

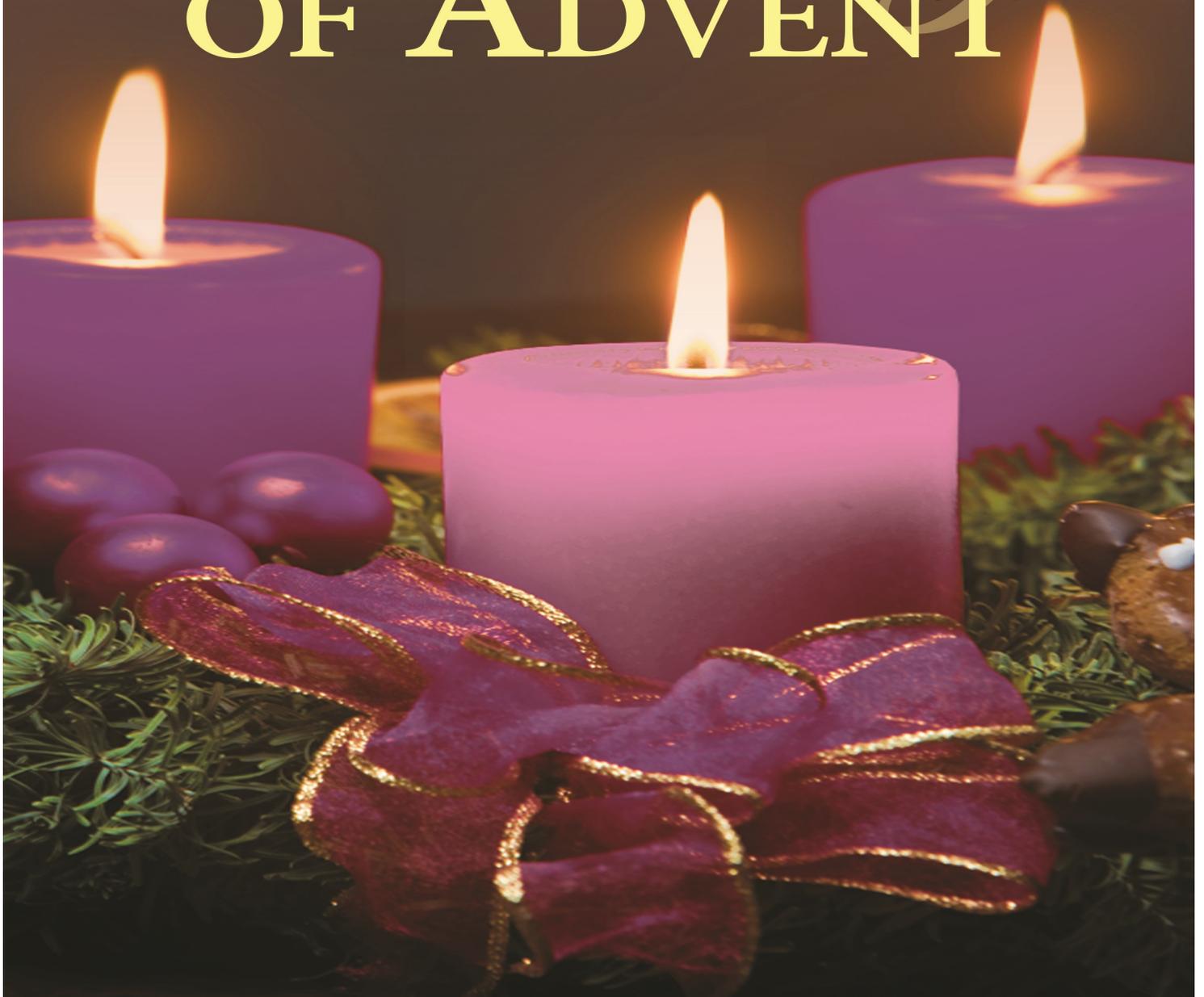


*The Parish Family of
St. Joseph & St. Stanislaus*



December 12, 2021 The Third Sunday of Advent

3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

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Pastor: Rev. Bernard Heter

Weekend Associate: Rev. Frank Borkowski

St. Joseph Church

14 Glenmere Avenue, Florida, NY 10921

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM, 12 Noon

Weekdays

8:00 AM (Mon.–Sat., except Tues.)

Holydays

9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Penance/Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45 St. Joseph Church

Mission of St. Stanislaus

17 Pulaski Hwy., Pine Island, NY 10969

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass at St. Joseph Florida NY

St. Joseph Rectory:

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Mon - Thurs (9:00 AM-2:00 PM)

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Celebration of the Sacraments

Penance / Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45-4:30 at St. Joseph's

Baptism

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Noon Mass. Parents must be registered parishioners and are asked to call the Rectory to make the necessary arrangements. A Baptism preparation class is required.

