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*Fifth Sunday
of Easter
May 18, 2025*

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
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Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Alexander Gapay
Deacon Edmund Lazzari

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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.

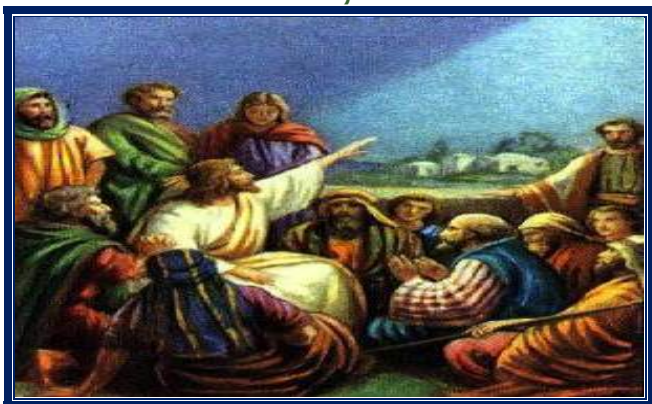
PARISH SERVICES

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*



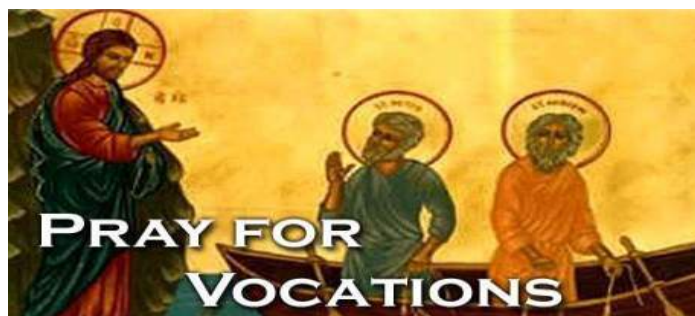
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week May 18 – May 25

SAT:	5:30pm	Pasquale Talarico
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Angelina & Alfred Fusco; Thomas Mabee Jr.
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Mother Mary
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Lucrecia, Eugenio & Antonio Fotino
TUES:	8:00am	Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stanford
WED:	8:00am	Christopher Prendergast (living)
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Francesco Isola
FRI:	8:00am	Patrick Lerouge (living)
SAT:	8:00am	Anthony Bogovic
	5:30pm	Tracy Elizabeth Nemeth (living)
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michael & Jennie Amodeo; Jeanne Giannocaro
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Giuseppe DeMaria
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –



CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS ON POPE LEO XIV



On Thursday, **May 8, 2025**, the words: *Habemus Papam!* were proclaimed at the Vatican announcing the new Pope.

We pray for **Pope Leo XIV**, the first Pope born in the United States. May God bless him as he shepherds the Universal Church.

Religious Education News

We are excited for our First Holy Communion Students, who received Our Lord for the first time on **May 17**. In this month, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, she calls us to be united to her Son, Jesus, present in the Blessed Eucharist. Please pray for our First Holy Communion Children and their families.

As part of our Family Catechesis, we held a Living Rosary on **April 30** and **May 3**. A great crowd of parents and their children participated on both days. At the Living Rosary on May 3, four students were awarded the **Mary Ellen Schwartz** Scholarship. Mary Ellen Schwartz was the Religious Education Coordinator twenty years ago. The scholarship was founded in her memory to assist students of the program who demonstrate excellence, extraordinary effort, deep faith and the potential to build on their gifts. The recipients of this year's scholarship were **Amy Mizhirumbay, Janelle Medina Leal, Ruby Pinzon** and **Yoxolen de la Rosa Cuenca**. Congratulations!

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 reading of the Gospel story about **Mary** and her sister, **Martha**, always brings a smile to my face. As you remember, **Jesus** is visiting and will be staying for dinner. Martha is busy making food and serving everyone while her sister, Mary, sits by Jesus, listening to His every word. Martha could use a hand in the kitchen and she is annoyed. So, she complains to Jesus about Mary and what happens? She gets a mild rebuke! "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her." (*Luke 10:41*)

I have a couple of friends who have a tough time with this reading. As women who are used to making big meals for family gatherings, they can relate to Martha and think she was right. But we know that Jesus is God and He knows what is best. He didn't tell Martha she shouldn't make the meal but rather that listening to Him was better.

