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*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 21, 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-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of September 21 – September 28

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Margaret Prendergast
	9:00am	Betty Ogden; James Higgins
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Olga Rojas
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Henry & Schwartz families
TUES:	8:00am	Josephine Meyer
WED:	8:00am	Margaret Fuller
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Wohlbiel-Gombkoto families
FRI:	8:00am	St. Joseph Purgatorial Society
SAT:	8:00am	Vito Masi
	5:30pm	Louis Altieri
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michael & Jennie Amodeo; Edwin Ramos
LATIN:	10:15am	Families of the St. Monica Homeschool Group
	11:30am	Claudia Schirripa Szulwach
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –

**+ PRAY FOR +
Christopher Cavendar, Kathleen Dimaggio**



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.



Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, **November 8** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tables are available to rent for \$35.00 each. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 845-343-6013. Please leave your name and phone number and someone will get back to you. Thank you.

Raffle tickets for our RESTAURANT RAFFLE, valued at \$500.00 will be sold after all the Masses on **October 18 and 19** and **November 1 and 2**. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket and the drawing will be held the day of the bazaar on **November 8**. Thank you for your continued support.

We will need bakers for our **COOKIE WALK**, a popular feature of our bazaar. If you are able to bake a few batches of your favorite cookie(s), please call **Marilyn Hoffman** at 845-733-1237. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Would that we could make ourselves like a grain of sand. Not puffed up like a mountain in grandeur, but tiny, almost hidden. A grain of sand might remain in the same area, tossed around by a wave, or it might be drawn way into the deep water and eventually be carried to a new shore. That grain of sand, though almost obscure, absorbs the rays of the sun and basks in its warmth. And it is constantly cooled by the refreshing waves of the sea.

If we are grains of sand, it is Jesus Who is the sun in our lives. He is the constant Way, Truth and Light. He warms us with the fire of His love and lights the way to live. The ocean surrounding us is His Mercy with such vastness that we cannot fathom it. He bathes us with His Grace especially in His waves of the Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation to cleanse us, Confirmation to fortify us, the Eucharist that we might be fed and reflect Him, the Son of God.

If we are to imitate those grains of sand, we must learn to abandon our own ways and trust in Jesus for all things. You are invited to draw closer to Jesus by entering the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Here, Jesus is waiting for you, beloved soul. Come and kneel or sit in His Presence and you will leave refreshed. His love and mercy will touch you. The chapel is open every hour of every day.

We are always in need of Guardians of the Eucharist. A Guardian commits to being with Jesus for one specific hour of the week every week. Dedicated Guardians allow us to keep the chapel open 24/7 so that anyone may come and adore Jesus and seek His comfort at any time they are in need. If you are considering being a Guardian, please call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

HOURS OF URGENT NEED

Saturday: 6-7 a. m. Saturday: 11 a.m.- Noon

Saturday: 5-6 p.m.

Hours in Need of an Extra Guardian

Sunday: 11 a.m.-Noon Saturday: 10-11 p.m.

Thursday: 6-7 p.m.

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

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

- September 20: Deceased priests & deacons**
September 21: Most Rev. Geraldo Colacicco
September 22: Rev. George Hafemann
Rev. Francis Amodio, O.Carm
September 23: Rev. Bladi Socualaya
Deacon Richard Marino
September 24: Rev. Michael Driscoll
Rev. Thomas Zalewski O.Carm
September 25: Rev. Timothy Ennis, O.Carm.
Deacon Tom MacDougall
September 26: Rev. Robert Traudt, O.Carm.
Rev. Gregoire Fluet
September 27: Priests and deacons who
have served in the deanery
September 28: 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.

GARNET HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER

The hospital is currently without a Catholic chaplain. If you or a loved one will be entering the hospital for a procedure and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please plan ahead to be anointed either at church or at home before you enter the hospital. Call the parish office at 845-343-6013.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rosemary, 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 be on **October 9**. All are welcome.



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. The meetings are held in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church.

SCAM ALERT

Parishioners have been receiving emails and texts from scammers posing as **Father Dennis, Father Kevin** or others asking for help and trying to get money and gift cards. Do not believe these requests or reply to any of the communications. Our priests would not and never have contacted parishioners for help in such a manner. The emails and texts may appear to be from the priests, a staff member or the parish, but they are not. If you are in doubt-call us directly. The police are aware of these scams. Your concern for our priests is greatly appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

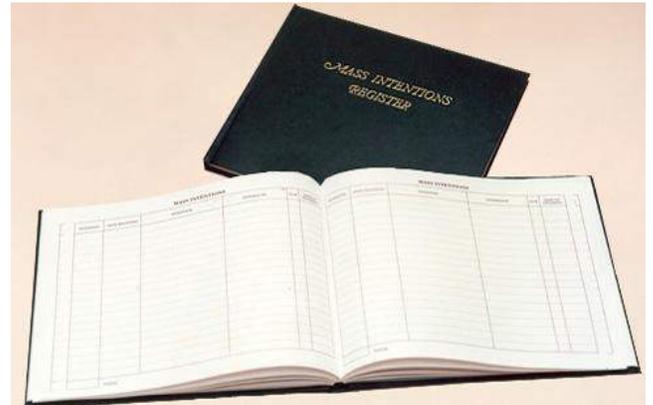
St. Anastasia Church in Harriman invites anyone who suffers the loss of a loved one to their Bereavement Support Group in the Cardinal O'Connor Room (located under the Shrine Church) at 21 North Street, Harriman. The group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. Please call **Lorraine Pisciotta** for more information at 845-590-9006.

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other - or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can not serve God and money

Luke 16:1



THE 2026 PARISH MASS BOOK WILL OPEN ON OCTOBER 14



On Tuesday, **October 14**, the 2026 Parish Mass Book will open. Requests **MUST** be made in person, **NOT** by phone. Requests will be recorded in the Parish Center Gymnasium from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Requests also may be made from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. You may request up to a total of SIX masses, but not more than TWO may be for Saturday evening or Sunday Masses. Please come prepared with your names, dates and times ready to be recorded in the Mass book.

UPCOMING DATES

SAVE THE DATE

- SEPT 24:** Fall 40 Days for Life begins
- SEPT 28:** Celebration of St. Michael the Archangel
- OCT 4:** Blessing of Animals
- OCT 3:** First Friday Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- OCT 4:** Spanish Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- OCT 5:** Orange County Life Chain
- OCT 11:** Celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary
- OCT 14:** Parish Mass Book Opens
- OCT 19:** OCIA / RCIA begins
- NOV 1:** All Saints Day
(Not a Holy day of obligation this year)
- NOV 2:** Commemoration of All Souls
- NOV 8:** Parish Christmas Bazaar
- NOV 27:** Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00a.m.
- DEC 8:** Immaculate Conception
- DEC 12-14:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Festival

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