



Church of St. Joseph

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*Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 31, 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



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MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of August 31 – September 7

SAT:	5:30pm	Maureen Kerrigan
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Alfred Fusco; Athony (Tony) Mansueto
LATIN:	10:15am	Howard Geissler
	11:30am	Giuseppe & Teresa DeMaria
	1:00pm	Migdoel Lopez
MON:	8:00am	Antonio Fotino & Franco Olivo
TUES:	8:00am	Giovanni & Carmela Iorio
WED:	8:00am	Patrick J. Coscette
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Dennis & Mark Cahalan
FRI:	8:00am	Margaret & Lawrence Ruggles
SAT:	8:00am	Vincent D’Antoni
	5:30pm	Pasquale Talarico
SUN:	7:00am	Demetrio & Auolina Petrizzo
	9:00am	Tyler Jon Tooley; Fran Berger
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –

+ PRAY FOR +

Angelo Zanca, Colleen Sorice, Diane Flynn

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. If you have questions, please call 845-343-6013.

We will be having a variety of vendors, a raffle table, a 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



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



“This bread is bread before the words of the Sacrament. But when the words of Christ come to it, it is the Body of Christ ... Before the words of Christ it is a cup full of wine and water. When the words of Christ become operative, the Blood which has redeemed the people is caused to be there.”

These words of **St. Ambrose** help us to reflect on what happens at every Mass. The bread and wine which we offer to God truly becomes Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The whole Jesus is here, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Before us we have Jesus, true God and true Man. And He remains until the Blessed Sacrament is consumed. In this, we can realize the great gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for our Adoration, we are able to have a Face-to-face visit with our God! When we come before Him, we have his whole attention and He deserves ours. We kneel before Him to praise and glorify Him. We thank Him for His many blessings. We acknowledge our faults and failings and beg His forgiveness. And we ask Him for His blessings on ourselves and others. We should always avail ourselves of this opportunity to show our love to Jesus, Who has given His life for us. As **Elizabeth Ann Seton** said, “Put your heart at His feet. It is the gift He loves most.”

We are blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament Chapel open for Perpetual Adoration. You may come at any time of the day or night. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration, there must be at least one Guardian present at all times. A Guardian commits to being with Jesus for one specific hour each week. If you would like to be a Guardian, call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510. Every one of the 168 hours of the week is available to you.

HOURS OF URGENT NEED

Saturday: 1-2 a.m. Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m.

Hours in need of additional Guardians

**Sunday, Monday, Friday, Saturday: 2-3 a.m.
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: Noon-1 p.m.**

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.
- 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 30: Vocations / Seminarians**
Aug 31: Pope Leo XIV
Sept 1: Rev. Joseph Tyrell
Rev. Paul Denault, O. Carm.
Sept 2: Rev. Anthony Trung Nguyen, O.Carm
Deacon Edward Grosso
Sept 3: Rev. Stephan Huy Tran, O.Carm.
Rev. Sean Harlow, O.Carm
Sept 4: Rev. Kevin Panameno
Deacon Peter Haight
Sept 5: Rev. David Rider
Rev. Msgr. Peter Tran Van Phat
Sept 6: Vocations / Seminarians
Sept 7: 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



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.

OCIA / RCIA: THE ORDER / RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The Order or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA or RCIA) is a process of spiritual conversion and growth, over time, in one's relationship with God and the Catholic Church. It is a journey in which adults are fully welcomed into the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in exploring a relationship with Jesus, becoming Catholic; and being fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we welcome you! Call the Parish Office for more information or to sign up for classes at **845-343-6013**.



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