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*Sixth Sunday
of Easter
May 25, 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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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.

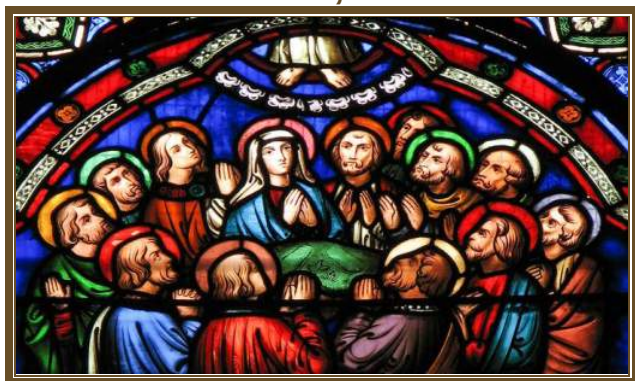
PARISH SERVICES

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*



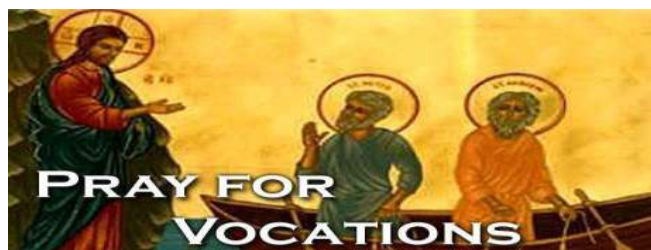
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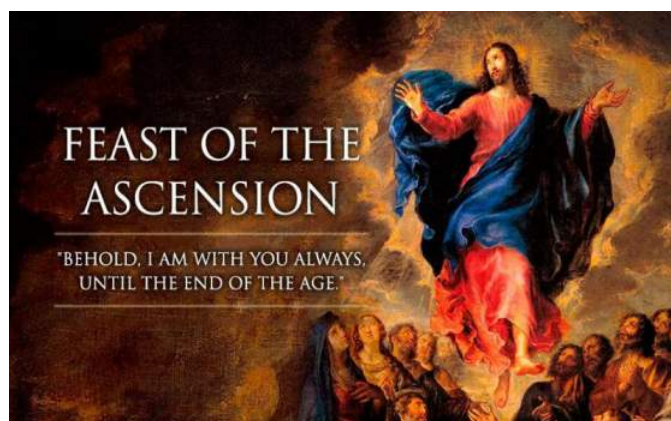
MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week May 25 – June 1

SAT:	5:30pm	Tracy Elizabeth Nemeth (living)
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michael & Jennie Amodio; Jeanne Giannocaro
LATIN:	10:15am	Susan Cooley Sarbin
	11:30am	Giuseppe DeMaria
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Patrick Carey
TUES:	8:00am	Edward (Trey) Long
WED:	8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
	5:30pm	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Angelo Colello
	12:10pm	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	7:00 pm	Santino Scarcella
FRI:	8:00am	St. Joseph Purgatorial Society
SAT:	8:00am	Danielle Rosemond
	5:30pm	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Antonio & Giuseppina De Rosa
	9:00am	Angela & Onofrio Moliterno; Franco Rossi
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Jeanne Giannoccaro
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –



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.

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

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

May 24: Priests and Deacons
May 25: Pope Leo XIV
May 26: Rev. Bladi Socualaya
Rev. Joseph Tokarczyk
May 27: Rev. Joseph Tyrell
Deacon Timothy Curran
May 28: Rev. Paul Denault, O.Carm.
Rev. Anthony Trung Nguyen, O.Carm
May 29: Rev. Kevin Panameno
Deacon Bernard Kahn
May 30: Rev. Sean Harlow, O.Carm
Rev. David Rider
May 31: Vocations
Seminarians
June 01: 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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Often the first question about Eucharistic Adoration is: what do I have to do for a whole hour? A pamphlet published by Marion Press, *How to Make a Holy Hour*, answers that question. "The most important thing to realize about making a private Holy Hour is that you don't have to do anything. You don't have to say any particular prayers, or read, or anything else. *All you have to do is be present to the One who is present to you.* Certainly, bodily presence is a first step – at times that is all we are capable of – but we should also try to be present with our hearts. This means a loving awareness of *Who* is present. Many times, we need to be *silently* present – not analyzing, thinking, or saying prayers with our lips.

"Even a few short moments of this silent presence to the Lord is a precious treasure, for it is in this silence that the Lord speaks to us. As we sit in silence before the Lord, we are irradiated by His Eucharistic presence. We all need 'radiation therapy' – and to receive it we only need to be *present*, just as in sunbathing we only need to be present to the ultra-violet radiation of the sun.

"Especially in our age, which is so heavily bombarded with words – reading materials, radio, audio tapes, videos, and TV – we all need times to listen to the Lord, who speaks in a very special language called *silence*.

"How beautifully **Saint Maria Faustina** describes her long, silent 'talks' with the Lord: Silence is so powerful a language that it reaches the throne of the living God. Silence is His language, though secret, yet living and powerful (*Diary*, 888). In silence I tell You everything, Lord, because the language of love is without words (*Diary*, 1489)."

Consider becoming a Guardian of the Eucharist. The hour of silence each week will bring you many graces. Sign up for any hour of the night or day that you can be with Jesus in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

Hours Needing Additional Guardians

Sunday: 9-10 a.m. Urgent	Monday: 1-2 a.m.
Monday: 4-5 a.m.	Tuesday: 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday: Midnight- 1 a.m.	Thursday: 10-11 a.m.
Friday: 3-4 a.m.	Saturday: 3-4 p.m.



Religious Education News

We rejoice and celebrate with our young students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, **May 23**. We extend our thanks to Bishop Colacicco for his inspiring words.

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**.

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 Daughters will be hosting a Father's Day Bake Sale after all Masses on the weekend of **June 17** and **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 Church.

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	\$61,120.00	117	\$522.39

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:
St. Joseph, Middletown #464.

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☐ I WISH TO BE BILLED

CALLED BY NAME A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

On **May 11** we held the *Called by Name Sunday!* **Cardinal Dolan** is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to the priesthood. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Cardinal Dolan, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

• **WHO:** Young men nominated should be between the ages of 15 and 30. Nominees do not need to want to become priests. Rather, they should show promise in their faith, leadership abilities, and dedication to serving the Church. Don't worry—the Vocation Office will not pressure the young man in any way; rather, we'll offer gentle support and encouragement. • **WHY:** Submitting the name of a young man is a way to honor him. By identifying a young man, you are giving him the opportunity to receive encouragement from the Cardinal and our Vocation Team.

• **HOW:** To submit names, please visit www.nypriest.com/calledbyname. OR use the pew cards found at the doors of the church OR use the form in this bulletin. Place it in the collection basket, or submit names online by using the QR code on the pew cards.

HONOR A YOUNG MAN

FIRST & LAST NAME OF THE YOUNG MAN YOU
WANT TO NOMINATE:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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