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*Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025*

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
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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

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

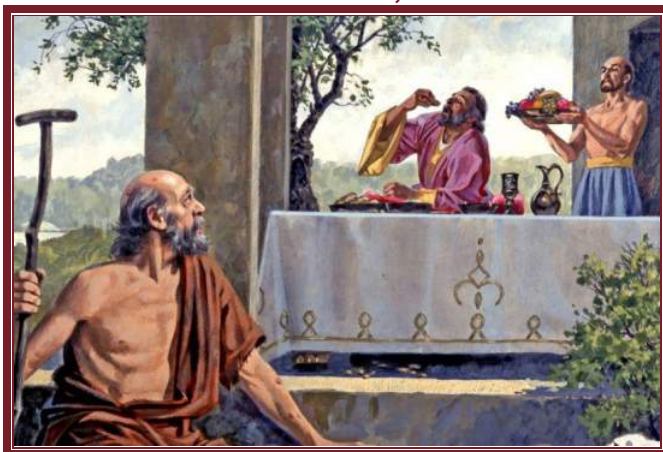
Perpetual Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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.



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of September 28 – October 5

SAT:	5:30pm	Louis Altieri
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Michael & Jennie Amodio; Edwin Ramos
LATIN:	10:15am	Families of the St. Monica Homeschool Group
	11:30am	Claudia Schirripa Szulwach
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	For Peace in the World
TUES:	8:00am	Patrick & Marion Coscette
WED:	8:00am	Vladimir Brotanek
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Alfredo B. Rabino Jr.
FRI:	8:00am	Johny Abraham
SAT:	8:00am	Geniza & Herman Bauer
	5:30pm	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Michael Laskowski
	9:00am	Ralph & Antoinette Damiano & Family; Fran Berger
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Jacob & Helen Wontz
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –

+ PRAY FOR +

Joseph Firnan, Kathy Krom, Barbara Luce



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.

Donations are being accepted for the White Elephant table starting **October 6**. Only items in good condition will be accepted. **NO CLOTHING**. Please call the parish Office at 845-343-6013 and leave your name and phone number and someone will get back to you.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



"Present in the Eucharist, the sacrament of divine love, Jesus is always drawing us to Himself. He makes Himself so near to us so that we can become closer to Him. Even after the celebration of Mass, Christ remains present in the Eucharist. 'The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone.' (Pope St. John Paul II)

"When we contemplate Jesus in the Eucharist, we stand before Him, as one stands before the sun, bathed in the transforming rays of His divine love. Looking at the Blessed Sacrament with love prolongs our communion and unites us more intimately with Jesus. Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament transforms our hearts and makes them more like His.

"In the Eucharist, Jesus is 'God with us' to pardon and forgive us. He is there to strengthen us with His grace and to sanctify us. He is there to draw us to Himself. What a consoling assurance: to look at the Blessed Sacrament and to know Jesus is with us in every joy and sorrow, in health and in sickness.

"Jesus remains silent in the Eucharist. His silence is His loving invitation for us to speak to Him, Heart to heart."
Eucharistic Adoration Scriptural Reflections and Prayers

Avail yourself of Jesus' invitation to come and draw close to Him so that He may draw you closer to His Heart. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for your adoration every hour of every day. Make some time for Jesus so that you may know the joy He wishes to give you. If you wish to become a Guardian of the Eucharist, 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

Saturday: 10-11 p.m. Thursday: 6-7 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.-Noon

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

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

September 27: Priests and deacons who have served in the deanery
September 28: Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić
September 29: Rev. Charles Chukwuani
Rev. Vincent Odikanoro
September 30: Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić
Deacon Emmett Noonan
October 01: Rev. Mark Connell
Rev. Frank Nacarato
October 02: Rev. Joseph Komonchak
Deacon Daniel Byrne
October 03: Rev. John Lundberg
Rev. Tony Bautista
October 04: Vocations / Seminarians
October 05: 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.

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 8**. 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>



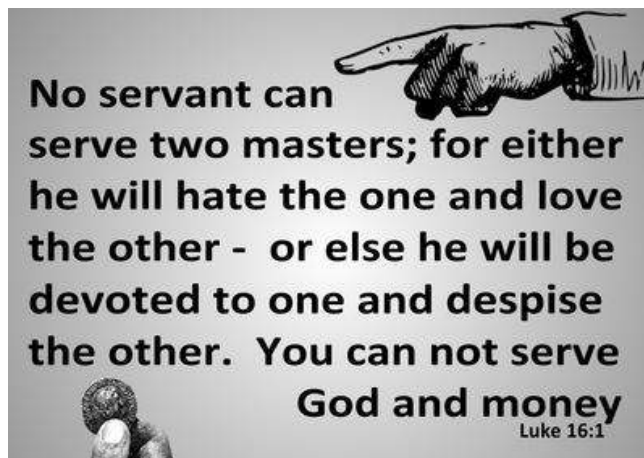
The Knights of Columbus' meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church.

SCAM ALERT

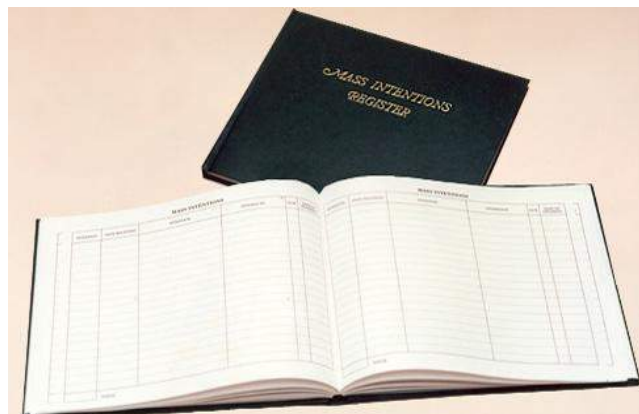
Parishioners have been receiving emails and texts from scammers posing as **Father Dennis, Father Kevin** or others asking for help and trying to get money and gift cards. Do not believe these requests or reply to any of the communications. Our priests would not and never have contacted parishioners 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.



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 28:** Celebration of St. Michael the Archangel
- OCT 3:** First Friday Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- OCT 4:** Blessing of Animals
- 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 9:00 a.m.
- DEC 8:** Immaculate Conception
- DEC 12-14:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Festival

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