We should take this rebuke to heart. What things are keeping us busy when we could be listening to Jesus? Reading the Gospel is a good way to remind ourselves of Jesus' teachings. Better still is to come into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and kneel or sit in His presence. In the silence of the chapel, we are more likely to hear Jesus gently talking to our souls. Don't be anxious about the things of this world but make room for Jesus to stay in your heart. As **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** said, "Put your heart at His feet. It is the gift He loves the most."

Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open every day of the week, every hour of the day. Surely you can make time to come before Jesus and express your love and gratitude to Him. If you are able to commit one hour of every week to come and adore Jesus, you are invited to become a Guardian of the Eucharist. To learn more, please call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

Hour of Urgent Need

Sunday, 9-10 a.m.

Hours Needing Additional Guardians

Sunday: 5-6 a.m.	Sunday: 10-11 p.m.
Monday: Midnight-1 a.m.	Monday: 7-8 a.m.
Wednesday: 5-6 a.m.	Friday: 2-3 a.m.
Saturday: 8-9 a.m.	

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

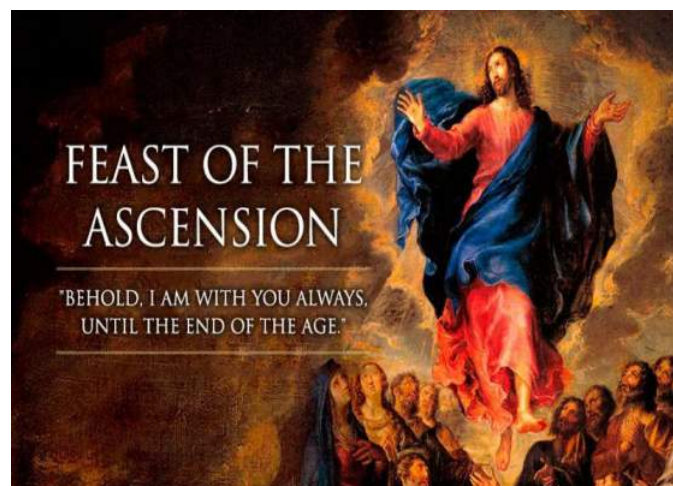
At the doors of the church you will find a prayer calendar with the names of clergy members from Orange County, please pray for them daily.

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

- May 17:** Priests and Deacons who have served in the Orange County Deanery
- May 18:** Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić
- May 19:** Rev. Gerard Tang Choon, O.Carm.
Rev. Chris Argano
- May 20:** Rev. Simon Gyan Oben
Deacon Emmett Noonan
- May 21:** Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, D.D.
Rev. Rees Doherty
- May 22:** Rev. Frank Borkowski
Deacon Daniel Byrne
- May 23:** Rev. George Hafemann
Rev. Anthony Giacona
- May 24:** Ill and suffering priests and deacons
- May 25:** Pope Leo XIV

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.

ASCENSION THURSDAY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Ascension Thursday is on **May 29**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered on Wednesday: 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. On Thursday, Masses will be offered at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be no Mass offered on Wednesday morning.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rosemary No. 681, 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, **June 11.**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BAKE SALE

The Catholic will be hosting a Father's Day Bake Sale after all Masses on **June 18.**

Homemade treats such as pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, loaf breads, muffins and brownies will be sold that weekend. Please support our Catholic Daughters of the Americas!

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

A GENTLE REMINDER TO BE GENTLE

We have been finding broken kneelers in church more frequently. Please be mindful that the kneelers are there to assist us in kneeling for prayer. and be a little more careful and gentle with the kneelers when raising or lowering them for use. Parents should pay extra attention to ensure that their children are not using the kneelers as trampolines.



2025 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We would like to thank the 117 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	\$59,760.00	117	\$642.31

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

Be sure to reference your pledge or donation under:
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