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*Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025*

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

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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

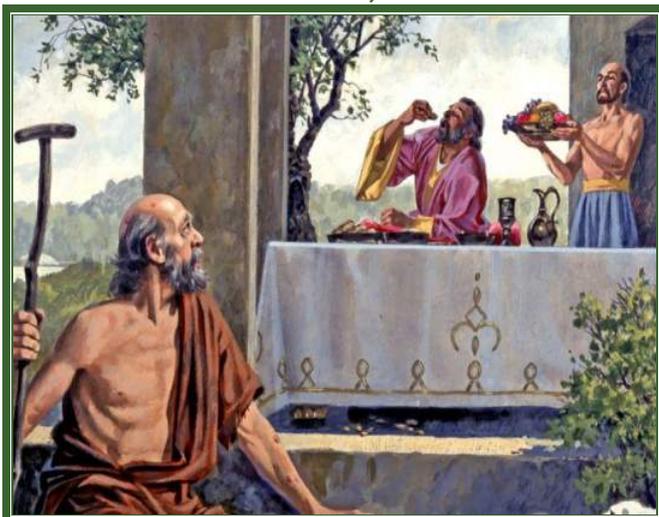
Perpetual Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 5, 2025**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of October 5 – October 12

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Michael Laskowski
	9:00am	Ralph & Antoinette Damiano & Family
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Jacob & Helen Wontz
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Andrew Lippiello
TUES:	8:00am	Vincenzo, Mariatonia & Orlando Drago
WED:	8:00am	Catherine Tarrant
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Vincenzo Macri
FRI:	8:00am	William Vogt
SAT:	8:00am	Michael Laskowski
	5:30pm	Nicola Di Iorio
SUN:	7:00am	Pino Rossi
	9:00am	Michael Laskowski; Armando Frisenda
LATIN:	10:15am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –



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, **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



In one week, on **October 12**, we will celebrate the feast of **St. Carlo Acutis**, the first millennial saint. His canonization was this past **September 7**. He died from leukemia at the age of 15, showing that great holiness is achievable by the young. St. Carlo was devoted to the Blessed Sacrament attending daily Mass from the time of his first Holy Communion. Among his most quoted sayings is, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." He knew that the only real thing that mattered was loving God and doing His will.

Do we make the Eucharist our priority? Yes, we come to Sunday Mass which is our obligation, but do we make time to love and adore God outside of that obligation? Do we make time to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during the week. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open all day and night, every day of the week. Perhaps work obligations take most of our time but to Whom do we owe gratitude for that job? Perhaps we have children or ill family members we must attend to, but to Whom should we turn for help? We can always find a short time during the week and come to adore, thank, and petition Jesus. He always wants to see us and waits for us all the time. When we make time for Jesus, He lifts our burdens and helps us in the trials of life helping us to grow in grace. It is time to follow St. Carlo Acutis in making the Eucharist our highway to heaven.

If you can commit to a specific hour of Adoration each week, you are invited to become a Guardian of the Eucharist. For more information call **Martin** or **Clarice Sucky** at 845-692-4510.

Hours of Urgent Need

Saturday: 11- Noon Saturday: 5-6 PM

Hours in Need of an Extra Guardian

**Sunday: 11-Noon Saturday: 10-11 PM
Thursday: 6-7 PM**

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

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

- October 04:** Vocations / Seminarians
- October 05:** Pope Leo XIV
- October 06:** Rev. Innocent Madu
Rev. Slawomir Ciszkowski
- October 07:** Rev. John Edison
Deacon Timothy Curran
- October 08:** Rev. Paul Richmond, O.Carm.
Rev. Mark Zittle, O.Carm.
- October 09:** Rev. Robert Hospodar
Deacon Bernard Kahn
- October 10:** Rev. Christopher Doering
Rev. Ivan Lovric
- October 11:** Ill & suffering priests & deacons
- October 12:** 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.

GARNET HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER

Garnet Medical Center 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

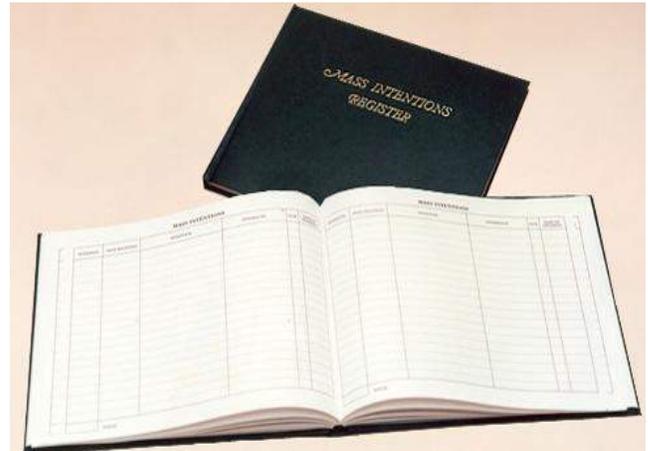
Parishioners have been receiving emails and texts from scammers posing as **Father Dennis, Father Kevin** or others asking for help and trying to get money and gift cards. Do not believe these requests or reply to any of the communications. Our priests would not and never have contacted parishioners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

UPCOMING DATES

SAVE THE DATE

- 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

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.

ORANGE COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

This year's Orange County Life Chain will be held on Sunday, **October 5** from **2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** on Route 211 outside of Shop-Rite.

Please join us for this peaceful and prayerful witness to protect and pray for the unborn.

A special Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in our chapel immediately after the Life Chain. Please consider attending some or even all of it.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS, ST. FRANCIS DAY

On Saturday, **October 4**, we will have our annual Blessing of Animals at **11:00 a.m.** at the side doors of the church. Do bring your well-behaved pets for this special blessing.

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