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*Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2026*

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

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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.

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



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YOU RECEIVES ME**

THIRTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A MT 10, 37-42

for the Week of June 28 – July 5

SAT:	5:30pm	Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stanford
SUN:	7:00am	Thomas & Catherine Kennedy
LATIN:	9:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	10:15am	Kenneth Miller (<i>living</i>)
	11:30am	Raffaele Amelio
	1:00pm	Thelma Almonte
MON:	8:00am	Elva Pagan
TUES:	8:00am	Pietro & Maria Concetta Scumaci; Antonio Fotino
WED:	8:00am	Pyle Mattathil
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Luigi Fratto
FRI:	8:00am	Keenan Blase Foster
SAT:	8:00am	Liam Tarrant
	5:30pm	Jean Gordon
SUN:	7:00am	Pino Rossi
	9:00am	Felice & Rita Sorice; Foley &Tarrant Families (<i>living</i>)
LATIN:	10:15am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	11:30am	Marietta & Ramon S. Gordoncillo; Father Ireneo Gordoncillo
	1:00pm	Thelma Almonte

Marilyn Lehuray, Rose Lucia



WE WILL OFFER A SPECIAL HOLY HOUR TO CELEBRATE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ON FRIDAY, **JULY 3, AT 7:00 PM.**

- + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- + Scripture Readings
- + Quiet Meditation
- + Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- + The Divine Mercy Chaplet
- + Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Registration is open for the 2026-2027 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**

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

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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



On **June 11**, the U.S. Bishops consecrated the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When someone or something is consecrated to God, that person or object is dedicated, set aside, for God's use and purpose. Continue to pray that our nation will turn to God and recognize Jesus as our Sovereign King. You may also wish to consecrate yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart. Prayers of consecration are easily found online.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. We should continue our loving prayers to Jesus' Heart ablaze with love for us. One way to honor Jesus is the First Friday Devotion. Jesus asked that on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, we attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. This should be offered to honor His Heart and in reparation for the blasphemies, outrages, sacrileges and indifferences offered Him. Among the many promises Jesus made to those who practice the First Friday devotion is the grace to persevere to the end and not suffer eternal loss. — *The Nine First Fridays and the Sacred Heart Devotion*, **Fr. Chris Alar, MIC**

A reminder: This Friday, **July 3**, is the first Friday of the month of July. A holy hour is also offered every First Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7 p.m.

We are blessed to have Jesus, exposed in the monstrance, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for Adoration 24/7. The chapel remains open so that whenever one has a need to pray, he can come before Jesus and feel His comfort and peace. Many stop in after visiting a loved one in the hospital. Others come to pray for loved ones who are far away and need prayer. Prayers of thanksgiving and Adoration also are offered. To keep the chapel open, we must have at least one dedicated Guardian in attendance every hour. Two or more is better. A Guardian is one who promises to visit Jesus at one specific hour of the week, every week. If you are being called to commit to an hour, please call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

HOUR OF URGENT NEED

Sunday: 2-3 p.m.

HOURS IN NEED OF ANOTHER GUARDIAN

Monday: 1-2 a.m. Wednesday: 1-2 a.m.

Wednesday: 4-5 a.m. Friday: 9-10 a.m. Friday: 10-11 a.m.

250 HOURS OF ADORATION

250 WORKS OF MERCY

250 YEARS OF FREEDOM



As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Catholics are encouraged to join the bishops in praying for the unity and healing of our country. One opportunity for parishes and individuals to participate is by contributing to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy.

In his encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, **Pope Francis** instructs us to “nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist” in Holy Communion and Adoration, so that we might understand Christ's love for all more deeply and live out this love ourselves. Our contemplation of the Sacred Heart leads us deeper into the mystery of our salvation and deeper into our love for Christ found in the faces of our sisters and brothers — especially those most in need.

Our Parish will participate in 250 hours of Adoration by offering private, individual Holy Hours leading up to the July 4 anniversary. A special sign-in log book will be available at the back of the chapel for participants to log in when they make an hour of Adoration. Consider inviting new people to join. While 250 hours seems like a lot, each person present constitutes an hour prayed.

Individuals and groups can participate in 250 Works of Mercy by engaging in the existing activities and efforts of their parishes or getting involved in new ways, leading up to the Fourth of July anniversary. Our works of mercy draw from the deep well of our faith and prayer, constantly reminding us that in tending to our brothers and sisters, we tend to Christ himself.

These works of mercy could take a variety of shapes, such as:

Assisting women who face a crisis pregnancy

Donating to food pantries and clothing closets

Participating in a community beautification program

Raising money for an overseas development project

Volunteering at homeless shelters or soup kitchens

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES FATHER KEVIN

We extend our congratulations to **Father Kevin L. Panameño**, who has been appointed Administrator of St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Parish in Beacon, New York.

Ordained to the Priesthood in 2001, Father Kevin served as our Summer Seminarian and was subsequently appointed Parochial Vicar after his ordination. For the past four years, Father Kevin has served our parish, most notably he has undertaken Hispanic Ministries and serving the sick in hospital and nursing home ministry while attending to other parish needs.

Father Kevin will celebrate two Masses of Thanksgiving and Farewell on **Sunday, July 5**, at **11:30a.m.** and **1:00p.m.** A light reception to honor Father Kevin will be held at **3:00p.m.** next Sunday in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Other Clergy Assignments:

Father Cyprian Emile has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph's Parish Middletown, New York. Father Cyprian has served as Parochial Vicar in Spring Valley, Kingston and most recently in Manhattan.

Please also, welcome **Father Benjamin Palacios**, who is preparing to be a prison chaplain, he will be in residence with us this summer, as he completes his orientation.

PLEASE HONOR OUR POLICIES

STATUES: For some time now, we have noticed marks on the statues in church and especially the outdoor statues. We kindly ask that you refrain from touching or reverencing the statues, as doing so, over time, will wear away the paint or stain the stone. The statues are here to help us in our devotion to the saints; there is no need to physically touch them or kiss them.

DUMPSTERS: The dumpsters located on the parish grounds are for parish use only. We have recently found a few people who are bringing their household trash to our dumpsters. Recently someone put furniture into our dumpsters, which is NOT permitted. We kindly ask that you not make use of the dumpsters.

DISTRIBUTING RELIGIOUS MATERIALS: From time to time, well-intentioned people wish to distribute religious articles or printed materials. We ask that you please get permission from the Pastor before leaving such items in the chapel or the church.

ARCHDIOCESE'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Archbishop Ronald Hicks will rely on the Appeal to fund the charitable works throughout the Archdiocese and in our area.

The funds raised for this year's *Appeal* will be used for the following needs in our Archdiocese:

- Financial Assistance for Struggling Parishes
- The Seminary and Vocations to the priesthood.
- Retired Priests and Priestly Education
- Catholic Religious Education
- Charitable Outreach & Evangelization

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2025	\$63,600.00	\$81,125.00	131	\$619.27
2026	\$66,000.00	\$55,712.96	123	\$452.95

HOW TO GIVE TO THE 2026 APPEAL

There are many ways to make a pledge or gift:

You may fill out a pledge card and return it to the parish by putting it in the collection basket, the offertory boxes at the side altars or the front door mail slot at the rectory or mail it to: 149 Cottage Street, Middletown, NY 10940.

You may also send in your pledge card or donation to: *The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, 488 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022

You may also give online at:

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