



Church of St. Joseph

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*Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 24, 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

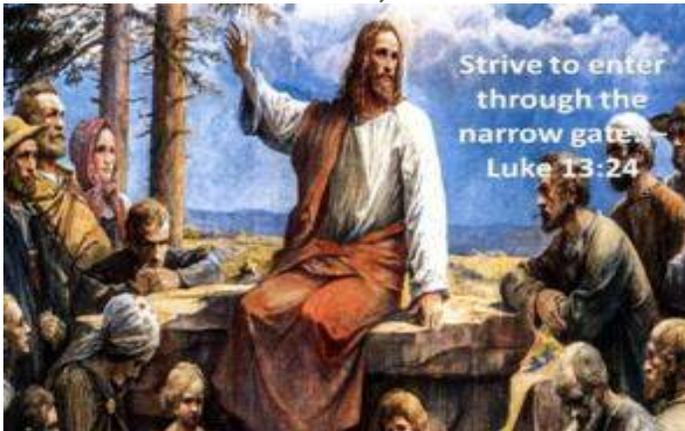
Saturdays: 7:00 p.m.

Other occasions as announced.

Also, by appointment



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 24, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of August 24 – August 31

SAT:	5:30pm	Elvira Mastria
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> –
MON:	8:00am	Sue Bassett
TUES:	8:00am	Bernadette Lippiello
WED:	8:00am	Iorio Rosa
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Charles Fuller & Mary Lawhead
FRI:	8:00am	St. Joseph Purgatorial Society
SAT:	8:00am	Joan & Mary C. Kennedy
	5:30pm	Maureen Kerrigan
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Alfred Fusco; Anothony (Tony) Mansueto
LATIN:	10:15am	Howard Geissler
	11:30am	Giuseppe & Maria De Maria
	1:00pm	Migdoel Lopez

+ PRAY FOR +

Arthur Paquette, Charlene VanBuren

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 raffle drawing will be pulled around 4:00 p.m. The winners need not be present and will be notified by phone. Please come to join us for some food and a good time.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH BAZAAR



We are happy to announce our Parish Christmas Holiday Bazaar / Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 8, 2025** from **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, in the parish center gymnasium. Questions, call 845-343-6013.

We will be having a variety of vendors, a raffle table, cookie walk, a white elephant table and more.

Also, there will be a continental breakfast and lunch available for purchase. Please come and join us



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

PERPETUAL ADORATION



“The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of one poor little person to save a multitude of others, redeemed like her at the price of His Blood.” These words of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** give us a lot to ponder.

We have all experienced God’s mercy in hearing our prayer for a particular person to be healed or for someone to come back to the faith. Rarely do we think that our humble prayer might save a multitude of souls. But St. Thérèse lays it out for us. We have been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus on the Cross and so has every person. We who know Jesus should humbly come before Him, begging light for those who do not know Him or who choose to live their lives without Him.

Our focus should go beyond the scope of just our families and friends. We should extend our view toward all the people who are in error or who are ignorant of Jesus’ saving power. Come before the Most Blessed Sacrament and plead for the souls of people who are oppressed by their governments ... those who have faith but cannot practice it. Jesus waits for us to come humbly before Him to pray and save a multitude of souls. You can do this. You can save a multitude of people whose souls already been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus.

If you wish to become a Guardian of the Eucharist call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510. Choose a day of the week. Choose one of the 24 hours of that day and commit to being with Jesus every week at that time.

HOURS OF URGENT NEED

Saturday 1-2 AM Wednesday Noon-1 PM

Hours in need of additional Guardians
2-3 AM: Sunday, Monday, Friday, Saturday
Noon-1 PM: Wednesday, Friday, 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 23:** Priests and deacons who have served the deanery
Aug 24: Very Rev. Dennis A Nikolić
Aug 25: Rev. Rees Doherty
Rev. Simon Gyan Obeng
Aug 26: Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD
Deacon Robert Duncan
Aug 27: Rev. Frank Borkowski
Rev. George Hafemann
Aug 28: Rev. Anthony Giacona
Deacon Richard McCarthy
Aug 29: Rev. Bladi Socualaya
Rev. Joseph Tokarczyk
Aug 30: Vocations / Seminarists
Aug 31: 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.

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**.

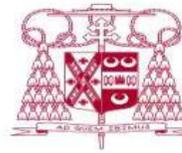
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



the 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>

The Knights of Columbus' meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in



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Number of families who have given so far: **129**

Average gift amount: **\$569.92**

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.

You may also give online at:

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