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*Third Sunday
of Easter
May 4, 2025*

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ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY
Parish Office: 845-343-6013

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education Office: 845-343-4415

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: 5:30
Sunday morning: 7:00, 9:00, 10:15 (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 OF OBLIGATION

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 7:00 p.m.
Other occasions as announced.
Also, by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment, after instruction.

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**.

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: available to all in need
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
Youth Group: See schedule in the bulletin.

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week May 4 – May 11

SAT:	5:30pm	Leonard Miller
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Lou Ogden Jr; Rosario Corea
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Olga Rojas
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Huber-Foster Families
TUES:	8:00am	Lou Ogden Jr. & Frances Ogden
WED:	8:00am	Antonio Boffa Sr.
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Vincenzo, Mariantona & Orlando Drago
FRI:	8:00am	Giovanni Fratto
SAT:	8:00am	Deacons of St. Joseph Church (living)
	5:30pm	Mother's Day Remembrance
SUN:	7:00am	We remember
	9:00am	All Mothers and
LATIN:	10:15am	Grandmothers
	11:30am	Living and Deceased
	1:00pm	Mother's Day Remembrance

+ PRAY FOR +

Angel Myers, Maria Rodriguez, Mildred Hauck,
Alverio Vasquez, Maria Figueroa,
Elaine Berardi, Kathleen Hunt, Susan Jackson,
Joseph Torre, Raquel Penaro, Nilda Fuentes.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Each year we remember our mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day. The greatest gift we can give anyone is to remember them in prayer and the most perfect prayer that we can offer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



You may enroll a mother or grandmother by using the envelopes in your envelope packet. If you didn't receive your envelopes this month, you may still enroll a Mother in the Remembrance by using an ordinary white envelope. Simply write "MOTHER'S DAY" and the names of those you wish to be enrolled.

You may place the envelopes at the box by the Blessed Mother's Altar or in the regular collection basket. All the mothers and grandmothers enrolled will be remembered during the entire month of May.

Religious Education News

We are excited about the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

On **May 3**, all of our students who have not yet been Baptized will receive this most important first sacrament.

Our First Holy Communion Students will receive Our Lord for the first time on Saturday, **May 17**.

Our Confirmation Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **May 23**.

Please continue to pray for our Children and their families

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. You may call to make an appointment to register your children. Registration is not automatic and must be renewed each year. Please call us for more information at 845-343-4415

PERPETUAL ADORATION



"The simplest way to express what Christ asks us to believe about the Real Presence is that the Eucharist is really *He*. The Real Presence is the *real Jesus*. We are to believe that the Eucharist began in the womb of the Virgin Mary, that the flesh which the Son of God received from His Mother at the Incarnation is the same Flesh into which He changed bread at the Last Supper; that the blood which He received from His Mother is the same Blood into which He changed wine at the Last Supper. Had she not given Him His flesh and blood there could not be a Eucharist.

"We are to believe that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ – simply, without qualification. It is God become man in the fullness of His human nature, in the fullness of His body and soul, in the fullness of everything that makes Jesus Jesus. He is in the Eucharist with His human mind and will united with the Divinity, with His hands and feet, His face and features, with His eyes and lips and ears and nostrils, with His affections and emotions and, with emphasis, with His living, pulsating, physical Sacred Heart. That is what our Catholic Faith demands of us that we believe."

– Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

The gift of Jesus, His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, should be our heart's desire. We should be drawn to spend time with Jesus and get to know Him better and to love Him more deeply. Our visits to the Blessed Sacrament are oxygen to our souls. We are blessed to have Perpetual Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Any time of the night or day you may come and visit Jesus.

To keep the chapel open, we must have at least one committed Guardian for each hour. A Guardian commits to visit with Jesus at the same time each week. There are many hours that have only one guardian, some of which are listed in the next column. If you are interested in becoming a guardian, call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

Hour of Urgent Need

Sunday 9-10 a.m.

Hours in Need of Additional Guardian

Sunday: 2-3 a.m.

Tuesday: 2-3 p.m.

Thursday: 5-6 a.m.

Friday: 9-10 a.m.

Tuesday: 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday: 4-5 a.m.

Friday: 1-2 a.m.

Saturday: Noon-1p.m.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Out of respect for Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament, please keep a spirit of silence and reverence while in the chapel. **Remember to silence any electronic devices you may have with you.**

While Mass is being offered, please refrain from using the restroom. It is also important to be aware that you are not a distraction to others: during Mass and Adoration.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a place of prayer and reverence; it is not a place to carry on conversations with others.

If you use a missalette or a book from our book rack, please remember to return it to its place. You may not leave any items for distribution unless you receive prior permission to do so. Please keep the pews and the back ledge clear of any items that might clutter that space.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is looking for summer helpers for the spring and summer months. This part-time, seasonal job opportunity is open to all but may be ideal for a high school junior or senior or a college student who is home for summer break (training and guidance will be provided).

Some computer skills, familiarity with basic social media technology and the ability to speak and understand Spanish as well as English are necessary for this particular position.

To apply or to obtain more information. Please email us at Parish@SJchurch.com

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

This week, please remember the following members of the clergy in your prayers:

May 3: Deceased Priests and Deacons
May 4: His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan
May 5: Rev. Mark Connell
Rev. Frank Nacarato
May 6: Rev. John Vondras
Deacon Edward Grosso
May 7: Rev. Joseph Komonchak
Rev. John Lundberg
May 8: Rev. Tony Bautista
Deacon Peter Haight
May 9: Rev. Innocent Madu
Rev. Slawomir Ciszkowski
May 10: Vocations and Seminarians
May 11: Most Rev. Gerardo Colacicco

Father, in your plan of salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with a spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers to your altars, ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel To those clergy who have already answered your call, grant joy and perseverance in your service. Amen.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rosemary, ordinarily meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church at **6:30 p.m.** The next

meeting will take place on Wednesday, **May 14.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

For those wishing to join the Knights of Columbus John Paul the Great Council 486, visit <http://www.kofc486.org/join>



The Knights of Columbus' meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church

2025 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We would like to thank the 97 families who have contributed to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. The appeal helps the Seminary, Retired Priests, needy parishes and schools, Religious Education Programs, the Family and Respect Life Office, our pro-life and pro-marriage efforts and Catholic evangelization.

Year	Goal	Collected	# of Gifts	Average Gift
2024	\$60,600.00	\$71,530.92	159	\$449.88
2025	\$63,600.00	\$54,715.00	97	\$564.07

HOW TO GIVE TO THE APPEAL

There are many ways to make a pledge or gift:

You may fill out a pledge card and return it to the parish by putting it in the collection basket, the offertory boxes at the side altars or the front door mail slot at the rectory or mail it to: 149 Cottage Street, Middletown, NY 10940.

You may also send in your pledge card or donation to: *The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, 1011 First Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022*

You may also give online at:

cardinalsappeal.org/donate

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