

DECEMBER 3, 2023 • FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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MASS SCHEDULE Sat Vigil: 5:00 pm • Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 5:00 pm
DAILY MASS 7:00 am & 9:00 am; Sat: 8 am • **HOLY DAYS** As Announced

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God of Saint Joseph Roman Catholic community, Empowered by the Holy Spirit, must manifest to the city of Kingston, New York, and to the world, a clear vision of God's plan for His kingdom as we strive to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, one another, and the Universal Church.

We endeavor to be a welcoming parish, and are dedicated to creating an environment of faith through Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, Sacred Liturgy and by the reception of the Holy Sacraments, study, stewardship, and action, so that in union with our Triune Godhead, we may build up the Kingdom of God. Sharing these ministries, as the Mystical Body of Christ, we as the People of God at St. Joseph Parish challenge ourselves to witness to the truth of His Church in Word and Deed to one and all.

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8:30 am - 3:30 pm or call to
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CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT & MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Adoration: Monday mornings
after the 7 am and 9 am Masses
until 3 pm in the chapel.
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by Benediction

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Communion.

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Contact the Parish Office at least
six months before the date of
your wedding.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

After the 7:00 am & 9:00 am
Weekday Masses

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSION

At least 10 days before the
publication date requested.
Send to: sjrc242@gmail.com or
drop off your announcement at
the Parish Office.



5:00 p.m. **Lorraine Ferraro** † by Nancy Napoleon

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. **Darleen Pfeiffer** † by Ann Mario Catalano

9:30 a.m. **Rev. James V. Keating** † by Mary Smith

11:30 a.m. **Meg Ellen Misove-Case** †

by Tom & Mary Jane DeBrosky

5:00 p.m. **Theresa Palladino & Family** †

by Gene Palladino

Monday, December 4: St. John Damascene

7:00 a.m. **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

9:00 a.m. **Dorothy & Bill Miller** †

by Tom & Chris Provenzano

Tuesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Marion D'Angelis (L)**

by 7AM Daily Massers

9:00 a.m. **Maria, Andres & Rosaura Rodriguez & All**

Souls in Purgatory † by Margarita Davin

Wednesday, December 6: St. Nicholas

7:00 a.m. **Patricia Doyle** † by Carol Heine

9:00 a.m. **Robert DePippo** † by Maria DePippo

Thursday, December 7: St. Ambrose

7:00 a.m. **Amelia Altamari** † by Rose Rahilly

9:00 a.m. **Patricia Bruhn** † by Carol Heine

Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. **Gerald Spratt** † by Carol Heine

9:00 a.m. **John & Nancy Napoleon** †

by Nancy Napoleon & Tom & Mary DeBrosky

Saturday, December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuatlatotzin

8:00 a.m. **Joseph Mercier** † by Marie Mercier

5:00 p.m. **Jean P. Widdis** † by Karen & Gary Jubie

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. **Living & Deceased Members of the Styles**

& Ahl Families by Joe & Jacqueline Styles

9:30 a.m. **Angela Jean Diacovo** † by The Winrow Family

11:30 a.m. **Fannie Raucci** † by Rosemarie Smith

5:00 p.m. **Theresa Palladino & Family** †

by Gene Palladino

PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Nov 18 & 19 In-pew \$ 4,676 Nov 25 & 26 In-pew \$ 4,101

Maint. & Repair \$ 110

Thanksgiving \$ 483

Charity & Justice \$ 747

Religious Ed \$ 525

Votives \$ 134

Votive Shrines \$ 71

**FR. KEVIN'S REFLECTION
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The celebration of the Lord's Nativity always began around 12 noon, during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as Santa Claus would make his way down Broadway in his sleigh. My father would start to play Christmas music and we would get ready to go to my aunt and uncle's home for the day. The family dynamic has changed since then. New families have formed, others have shrunk, due either to death or divorce, and still others have moved away. This year will be particularly difficult for my family and I as it will be the first time, we celebrate the holidays after the death of my father this past August. He was always at the center of the festival.

But we must still remember why it is that we have something to celebrate at all. ***We truly revel someone who should be at the center of every celebration: Christ the Lord. Advent should be for all of us a time of watchful preparation*** – like the monks who rise before dawn to pray as the sun rises, we are called to prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of the Lord Jesus. The monks begin their day in darkness and silence in watchful preparation for the coming of light and ***so ought we to be "watchful and alert" so that we may be ready to receive Him when He comes!***



Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to return. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days.

Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. (USCCB.org) **Reconciliation Monday is December 18, 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm.**

December 3, 2023 — First Sunday of Advent

Chapel Main Church Gym Parish Center Meeting Room

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 DECEMBER 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT between the 7AM & 9AM MASSES until 2:30 Chapel MIRACULOUS MEDAL DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 2:30 HOLY FAMILY OUTREACH DINNER 5:30-6:30PM	5 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9AM-1PM GYM PICKLEBALL 7-9PM GYM	6 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS RELIGIOUS ED. 6-7:30PM	7 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9-1 G CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00-8:30PM Chapel	8 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A Holy Day of Obligation	9 8:00AM MASS Annual National Night of Prayer for Life 4-4:45PM RECONCILIATION 5:00PM MASS	10 7:30AM MASS 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS LESSONS & CAROLS 2:30PM SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  5:00PM MASS

DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2023 LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Mass	Celebrant	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
<i>Saturday 5:00 p.m.</i>	Msgr. Sullivan	Michael Graziano	Emily & Phil Sinagra	Briella & Makenna Reuben/ Ashley Duran
<i>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</i>	Fr. George	Bill Van Allen	Rose Rahilly/ Philis McCloskey	Alvin Pardo
<i>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</i>	Msgr. Sullivan	Gary Gubinski	Ed & Carole Reyman	Courtney Weishaupt
<i>Sunday 11:30 a.m.</i>	Fr. George	Patrick Hickey	Nicholas Mazzola/ Ginny DiMuccio	Hickey Family
<i>Sunday 5:00 p.m.</i>	Fr. Kevin	Kevin McHugh	Dorothy McHugh	Maggie Dwyer



Please pray for George Habernig, Kathline Bathrick, Thomas E. Comerford, Dierdre Giancotti, Crystal Goodman, Rich Metcalf, Patricia Wootan and for all parishioners homebound, in healthcare facilities or seriously ill.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

*Joseph Garvila, Bob Lawler, Doris Petruski,
Mary G. Roach and Anna Wamsley*

May the perpetual light shine upon them

The **Annual National Night of Prayer for Life** begins 9:00PM Dec. 8th and continues to 1:00AM Dec. 9th. During the Hour of Unity, 12 AM – 1 AM EST, we will be united with churches across the country in prayer.

Prayer sites for the upper counties are:

Regina Coeli, Hyde Park

Dec. 8th, Exposition 9:00am - 7:00pm

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, LaGrangeville

Dec. 8th, Exposition from 8:00pm - 11:00pm



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Holy Family Outreach Dinner

Monday ~ December 4, 2023

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Parish Center Meeting Room

All are welcome!



Today, many countries around the world celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast day does not celebrate the immaculate conception of Jesus Christ, which is known as "the Virgin Birth", but instead celebrates the immaculate conception of his mother, the Virgin Mary, in the womb of her mother, St Anne. Mary's immaculate conception meant that she was conceived free of the taint of original sin, unlike other women.

Mass will be celebrated in the main church at 7 & 9 AM.

ADVENT CANDLES WEEK ONE

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **HOPE**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Would you consider donating a **non-perishable food item** to our collection for Catholic Charities? Kindly drop your FOOD item(s) off here at the church before pick up on the third Sunday of the month. The drop off location is the vestibule on the Wall Street side of the church (not the ramp entrance). Thank you for generously considering a donation.



JESSE TREE



The Jesse Tree is an ancient tradition that introduces Jesus' ancestors and is a great activity for Advent. The Old Testament is used to help tell the story of the Bible from Creation to the Christmas Story.

This year we will again use a Jesse Tree to provide gifts to those in need through Catholic Charities. If you'd like to participate, please take a slip off the "Tree", purchase the suggested gift and bring it back unwrapped and drop it off to the vestibule on the Wall Street side of the church.

Volunteers are needed to deliver the unwrapped gifts to Catholic Charities. If you would like to assist with our Jesse Tree, please contact Dorothy at (845)338-2315 or text (845)242-0114. Thank you in advance.

NEW TIME for PICKLEBALL

Pickleball popularity continues to grow. You would like to give it a try, but you work during the day. We have a perfect solution - an **evening session has been added** to our schedule. Join us on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9p.m. in the Parish Center's gym. We have extra paddles for you to use so dig out those sneakers and join us. Come and see what the Pickleball craze is all about. Call or text Kevin at (845)418-7718.



Ulster County Office for the Aging SENIOR TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT CLASSES

Senior Technology Support Classes will be held at the Ulster County Senior Hub in Kingston on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

NEXT CLASSES:

December 7: Music on Apple Devices, Songs, Playlists, Apple Music, Apple Classic.

December 14: Google Photos/Taking Pictures on Android Phone.

December 21: General Tech Q&A, Bring your tech and your questions.

December 28: Smart TV's, Sticks and Streaming.

Classes are limited to 15 people. To register call the Ulster County Office for the Aging at 845-340-3456



On the weekend of December 9-10, there will be the annual collection that benefits approximately 24,000 elderly religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the United States. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), the collection provides qualified religious institutes with financial aid to address retirement necessities.

Traditionally, Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to Church ministries such as parishes, schools and health-care institutions, usually with little to no compensation. Consequently, a significant number currently have insufficient retirement funds, combined with escalating health-care costs. Numerous religious communities in the US are experiencing challenges with providing for their elderly members and are confronting a sizable disparity between available funds and the costs of care. We can help by giving generously. Thank you for your consideration.



On **Sunday, December 10th**, our Music Ministry will host St. Joseph's first "**Lessons & Carols**" service at **2:30** in the Church. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the Promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. Yet another spirit-filled moment for our Parish.

If you or you know of someone who would consider joining our massed choir, contact our choir director, Bob Gaus at (845) 389-1503 or music.saintjoseph@gmail.com Our choir consists of members of our Church Choir and guests from surrounding parishes and communities.

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