



Church of St. Joseph

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*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025*

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.

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

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

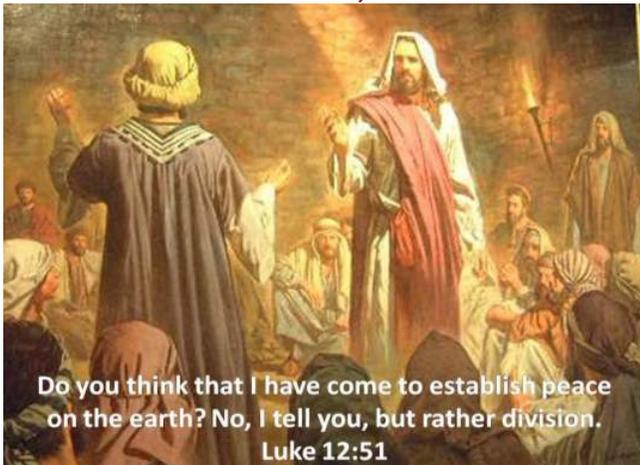
Saturdays: 7:00 p.m.

Other occasions as announced.

Also, by appointment



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
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Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.
Luke 12:51

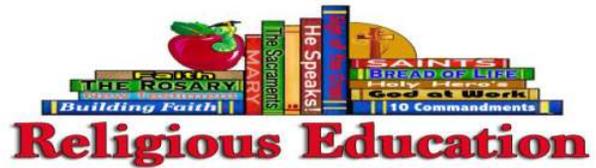
MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of August 17 – August 24

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| SAT: | 5:30pm | All Parishioners, Living & Deceased |
| SUN: | 7:00am | Fritz Casimir & Family (living) |
| | 9:00am | Darnelle Guerrier (living); Lawrence O'Brien |
| LATIN: | 10:15am | Doug Hutchings Sr. |
| | 11:30am | Thomas G. Szigethy |
| | 1:00pm | – <i>por los difuntos</i> – |
| MON: | 8:00am | Borecky Family |
| TUES: | 8:00am | Marie Masi |
| WED: | 8:00am | Josephine Adegoke |
| | 7:00pm | – <i>por los difuntos</i> – |
| THU: | 8:00am | Thomas & Bernice Lutrario |
| FRI: | 8:00am | Maria, Concetta & Pietro Scumaci; Antonio Fotino |
| | 8:00am | Antonio Fotino |
| SAT: | 5:30pm | Elvira Mastria |
| | 8:00am | All Parishioners, Living & Deceased |
| SUN: | 7:00am | All Parishioners, Living & Deceased |
| | 9:00am | Ruth, Glenn & Rob Lyons; Kathleen O'Callaghan |
| LATIN: | 10:15am | Joe Santopietro |
| | 11:30am | Mary Papesca |
| | 1:00pm | – <i>por los difuntos</i> – |

+ PRAY FOR +

**Maria Flores, Lucille Smith, Armando Frisenda,
Margaret Prough, Amalio Lombardi,
Mario Refari, Michael Sheldon,
Howard Geissler, Catherine Woodruff.**



Religious Education

News

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to **Joyce Guarneros-Velazquez**, a student in our Religious Ed Program, who won second place in the New York State Art Division. **Phyllis Gesztesi**, Vice Regent, represented Court Rosemary #681 and presented the certificate and award with **Ms. Linda Byrons**, Religious Ed Coordinator.



SPANISH FOOD FESTIVAL



This year our Spanish food festival will be held on **September 7, 2025**, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. The winners need not be present and will be notified by phone. Please come to join us for some food and have a good time.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Jesus invites you to ACTS of love. Come to a quiet place where you can be with Jesus. Spend a little time in Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication, and prayer. He is waiting for you.

Adoration – realizing the greatness of God, pondering Who God is, who I am

Contrition (Sorrow) – for my failings, my sin, my weakness, and the sins of the world

Thanksgiving – for the blessings and gifts God has given me, natural and spiritual

Supplication (Petition) – presenting to God my needs, spiritual or temporal, for body and soul, for vocations, respect for life, family needs, and our country

Pray the Rosary, or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Just spend time with Jesus!

“When you approach the tabernacle, remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries.”

– **St. Josemarie Escriva**

Don't keep Jesus waiting any longer! Become a Guardian of the Eucharist. You need only to commit to one specific hour of one day of the week. You may choose any hour, morning, afternoon, evening, night, or late night to early morning. Make your ACTS of love before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. Call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

Hour of Urgent Need

Saturday morning: Midnight – 1 a.m.

Hours in need of Additional Guardians

4-5 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

4-5 p.m.: Tuesday, Saturday

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.**

Here are some things to keep in mind while in the chapel:

- While Mass is being offered, please refrain from using the restroom. Unless it is an emergency, wait until Mass is completed.
- Walking around, greeting people you might know or constantly moving about the chapel can be a distraction to others. Enter quietly, settle down in your pew and pray.
- While it's okay to give a silent wave or nod to others we might know or to Guardians who have come to relieve us. It is not okay to carry on conversations while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.
- If you use a missalette or a book from our book rack, please 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.
- Remember to take all your belongings with you when you leave. The chapel is not a dumping ground for unwanted items. If you need to donate items to charity, we might be able to direct you to the proper organization.
- Flyers for events and other notices could be posted in this bulletin or on the church bulletin board, after you have obtained permission from the pastor. We don't ordinarily post notices in the chapel unless it's an urgent matter: such as a schedule change or the temporary suspension of Adoration due to weather.
- In order to keep the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Altar for Adoration, there must be at least one Guardian present to pray, to adore, to keep vigil and to safeguard the Eucharist. What an awesome privilege and responsibility!

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

Below are 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:

- Aug 16: Deceased priests and deacons
- Aug 17: Most Rev. Gerardo Colacicco
- Aug 18: Rev. Robert Hospodar
Rev. Christopher Doering
- Aug 19: Rev. Ivan Lovrić
Deacon Edward Grosso
- Aug 20: Rev. Frederick Agyeman
Rev. Gerard Tang Choon, O.Carm.
- Aug 21: Rev. Anthony Oppong Asamoah
Deacon Peter Haight
- Aug 22: Rev. Kevin Panameno
Rev. Chris Argano
- Aug 23: Priests & deacons who have served in the deanery
- Aug 24: Very Rev. Dennis A Nikolić

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



All are welcome.

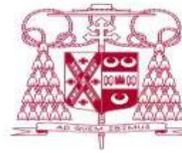
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rosemary, meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church. The next meeting will be on **September 10**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



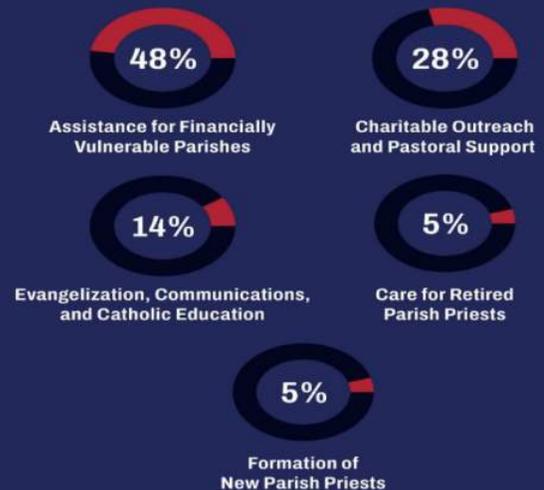
The Knights of Columbus' meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church.

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



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HOW TO GIVE TO THE APPEAL

Envelopes with pledge cards are available at the doors of the Church. 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.

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