



Church of St. Joseph

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*First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 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

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of November 30 – December 7

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Mary Ellen Schwartz
	9:00am	Biaggio & Rosa Lombardo Scott J. & Ashley M. Dibisceglgio
LATIN:	10:15am	Stolarz Family
	11:30am	Antonietta Gesualdo
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	Antoinette Amelio
TUES:	8:00am	Rev. Joseph R. Lucas
WED:	8:00am	George & Rita Moser
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Luigi Fratto
FRI:	8:00am	Mathews Abraham
SAT:	8:00am	Maria, Concetta, Pietro & Filomena Scumaci
	5:30pm	Teresa DeMaria
SUN:	7:00am	Marion C. Coscette
	9:00am	Concetta Vogt; Caterina Svizzero
LATIN:	10:15am	Pistor Family
	11:30am	Musmeci, Altieri & Milano Families
	1:00pm	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

+ PRAY FOR +

All enrolled on our All Souls Day Remembrance



DECEMBER 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This year, the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, **December 8**. Masses will be offered at **8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** (a bilingual Mass).



ADOPT A CHILD CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Our annual Adopt a Child Toy Drive has started. An Advent Wreath is located near the Altar railing, containing purple and pink candles that indicate the age of a child and whether it is for a boy or girl.

If you are able, please take a candle and purchase a toy for that boy or girl. Please attach the candle to the gift and return it to the church no later than the weekend of **December 13 and 14**, Please do not wrap the gift. Thank you for your continued support.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

The flu season has started, with medical personnel reminding us to wash our hands with warm, soapy water and to cover our coughs and sneezes. We will continue to not offer the exchange of peace, as we have done in the past. Please respect your neighbors at Mass. We will resume inviting all to exchange a sign of peace when the flu season has passed. If you have cold / flu symptoms, we urge you to stay home.

**ADVENT AND LENT
ARE PENITENTIAL SEASONS ...
THERE IS NO GLORIA AT MASS.
BY TRADITION, WE DO NOT PLACE
FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR.**

PERPETUAL ADORATION



“Advent’s intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of God, Who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope.” These are the words of **Pope Benedict XVI**. Advent is to awaken the memory of God, Who became a child! We know this, but do we experience it in our hearts?

Some put out the manger scene on the first day of Advent but leave the Infant Jesus out to help feel the longing for His coming. Some will light the Advent candles as a sign that the Light of the World is coming soon. Some use an Advent calendar to count down the days till Christ’s birth.

This year let us all keep Pope Benedict’s words in mind. Come to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and visit Jesus hidden in the Holy Eucharist. Reflect on our God, the God Who is all power and glory and needs nothing beyond Himself. Ponder His works of creation, from the angels to man. Ponder a God Who knew we would sin and yet created us with a plan to save us. Ponder the cost to our God of becoming a child. Visit Jesus often this Advent, and let the memory of God Who became a child bring you healing and hope.

Perhaps you are being called to be a Guardian of the Eucharist. This is a commitment of one specific hour a week to be with Jesus, to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. If you are unable to commit to become a Guardian please consider becoming a substitute. For more information, please call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

HOURS OF SPECIAL NEED

Sunday: 2-3 a.m. **Sunday: 3-4 a.m.**
Sunday: 1-2 p.m. **Sunday: 2-3 p.m.**
Thursday: 10-11 p.m.

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Invite You to Join Us for the
Light Up for Christ



**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and
Blessing**

Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.
beginning in the Main Church

(Bring the Children!)

*Reception with coffee, hot chocolate, and sweet
treats to follow at St. Joseph’s Parish Center.*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR



Choir rehearsals for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve are scheduled for Mondays **December 8, 15, and 22** in the church choir loft starting promptly at 8 p.m. and lasting till about 9:30 p.m. Attendance at all three is required in order to sing for Midnight Mass. We would love to see you.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
PERPETUAL ADORATION**

**During the penitential season of Advent, we
do not place flowers in the chapel.**

Schedule of Devotions in the Chapel

Perpetual Adoration: *24 hours, 7 days a week.*

Weekday Mass: *Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m.*

Traditional Latin Mass: *Sunday at 10:15 a.m.*

The Holy Rosary: *every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
and every First Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.*

Miraculous Medal Novena: *Monday at 7:00
p.m.*

First Friday Holy Hour: *first Friday at 7:00 p.m.*

First Saturday Holy Hour: *in Spanish at 7:00
p.m.*

O come! Let us adore Him!

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

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

NOV. 30: Pope Leo XIV

DEC. 01: Rev. John Vondras
Rev. John Lundberg

DEC. 02: Rev. Tony Bautista
Deacon Richard Trapani

DEC. 03: Rev. Innocent Madu
Rev. Slawomir Ciszkowski

DEC. 04: Rev. John Edison
Deacon Alexander Gapay

DEC. 05: Rev. Sean Magnuson
Rev. Paul Richmond, O.Carm

DEC. 06: Deceased priests and deacons

DEC. 07: Cardinal Timothy 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.**

ST. JOSEPH'S PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

All parishioners can enroll the names of deceased
loved ones in the Purgatorial Society. The Purgatorial
Society Mass will be held on the last Friday of each month
at **8:00 a.m.** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel beginning
in **January 2026**. The offering to be enrolled in the
Purgatorial Society is \$120 per name (a total of 12
Masses for one year will be said for your loved one).
Please fill out the form and include a check or money
order, if you are interested in having a loved one enrolled.
Aside from listing one name, the listing of a husband and
wife together or a family name is also acceptable.

Enrollment in the St. Joseph's Purgatorial Society is a
great act of charity towards our beloved dead, ensuring
that they are being prayed for all year round at God's
Altar. The names of the souls for whom we are praying
will be visibly presented on an elegant board placed in the
sanctuary on the day of the Purgatorial Society Mass.
After enrollment, you will be contacted for the opportunity
to renew your enrollment for another year.

2026

St. Joseph's Purgatorial Society Form

**Name of the deceased to be prayed for at
Mass:**

Name of the purchaser of the enrollment:

Today's Date:

Your contact information:

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