Marriage

Preliminary arrangements should be made six months to a year in advance so that couples can attend Pre-Cana. Call the Rectory to schedule a date.

Ministry to the Homebound

If you cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, handicap or age and would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

Sponsor Certificate:

To receive a sponsor certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered and active parishioner for a minimum of 6 months. Permission to act as a sponsor or witness at a Sacramental ceremony presupposes you are currently a practicing parishioner in good standing.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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CHRISTMAS EVE- Friday, December 24

No morning Mass

Vigil of Christmas

4:30 PM - St. Joseph

8 PM - St. Stanislaus

MIDNIGHT MASS - 12 AM at ST. JOSEPH

CHRISTMAS DAY-Saturday, December 25

9:00 AM at St. Joseph

10:30AM at St. Stanislaus

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No morning Mass

Vigil, Friday, December 31, 2021

4:30 PM at St. Joseph

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM & 4:30 PM at St. Joseph

Reconciliation Monday, December 20, 2021

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Rel Ed Students

5:00 PM—8:00 PM open to all

Society Meetings

The **St. Stanislaus Rosary Society** meets on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 11:30 AM in the parish hall.

The **St. Joseph Holy Name Society** meets on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.

The **St. Stanislaus Holy Name Society** meets on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 7:30 PM in the CYO building, Pine Island.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:6)



November 28, 2021

St. Joseph \$ 1725.00
Catholic Charities \$ 344.00

St. Stanislaus \$ 724.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.

✠ *Let us remember to pray for* ✠

Those who are ill-St. Joseph's: Patricia Curesky, Peter Kearns, Valerie Keegan Cooper, Frank Mikulski, Vincent Rutkowski, Stanley Kocot

Those who are ill-St. Stanislaus': Margaret Barr, Christopher DiLorenzo, Mary Ann Kology, Peggy LaRocco, Mary Rita Schlagel, Heather Winship

The request to keep a name on the prayer list or to add a name to the list must be made by an immediate member of the family in order to respect the person's privacy and our obligation to observe HIPAA privacy rule. Forms can be found at the back of both Churches or at the rectory.

Best Advent Ever

Are you ready to get ready? So...What is Best Advent Ever? It's a totally free and totally awesome daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before. Go to www.bestadventever.com and sign up.



Christmas Festivities
Saturday December 18, 2021
New Beginnings Spa
Main Street, Florida, NY
1PM-3PM

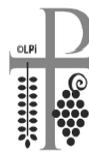
Santa, Elves, Caroling
St. Joseph/St. Stanislaus Church choir will be singing 1:30PM-2:30PM

GOD'S FIRST LANGUAGE IS SILENCE
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

A Request: To keep our church building in good order and as a courtesy to those who will attend the next Mass, as you leave Mass, please place the missals and hymnals into the pew holders.

If you do not take the Sunday bulletin home, please return it to the tables as you exit the church.

Our Church is a House of God: May your time in our church be a time of prayer and of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings. Please hold conversations outside of church or downstairs in the parish hall so that you won't disturb those who may want to pray.

 **MASS** at St. Joseph's
INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 12 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:00 AM Michael Rahm from Ted Stankiewicz

12:00 PM Charles R. Romano from family

MONDAY, December 13

8:00 AM Deceased members of the family of Joseph &
Katherine Jados from the Estate of Josephine J. Lyons

TUESDAY, December 14 (*No Mass scheduled today*)

WEDNESDAY, December 15

8:00 AM Catherine & Ignatius Kosior from family

THURSDAY, December 16

8:00 AM Patricia Lempka from the St. Joseph Living Rosary
Society

FRIDAY, December 17

8:00 AM John Donovan from Adele Lempka

SATURDAY, December 18

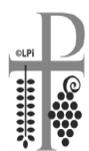
8:00 AM Lawrence "Larry" P. Belmont

4:30 PM Anna Dyszy from daughter Irene Coulon & family

SUNDAY, December 19 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:00 AM Danny Paffenroth from Mom, Tammy, John &
Michael

12:00 PM Genevieve Wierzbicki from Rose & family

 **MASS** at St. Stanislaus'
INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 12 (Third Sunday of Advent)

10:30 AM Adam & Josephine Brzuska from daughter Lorraine
Bierstine

SUNDAY, December 19 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

10:30 AM Walter & Elsie Zawaski from daughters



The Advent Candle at St. Joseph
Church is in loving memory of the
deceased members of the Poloniak &
Zygmunt families from Vince, Lodzia
& families.

