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The First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

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

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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: 7:00 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.

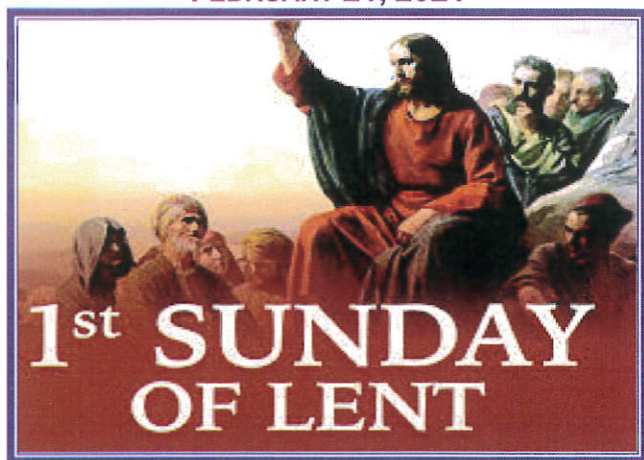
PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: available to all in need by appointment
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
Youth Group: Schedule published in the bulletin

Welcome to
Our Parish



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of February 21 - 28

SAT:	5:30pm	Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stafford
LATIN	7:00am	Rose & Giovanni Biasi
	9:00 am	Sal & Dorothy Calvi; Albert Wiggerhauser
	9:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	11:30am	Barbara Bloomfield & Family
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Susanne Schudel (living)
TUE:	8:00am	Barbara Rispole
WED:	8:00am	Elsa John
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Anna Pratt
FRI:	8:00am	St. Joseph Purgatorial Society
SAT:	8:00am	May Piccolo
	5:30pm	Frank & Teresa Connolly
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michael, Kathleen ,Danny O'Callaghan Frank Sorice
	9:00am	Daniel Finnegan
	11:30am	Albert B. Shust
	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 +

Loretta Talmadge, Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano

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DAILY MASS FOR LENT

During Lent, millions of Catholics, throughout the world attend daily Mass, the greatest of Lenten devotions. Weekday Mass, at St. Joseph's, is at 8:00 a.m. in the Main Church. Stations of the Cross are conducted in the main Church each Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. and each Friday at 7:00 p.m. (in English) and 8:00 p.m. (in Spanish).

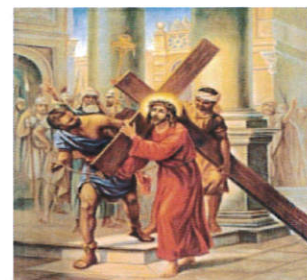
GOOD FRIDAY: A DAY OF FAST, ABSTINENCE;
LENTEN FRIDAYS ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken, during the day, to maintain physical strength, but these two meals, together, should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues until age 59. Those not specifically obligated to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obligated to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be offered in the main Church on Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. and on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in English and at 8:00 p.m. in Spanish. Friday Stations of the Cross began on **February 19**; Wednesday Stations of the Cross will begin on **February 24**. Social distancing and the wearing of masks are required and all are asked to remain in their pews.



NOTICE

This year **Father Dennis A. Nikolic** will be completing his second six-year term as Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Middletown, New York.

In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish.

Please address your letters to:

The Office of Priest Personnel
Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022
priestpersonnel@archny.org

Letters are due no later than February 28, 2021

Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the Evaluation Process.

NOTICIAS

Este año, el **Padre Dennis A. Nikolic** completará su segundo mandato de seis años como Pastor de la Iglesia St. Joseph en Middletown, New York.

De acuerdo con la política arquidiocesana, se ha iniciado una evaluación de la parroquia.

Los feligreses y el personal que deseen hacerlo pueden escribir cartas con sus propios comentarios sobre nuestra parroquia y el liderazgo pastoral de la parroquia.

Dirija sus cartas a:

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Las cartas deben recibirse a más tardar el 28 de febrero de 2021.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



A road winding through a mountain has a wall of rock to the side where the mountain has been cut back. In autumn we can see a small trickle of water running down the surface of the rock. In winter that trickle of water becomes frozen and water continues to flow and so the ice continues to collect and get thicker and thicker. But with spring and summer comes sun that surely will melt the ice. Slowly the rays of the sun soften the ice and the water flows again.

That is how it is with our frozen hearts. God's grace flows out to soften our hearts so we can love Him more completely. We may get absorbed in the problems of our life or by the temptations of the world. Yet if we continually come before the Lord, He will shed His invisible rays to draw us back to Him. Come to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is waiting for you.

The Main Church is open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Make it a Lenten practice to come visit Our Lord.

If you have any questions regarding Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (which is currently suspended due to the pandemic), please call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

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READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING

From the Book of Genesis (Gn 9:8-15)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

"See, I am now establishing

My covenant with you

and your descendants after

you and with every living creature that was with you:

all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that
were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish My covenant with you,

that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed

by the waters of a flood; there shall not be

another flood to devastate the earth."

God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages
to come, of the covenant between Me and you and
every living creature with you: I set My bow in the clouds
to serve as a sign of the covenant between Me and the
earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow
appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have
made between Me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25 (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep Your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me Your paths,
Guide me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are God my Savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep Your covenant.

Remember that Your compassion, O LORD,
and Your love are from of old.

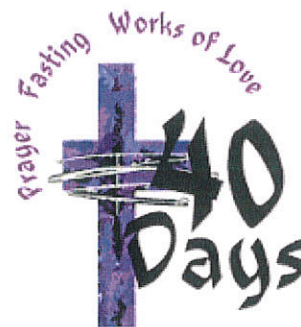
In Your kindness remember me,
because of Your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep Your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD,
thus He shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,
and He teaches the humble His way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep Your covenant.



SECOND READING

From the First Letter of St. Peter (1Pt 3:18-22)

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that He might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,

He was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it He also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient while God patiently
waited in the days of Noah during the building of the
ark, in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
Who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to Him.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R. Praise and glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.
One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.

R. Praise and glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Mark (Mk 1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and He remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,

and the angels ministered to Him.

After John had been arrested,

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."



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