



Church of St. Joseph

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán M. 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: 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

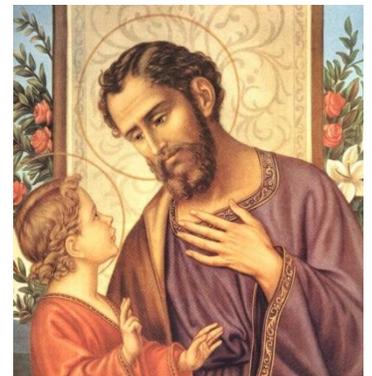
DEVOTIONS

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

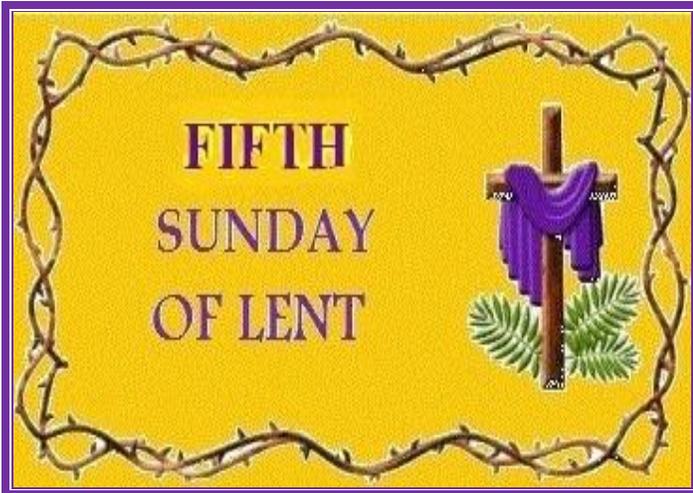
PARISH SERVICES

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 21, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of March 21- March 28

SAT:	5:30pm	Carmela & Giovanni Durante
LATIN	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00 am	Antonio Gallo, Giuseppina Arceri, Carolina Parrella
	9:00am	Maria Di Iorio
	11:30am	Angelina & Luigi Lutrario
	1:00pm	-- por los difuntos --
MON:	8:00am	Susan Schudel (living)
TUE:	8:00am	Rita O'Neill
WED:	8:00am	Albert B. Shust
	7:00pm	Doña Agusta and family
THU:	8:00am	Tom Sturles (living), Andres Aquino
FRI:	8:00am	St. Joseph Purgatorial Society
SAT:	8:00am	Michael & Lucretia Mingolla
	5:30pm	Vigil for Palm Sunday
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	11:30am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	– por los difuntos –

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

+ PRAY FOR +

Ann Dineen, Maria Rotundo, Louis Ogden, Jr.,
Dorothy Lombardo

Mass and devotions are still
being offered on YouTube.

Visit us on YouTube at:

SJChurch

Or at our website:

www.SJChurch.com

PRECAUTIONS FOR PUBLIC MASS

Social distancing and the wearing of masks are required for those attending Mass. The Mass schedule, plus information about the other Sacraments may be found at our website's homepage: www.SJChurch.com

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 is obligatory for all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues until they are 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. Social distancing and the wearing of masks are required and all are asked to remain in their pews.



PERPETUAL ADORATION



“Jesus didn’t ask a lot. When He arrived in the garden of Gethsemane, He gave His apostles just two small tasks. He didn’t tell them to fast, make a sacrifice, or do a 54-day novena. Nor did He ask them to start a program, preach the Gospel, or perform some noble community service ... Rather, all Jesus wanted them to do is “watch and pray” with Him.

“Think about that. In His greatest moment of agony, as He was preparing to face the full brunt of His passion and death, Jesus simply wanted his apostles’ hearts: their friendship, their time, their full attention, their love. He asked them to keep watch with Him and pray with Him.”

– **Edward Sri**, *No Greater Love*

Watch and pray. That is what a Guardian of the Eucharist does: he comes before Our Lord truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. There he kneels or sits and keeps company with Jesus for one hour. Perpetual Adoration is still suspended due to the pandemic, but you can still come and be with Jesus every Wednesday in the Main Church. Adoration is open to everyone from 1 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Our Lord longs for you to come and visit with Him. Come. Answer Jesus’ one request for you to “watch and pray”.

If you have any questions regarding Perpetual Adoration, please 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

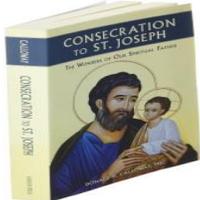
(this number might not work from a Spectrum house phone).

YOU MAY ALSO CALL: 845-343-6013, ext. 105



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

Last chance to register for the parish-wide consecration to **St. Joseph** which will be geared toward **May 1**, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This consecration will follow **Father Donald Calloway’s** book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, which is available for purchase through us



when you register.



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING

From the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:31-34)

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke My covenant, and I had to show Myself their Master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relative show to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know Me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51 (Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15)

- R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness;
in the greatness of Your compassion wipe out
my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.
- R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from Your presence,
and Your Holy Spirit take not from me.
- R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Give me back the joy of Your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners shall return to You.
- R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

From the Letter to the Hebrews (Heb 5:7-9)

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered; and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

- R. Praise and glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.
Whoever serves Me must follow Me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will My servant be.
- R. Praise and glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of John (Jn 12:20-33)

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
'Father, save Me from this hour'?
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify Your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for My sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the Ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself."
He said this indicating the kind of death He would die.