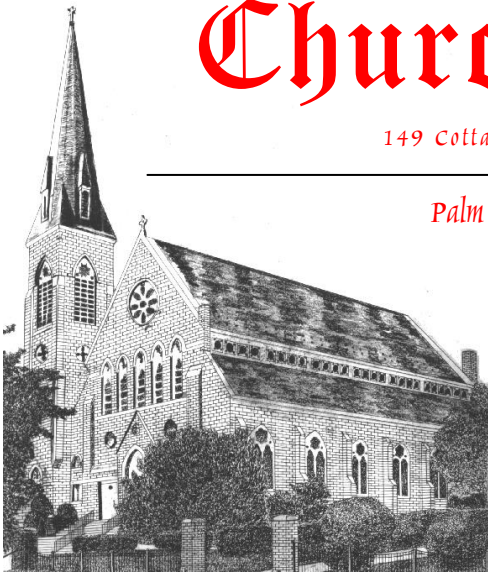


# Church of St. Joseph

149 Cottage Street, Middletown, N.Y. 10940 ☩ (845) 343-6013



*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

*March 20, 2016*

## **PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION**

Meetings in the Parish Center

English: 3rd Saturday, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Spanish: 4th Saturday, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

## **ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sunday

## **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: call the rectory.

## **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: 343-6013.

## **LITURGY**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani

**Lector Coordinator:** Martin Suchy

**Organist:** Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary:**

Mondays 7:00 p.m.

**Perpetual Adoration In Chapel:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**First Friday:** Holy hour 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

**First Saturday:** Holy hour 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Spanish

**Rosary Crusade for Life:** First Sunday of the month, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

## **PARISH SERVICES**

**Parish Website:** [www.sjchurch.com](http://www.sjchurch.com)

**Rev. Dennis A. Nikolic, Pastor**  
**Rev. Sandro A. Leyton, Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Donald Timone, In Residence**  
**Rev. Ngozi Osuji, In Residence**  
**Deacon Richard Trapani**  
**Deacon Albert Loeffler**  
**Deacon Alexander Gapay**  
**Deacon Michael Brescia**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Coordinator:** Angelica Frausto, 343-4415

## **SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday evening: 5:30

Sunday morning: 7:00, 9:00, 9:00 (Latin), 11:30

Sunday afternoon: 1:00 -- en Español

## **DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., & 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. en Espanol

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

## **HOLY DAYS**

Mass schedule announced ahead of time.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays: 4:15 to 5:00 & 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Eve of First Friday: 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

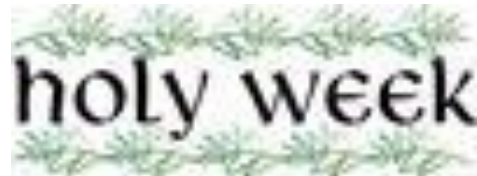
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## **BAPTISMS**

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m., 2nd through last Sunday in English, 1st Sunday in Spanish.



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD  
MARCH 20, 2016**



**SCHEDULE**

Today is Palm Sunday. The days of Holy Week are the most sacred of the entire Church year. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are moments of extraordinary graces. Do try to participate in these liturgies and, if possible, invite someone to "Come Home" for Easter.

**HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS:** Confessions will be heard in the Church on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from **3:00-9:00pm**. **NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY.**

**HOLY WEDNESDAY:** Perpetual Adoration will cease after the 12:10 Mass and will resume **2:00pm** Easter Sunday.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** **7:30am** Low Mass

**4:00pm** – Mandatum Ceremony (Washing of Feet)

**7:00pm Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

Following the 7:30pm Mass we will process into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Adoration: Holy Hour in Spanish: **10:00-11:00pm**; Holy Hour in English **11:00pm-12:00 Midnight.**

**GOOD FRIDAY, Day of Fast and Abstinence:** Bilingual Stations of the Cross at **9:00am** beginning in the church with outdoor procession, depending on the weather.

**10:30am** – Spanish Liturgy of Good Friday

**12:00-3:00PM** – Church will be open for quiet prayer.

**3:00pm** – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion (English)

**7:00pm** – Individual confessions.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** **7:00pm** Easter Vigil Services and Mass (Bilingual). Those who participate in this Vigil fulfill their Easter Mass obligation.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Masses are at **7:00, 9:00** and **11:30am**, and **1:00pm** Mass in Spanish.  
**Perpetual Adoration resumes at 2:00pm**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*  
*March 20 – March 27*

SAT: 5:30pm Rebecca Glickman-Brown  
SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners Living and Deceased  
9:00am Andrea Caruso  
Lorraine Barone  
11:30am Michael Krause  
1:00pm Infant of Prague  
MON: 7:30am May Piccolo  
12:10pm Michael Krause  
TUE 7:30am Angela Cisternino  
12:10pm Agony in the Garden  
WED: 7:30am Patrick & Agnes Foley  
12:10pm Maddalena & Salvatore Matta

**PRAY FOR**

Jean Mc Cluskey  
Rosemary Quinn  
Faust Pougliese

Note: through Friday, 12:10 mass is offered for an increase in Monday vocations. An additional intention may be requested.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> is Lenten Reconciliation Monday.** Confessions will be heard in all parishes in the Archdiocese. They are scheduled from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. We invite all of you to come.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

On Good Friday our parish will take up the annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be as generous as your means permit.

