through the ancient catacombs where the early Christians hid and buried their dead. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loretto. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 845-343-6013 or email us at Parish@SJChurch.com

#### **50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Annual



Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. Pews will be reserved for the Golden Jubilee Couples only.

Additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section (four total).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Special Projects and Events at specialevents@archny.org or at 646-794-2000. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, **May 17**.

Todas las parejas que celebran sus 50 años de casados durante este año 2019 están invitados a la Misa Anual de los Cincuenta años de Aniversario de Bodas. La Santa Misa será celebrada por el **Cardenal Dolan** el domingo **2 de junio** a las 2:00 p.m. en la Catedral de San Patricio. Se requiere inscribirse de antemano en su parroquia. El último día para inscribirse es el viernes **17 de mayo.** Este evento está patrocinado por la Oficina de Vida Familiar. Respeto a la Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York.

#### FOOD FOR THE POOR

"For I was Hungry and you gave me food..."

Our food drive is this weekend. Thank you for your

continued support of the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. Our pantry has been a real life support for many people and families who struggle to make ends meet. This program cannot exist without you.



Thank you and may God continue to bless you. We cannot help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

#### APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please keep the calendar inserted in today's bulletin at home and pray for our clergy daily.

#### DAILY PRAYER FOR OUR CLERGY

Father in your plan of salvation you provide shepherds for our people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers to your altars, ardent but gentle servants of the gospel. To those clergy among us who have already answered your call, grant joy and perseverance in your service... We pray in the name of Jesus, you're Son and our Eternal High Priest. Amen.

#### MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE

This month, the Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be held on Sunday, May 5 from 4:00-5:00 p.m in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are invited to come to the Holy Hour. which includes special Prayers for the Unborn, the Rosary of Our Lady, and the Divine Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Apr. 28 – 3999	May 05 – 4518
Apr. 29 – 4630	May 06 4855
Apr. 30 – 3379	May 07 – 4425
May 01 – 4858	May 08 – 4462
May 02 – 3045	May 09 – 3498
May 03 – 3216	May 10 – 4946
May 04 – 3968	May 11 – 3573