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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***July 5, 2026
250th Anniversary of
Independence Day***

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
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Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Alexander Gapay
Deacon Edmund Lazzari

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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.

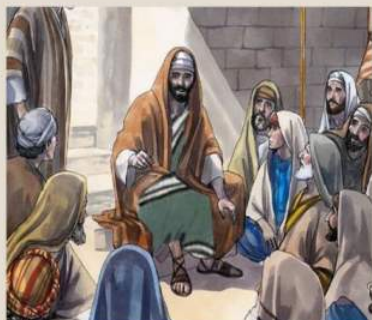
***Welcome to
Our Parish***



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2026**

COME TO ME, ALL
WHO ARE
HEAVILY
BURDENED

Matthew 11:25-30



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of July 5 – July 12

SAT:	5:30pm	Jean Gordon
SUN:	7:00am	Pino Rossi
	9:00am	Felice & Rita Sorice; Foley & Tarrant Families (living)
	10:15am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	11:30am	Marietta & Ramon S. Gordoncillo; Father Ireneo Gordoncillo
	1:00pm	Thelma Almonte
MON:	8:00am	Vincenzo, Mariantonia & Orlando Drago
TUES:	8:00am	Carmencita Gapay & Family
WED:	8:00am	Healing for sick members of the Adegoke Family
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Kerry & Karen Coscette (living)
FRI:	8:00am	Gilda (Gigi) Sesti
SAT:	8:00am	Anna E. Woods
	5:30pm	Seenamma Sebastian Kadanthod
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Carmela & Filippo Mansueto; Timothy Foley
	10:15am	Alexander F. Rizzo
	11:30am	Elisabetta, Antonio, Mariatonia & Carmine Cortese
	1:00pm	Thelma Almonte

+ PRAY FOR +

All who died serving in our Armed Forces



PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

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

July 4: Ill and suffering priests and deacons
July 5: Pope Leo XIV
July 6: Rev. Anthony Oppong Asamoah
 Rev. Chris Argano
July 7: Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD
 Deacon Michael McCabe
July 8: Rev. Reed Doherty
 Rev. Simon Gyan Obeng
July 9: Rev. Frank Borkowski
 Deacon Edmund Lazarri
July 10: Rev. George Hafemann
 Rev. Anthony Giacona
July 11: Priests and deacons who have served
 in the deanery.
July 12: Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks
*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



Big family gatherings are great! Everyone is together to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, Christmas. There's lots of conversation and good food. But at the end of the day, you might find yourself wanting more. More quiet time. More time with each person to really hear the whole story he was telling. More time with an uncle that you'd hoped to tell how much you appreciate all he has done for you through the years. More connection to each person.

As a faith family, we come together to celebrate each Sunday. It is a joy to greet one another with a friendly nod. We settle in to pray the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Together we adore Jesus Who again makes present His sacrifice on the Cross. We are invited to receive Holy Communion if we are in the state of grace. A few moments of thanksgiving, a closing hymn and we are going home. But we need MORE. More time to really reflect on the great gift of the Mass. More time to thank Jesus in Holy Communion. More quiet time to adore Him. That MORE comes in Adoration of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. It is in the quiet space of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel that we can settle and thank Jesus for being truly present to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, True God and True Man. It is there that we can spend the time thanking Him for all that He has done and continues to do in our lives. Jesus is always there, waiting for us, always listening to us and never cutting our conversation short.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open 24/7 so any time is a good time to visit Jesus. If you are able to commit to a specific hour of Adoration each week, we invite you to become a Guardian of the Eucharist. Every hour day and night is available to you. 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 has participated in 250 hours of Adoration by offering private, individual Holy Hours leading up to the July 4 anniversary. A special sign-in log book has been 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 still participate in 250 Works of Mercy by engaging in the existing activities and efforts of their parishes or getting involved in new ways, as we celebrate 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

WELCOME, FATHER CYPRIEN EMILE PAROCHIAL VICAR



We are pleased to welcome **Reverend Father Cyprien Emile**, who will join St. Joseph Church as Parochial Vicar.

Father Emile was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, the third of six children of **Jean Denis Emile**, a tailor from Jérémie, and **Estelle Emile** (née Augustin), a

homemaker. As a teenager, he showed notable talent in architecture and art, creating scale models of houses, cars, and churches from materials such as concrete and matchboxes. He later designed and built Christmas cribs for his local church, earning the title "Master Builder of the Christmas Crib" (*Met Crèche La*).

Before entering the Grand Seminary, Father Emile and his family were active in their neighborhood church, St. Michael in Fontamara, Haiti. They organized fundraisers, summer programs for youth, and community events that brought Catholics and non-Catholics together in support of the church and local community. His love for music and liturgy led him to form and promote youth choirs, including "Les Petits Chanteurs de St Michel" and "Chorale Voix d'Emmanuel," as well as "Choeur D'hommes," an all-men's choir specializing in Latin Gregorian chant. Following his father's example, Father Emile also took part in Catholic evangelization campaigns known as block parties (*Misyon Katié*), which included gospel music, songs, and Bible study. As a seminarian, he traveled throughout Haiti to evangelize and help establish church groups that continue to serve today.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Theology and Philosophy from the Grand Seminary Notre Dame in Port-au-Prince in 2002 and was ordained in October 2003 by **Archbishop Serge Miot**, also from Jérémie, for the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. His pastoral assignments have included Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of Port-au-Prince (2003–2005), Holy Innocents Church in Brooklyn (2005–2009), Our Lady of Grace in the Bronx (2009–2013), St. Joseph Church in Spring Valley, NY (2013–2018), St. Joseph Church in Kingston, NY (2018–2024), and Holy Name of Jesus–St. Gregory the Great in Manhattan, NY (2024–2026).

Father Emile was incardinated into the Archdiocese of New York on **September 28, 2022**, becoming a member of the New York Catholic Presbyterate.

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

Year	Goal	Collected	# of Gifts	Average Gift
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

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