## THE MANDATUM CEREMONY HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET

Pope Francis has modified the guidelines on the Mandatum Ceremony for Holy Thursday. According to the new directives the ceremony, which is optional, can include men and women and it no longer needs to be 12. Pope Francis urges those choosing to carry out the washing of feet to select diverse participants: young and old, male and female, clergy and laity.

This year, Father Dennis Nikolic in consultation with the Liturgy Committee, has decided to ask for volunteers among the parishioners. Anyone who wishes to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday in the Mandatum Ceremony is asked to call the Rectory at 343-6013 ext 3.

### **HOLY WEEK REMINDERS**

**THERE WILL BE NO STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY  
THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS  
HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY**

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

"You helped me change my mind!" Those were the words of a young woman to some of the witnesses at 40 Days for Life here in Goshen. Our public witness backed by prayer and fasting by many opens the hearts of women to accept God's gift of life. As of the 34<sup>th</sup> day of this campaign 351 babies have been saved that we know of. Praise God!

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If you have not yet made your gift or pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal, please consider doing so. We need the support of the whole parish to be able to reach our goal. Thank you.

## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

March 20	Cardinal Dolan Auxiliary Bishops
March 21	Rev. Mark Connell Rev. Mark Nacarato
March 22	Rev. Ngosi Osuji Deacon Alexander Gapay
March 23	Rev. Augustine Grapp, O.Carm Rev. Joseph Komonochak
March 24	Holy Thursday All Priests
March 25	Good Friday Suffering Priests
March 26	Holy Saturday Deceased Priests

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 CONFIRMADI!**

May you continue to serve and love the Lord as active members of our parish community.

A very special **Thank you** to all who helped make Confirmation so special:

The Knights of Columbus for serving as Honor Guard, the ushers, the altar boys, Ms. Georgie Ketting, Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi and the choir and especially to our catechists: Mr. De Stefano, Mr. Williams, Mr. Diccianni and Deacon Prendergast for preparing the children in such a dedicated manner.

**There will be no classes on:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016; Thursday March 24, 2016 and Saturday March 26, 2016

**Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!**

## FOOD FOR THE POOR

Our monthly food drive for the poor will be held next weekend. Our food pantry is low and needs your help. Do bring some canned foods when you come to Mass. You can leave your food at the doors of the church. All canned foods are welcome, but there is always a special need for canned items such as: spaghetti or ravioli, fruits, soup, tuna fish, spam, or other canned meats, and peanut butter and jelly.



## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Thursday we will celebrate the Supper of the Lord and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Who can fathom the love and mercy of Jesus changing bread and wine into His Body and Blood that we might be united to Him in this Blessed Sacrament? It is most fitting that we should show our gratitude to God for so great a gift by coming and adoring this same Jesus exposed in the monstrance for love of us. Hours of particular need are:

**Tuesday 1-2 AM**  
**Tuesday 4-5 AM**  
**Wednesday 3-4 AM**  
**Thursday 1-2 AM**  
**Friday Midnight- 1 AM**  
**Saturday Midnight - 1 AM**  
**Monday 4-5PM**

## ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

It's still not too late to contribute to our Easter Flower Collection. The envelopes can be put in the regular collection or in the container at Our Lady's Altar.

Please help support this worthwhile project that the Altar Rosary Society has been conducting for many years. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. New members are welcome.

## SHORTER NOTICES

†**DOMINICAN SISTER OF BLAUVELT** is offering Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) memberships at the farm they sponsor in Goshen, NY. Members enjoy Harmony Farm's 35 types of vegetables over a 22 week season. Detailed information about the CSA and the fees associated can be found at [www.harmonyfarmny.com](http://www.harmonyfarmny.com)

†**COURT GENEVIEVE WALSH OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH** will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tea on Sunday, April 10th from 1:30-3:30pm in Mc Caffery Hall. The cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for children under 12. Admission includes tea, finger foods, dessert and a chance as a door prize. Please RSVP by April 1<sup>st</sup> to Kathy Valerio at 294-2024.

**THERE WILL BE NO HOSPITALITY SUNDAY ON MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO EASTER.**

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

### Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

### Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

### Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday

Chism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;  
Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

### Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

### Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12