

DECEMBER 17, 2023 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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PASTORAL STAFF

Father Kevin Malick, Pastor
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Philip Sinagra, Trustee, Parish Council Chairman
Anna Brett, Trustee
Joan Corton, Religious Education Coordinator
Paul DeLisio, Finance Committee Chairman
Andrew Hoben, Music Ministry Director
Bob Gaus, Choir Director

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.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTORY

Rectory: 845.481.4560 • Parish Fax: 845.334.0352
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am - 3:30 pm or call to
make appointment with a
Priest or Deacon

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.
Miraculous Medal Novena after
the 7 am & 9 am Masses. Divine
Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 pm followed
by Benediction

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Chapel
469 Delaware Avenue
Kingston, New York
Seven days a week,
24 hours a day

BAPTISM

Call the Rectory to arrange to
have your child Baptized.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office for Home
or Hospital Visitation as well as
for the Reception of Holy
Communion.

WEDDINGS

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. **John DeJoy** † by Marion DeJoy

Sunday, December 17: Gaudete Sunday
Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. **Philip & Helen Battaglia** † by Diane Blakely

9:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Hickey** † by Al & Nan Gruner

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

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

Monday, December 18: Advent Weekday

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

9:00 a.m. **Mary, Mariano & Modesto Balderama** †
by Ursila Bacarra

Tuesday, December 19: Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Jack & Marg McGrane** †
by Joe Machione

9:00 a.m. **Rose Porsch** † by Pat Ryan

Wednesday, December 20: Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Thomas Sior** † by Philis McCloskey

9:00 a.m. **Len Miller** † by Donna & Lenny Miller

Thursday, December 21: St. Peter Canisius

7:00 a.m. **Vincent Post** † by Mary Post

9:00 a.m. **Richard Keller** †

Friday, December 22: Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Stahl & Outwater Families, Living & Deceased** † by Ruth & Vern Outwater

9:00 a.m. **Barbarann "Robin" Mesuda** † by Lori Masci

Saturday, December 23: St. John of Kanty

8:00 a.m. **Julianus Wojciehowski** † by
Estate of Carol-Lee Wojciehowski

5:00 p.m. **Evelyn Sior** † by Philis McCloskey

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. **The Corton & Lawler Families,**
Living & Deceased

9:30 a.m. **Gloria Martinez** † by St. Joseph's Religious Ed.

11:30 a.m. **The Olson & McCoach Families,**
Living & Deceased by Di McCoach

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. **Vincent Werling** † by Anna Marie Werling

6:00 p.m. **Ida & Paul Werner & Karen Parkes** †
by Pat Russell

10:00 p.m. **David A. Blakely** † by Diane Blakely

A Reflection by Fr. Kevin Malick
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice always? Tough one. **In all circumstances give thanks.** Another difficult proposition. **Pray without ceasing?** What? How can I or anyone ever pray without ceasing? I can recall working in a homeless shelter in the Bronx, and, after having been there for eight days, I had reached my limit as to how far I was willing to go to give of myself to these strangers. I had to leave - to run and get out of the city for a while. How did these Missionary of Charity nuns do it day-in and day-out? Don't we all have that breaking point where we have had enough of life and have earned a vacation from the moment? To what do we retreat: television, alcohol, the internet? What about prayer? Do we see our Lord as a Giver of peace for us? Saint Paul, who was clearly a mystic in his own right, calls us to pray without ceasing, in part, so that we do not reach our breaking point. Imagine that: dealing with all of life's stressors without needing to resort to sin or wasteful distraction to break the onslaught. Saint Paul knew stress, certainly, as he wrote many of his letters while enduring imprisonment for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But he didn't just pray; he lived a life of prayer. In other words, when he wasn't engaged in ministry of some sort, he was actively praying, or passively meditating on or just thinking about Sacred Scripture. This is something we all can do. By taking a passage from scripture, or the reading of the day from the daily Mass readings, we can keep the flame of faith alive and enkindled. Sure, we can retreat to the fantasy of our next vacation. Or we can invite God in and stay present to Him throughout the day. What a blessing! This gift of our intellect God gives us to be alive to Him and He to us through the thick and thin of life. Then, we will rejoice always and, in all circumstances, give thanks. Saint Paul set the bar high for us, but he knew what he was doing: keeping our eyes and hearts fixed upon the heavens.

PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

December 9 & 10 In-pew \$ 4,965

Immaculate Conception \$ 1,555

November Onling Giving \$ 6,322

Religious Retirement \$ 1,149




Maint. & Repair \$ 473

Votives \$ 139



December 17, 2023 — Third Sunday of Advent

Chapel Main Church Gym Parish Center Meeting Room

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
18 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 DINNER 5:30-6:30 	19 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9AM-1PM GYM  6PM PICKLEBALL 7-9PM GYM	20 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS RELIGIOUS ED. 6-7:30PM	21 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9-1 G PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00-8:30PM Chapel	22 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9AM 1PM GYM	23 8:00AM MASS 4-4:45PM RECONCILIATION 5:00PM MASS	24 7:30AM MASS 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT  CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00PM MASS 6:00PM MASS 10:00PM MASS

DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2023 LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Mass	Celebrant	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
<i>Saturday 5:00 p.m.</i>	Fr. George	Ana Brett	Emily & Phil Sinagra	Ashley Duran/Felix Sanchez
<i>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</i>	Msgr. Sullivan	Bill VanAllen	Phylis McCloskey/ Rose Rahilly	Rolins & Royce Plotena
<i>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</i>	Fr. George	Diane Sutkowski	Ed & Carole Reyman	Makenna & Briella Reuben
<i>Sunday 11:30 a.m.</i>	Fr. Kevin	Patrick Hickey	Nicholas Mazzola/ Ginny DiMuccio	Hickey Family
<i>Sunday 4:00 p.m.</i>	Msgr. Sullivan	Mike Graziano	Emily & Phil Sinagra	Courtney Weishaupt/ Abigail Klein
<i>Sunday 6:00 p.m.</i>	Fr. George	Kin Chee		.
<i>Sunday 10:00 p.m.</i>	Fr. Cyprien	Diane Sutkowski		James Davis

SAME MASS - NEW MASS TIMES FOR 2024

Beginning January 2024, our weekly
Saturday evening Mass will be at 5:30 PM
Sunday Masses will be offered at
7:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM.
Daily Mass times remain the same.



Please pray for all of our parishioners who are home-bound, 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

JESSE TREE - GIVING TREE



Please return unwrapped gifts by today, Dec. 17th and drop them off in the vestibule on the Wall Street side of the church.

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

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

RECONCILIATION

Monday

**Monday,
 December 18,
 2023**

**2 PM - 4 PM
 6 PM - 8 PM**



ADVENT CANDLES

~ WEEK THREE ~

The third Advent candle is referred to as the Joy or Shepherd's candle. The third week of Advent celebrates the joy of Christmas day and, not surprisingly, often focuses on the declaration of Jesus' birth by the angels to the shepherds. Their words of rejoicing, calling us to give "glory to God in the highest", stir up our souls to give thanks for the miracle of Christmas. Likewise, the immediate reaction and response of the shepherds highlight the Christmas story as something active and dynamic; the miracle of Jesus moves us.



CALLING ALL DECORATORS

Please join us on Friday, December 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to help us get our church ready for Christmas. Please call the Parish Office if you are able to help (845)481-4560. Leave your contact phone number in case the time needs to change.

Holy Family Outreach Dinner

Monday ~ December 18, 2023

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Parish Center Meeting Room

All are welcome!

CHECK IT OUT !! The Knights of Columbus Kingston



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Council # 275 has published a website! kofc275.org All you may want to know in a single location. The website links you to all local parish *Mass Info & Times*, current and archived *Parish Bulletins*, *K of C Events*, *Meeting Dates & Calendars* with details of local parish events and activities (multi day activities) ie. Coats for Kids, and links to other sites of interest: NY Archdiocese, local Charities, Ulster County Catholic HS interest survey, etc,

WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS ?

Mission: Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Find out how it can help all catholic men and how you can help us aid our community by contacting Robert Santiago Grand Knight (914)204-4211

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

2023

RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 18th

2:00 - 4:00 PM & 6:00 - 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, December 23rd

4:00 - 4:45 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th

Mass: 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th

Mass: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

(No 5:00 PM Mass)

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30th

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

NEW YEARS EVE

Sunday, December 31st

Mass: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

2024

FEAST OF MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1st, New Years Day

Mass: 8:00 AM

Saturday, January 6th

THE EPIPHANY - Vigil Mass

Mass: 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 7th

The Feast of the

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass: 7:30, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM


MUSIC NOTES...

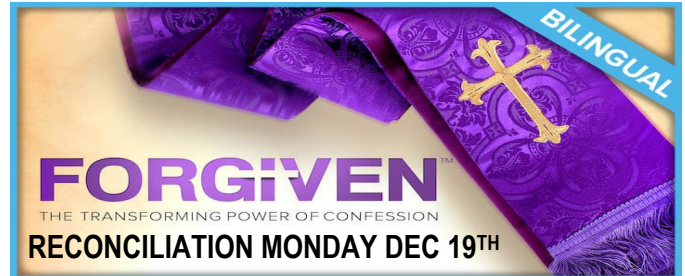
As our Music Ministry prepares for Christmas Eve, we welcome singers to join or re-join us! Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center basement (use the parking lot entrance.) We will sing at the Advent 9:30 am Sundays (quick rehearsal at 8:45 am each Sunday in the choir loft.) The Choir will sing at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve liturgy with preludes at 3:30 pm. A schola (small group of singers) will also sing at the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass.

As our ministry continues to flourish, we welcome high school, college and adults of all ages to join us. If you play an instrument, we would also welcome your participation. Please reach out to Bob Gaus for additional information.

And please... sing joyfully in those pews. Show your children and grandchildren what full and active participation is at Mass. With many parishes new relying on taped music or no music, our parish has a gift of music at every liturgy that is celebrated. All we ask is that you sing with us!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

 Throughout the Christmas season, we will again provide a beautiful way of remembering a loved one. Special envelopes for our Christmas Flower Fund are available now. Names of the deceased and donors will be remembered and suitably displayed in the Church. Thank you!



The season of Advent is a perfect time for spiritual renewal through encountering God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. formed.org