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*Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025*

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
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Deacon Edmund Lazzari

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Parish Office: 845-343-6013

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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

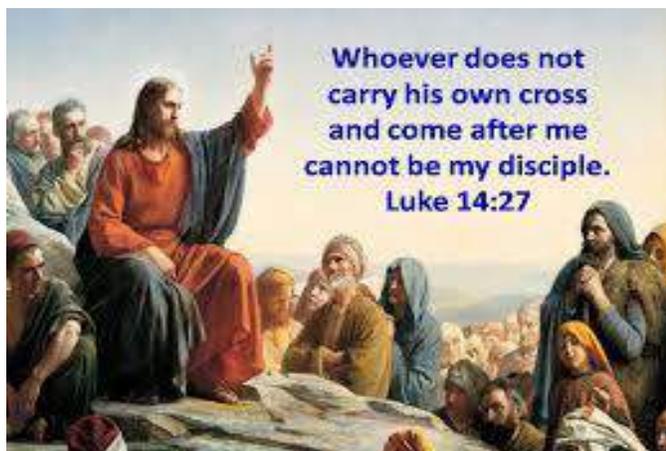
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Youth Group: See schedule in the bulletin.



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of September 7 – September 14

SAT:	5:30pm	Pasquale Talarico
SUN:	7:00am	Demetrio & Auolina Petrizzo
	9:00am	Tyler Jon Tooley; Fran Berger
LATIN:	10:15am	Joseph Mazza, Sr.
	11:30am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Vincenzo, Marianotonia & Orlando Drago
TUES:	8:00am	Helen Dowd
WED:	8:00am	San Nicola di Tolentino
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Elisabetta, Antonio, Mariantonia & Carmine Cortese
FRI:	8:00am	Louis & Frances Ogden Sr.
	5:30pm	Maureen Kerrigan
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Theresa Faulls; Theresa Scalzo
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Rosemary Jacarino
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –

+ PRAY FOR +

Joseph Mazza, Kenneth McVey

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, our 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



Pope St. John Paul II taught us, "Christ is present in the Eucharist, in the Sacrament of His death and resurrection. In and through the Eucharist, you acknowledge the dwelling-place of the Living God in human history. For the Eucharist is the Sacrament of the Love which conquers death. It is the Sacrament of the Covenant, pure Gift of Love for the reconciliation of all humanity. It is the gift of the Real Presence of Jesus the Redeemer, in the bread which is His Body given up for us, in the wine which is His Blood poured out for all. Thanks to the Eucharist, constantly renewed among all peoples of the world, Christ continues to build His church: He brings us together in praise and thanksgiving for salvation, in the communion which only **infinite love** can forge."

This quote emphasizes the truths of our faith. Jesus is God, He became man to redeem us and to conquer death. He, Who is Love, reconciles all men to Himself and to each other in the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, true God, true Man. That is a lot to contemplate. And if we believe these truths of the faith then we are required to respond. How can we give thanks to God for the gift of Himself? How can we draw closer to that infinite love poured out in each Mass and each Communion? We should be drawn to come to Jesus and adore Him outside of the Mass.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open 24/7 for you to come and adore Jesus. Whenever you have the time for Jesus, He has the time for you. Learn to visit Jesus and thank Him for everything. Give Him praise and thanksgiving for creating you, bringing you to the faith, for being present to you in the Holy Eucharist. If you can commit to a specific hour of the week to come and adore Jesus, we encourage you to become a Guardian of the Eucharist. Call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

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.**

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:

Sept 6: Vocations / Seminarians

Sept 7: Pope Leo XIV

**Sept 8: Rev. Fernando Hernandez
Rev. Marco Ortega**

**Sept 9: Rev. Niranjan Rodrigo
Deacon Thomas Neppi**

**Sept 10: Rev. Michael Palazzo
Rev. Ivan Csete**

**Sept 11: Rev. Thomas Colucci
Deacon Donald Heter**

**Sept 12: Rev. Reynor Santiago
Rev. Michael Achanyl**

Sept 13: Ill and suffering priests and deacons

Sept 14: His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan

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.

"The best, surest and most effective way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the Earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist."

_ Pope St. John Paul II

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.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."

"Cualquier persona que necesite reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte al coordinador de asistencia a las víctimas, Señora Eileen Mulcahy al 646-794-2949. Ella también pueden ser contactada vía correo electrónica: victimsassistance@archny.org. Para más información pueden visitar la página en la red de la arquidiócesis: www.archny.org. De acuerdo con las normas de la arquidiócesis sobre el respeto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros."

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-2025

PARISH COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

March 2024: \$56,313.37	March 2025: \$58,025.30
April 2024: \$51,444.35	April 2025: \$60,567.53
May 2024: \$58,374.21	May 2025: \$59,265.84
June 2024: \$42,294.11	June 2025: \$54,176.64
July 2024: \$54,769.23	July 2025: \$54,120.20
August 2024: \$53,244.64	August 2025: \$51,713.73
Average weekly offertory for 2025: \$11,556.76	

HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS

Easter 2024: \$8,412.00	Easter 2025: \$12,536.00
Holy days of Obligation:	
2024: \$ 9,918.00	2025: \$11,091.47

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

2025 Goal:	\$63,600.00
Amount Collected:	\$73,545.00
Amount Pledged:	\$80,525.00
Number of families who have given so far:	130
Average gift amount:	\$619.42

RENEW + REBUILD

Parish Goal:	\$1,083,000.00
Amount Collected:	\$1,050,684.00
Number of families who have given so far:	356
Average gift amount:	\$2,951.35

RENEW + REBUILD PROJECTS

Completed: Paving of the parking lot, Rectory bathrooms and painting, Parish office ramp, parking area & painting, school painting, update of church sound system, Sacristy improvements, repairs to cemetery garage, demolition of 153 &155 Cottage Street.

To be completed: church floor, church roof, rectory kitchen.

Recently added: School roof, school floors, update of parish alarm system and security cameras, parish center gymnasium improvements, improvements in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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