



Church of St. Joseph

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 14, 2019

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Rev. Ngozi Osuji, Prison Chaplain
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Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

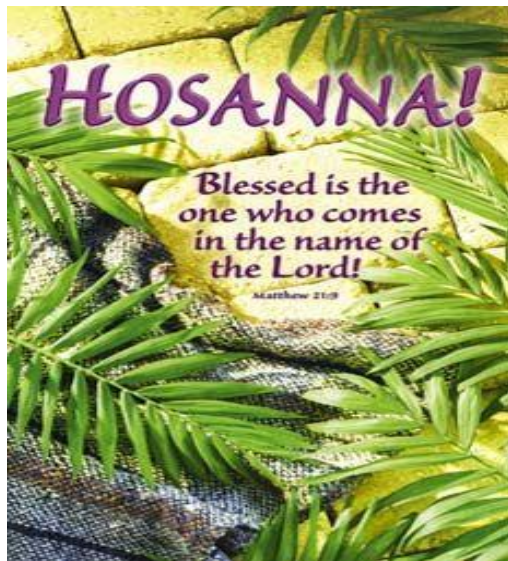
Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415

MASS

Please see the Holy Week Schedule

CONFESSIONS

We do not offer Confession on Holy Saturday
Reconciliation Monday: April 15, 3:00-9:00 p.m.
Good Friday: April 19, 7:00 p.m.
Other times, as announced. Also by appointment.



BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center
English: April 20, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Spanish: Fourth April 27, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

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

DEVOTIONS

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

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays 7:00 p.m.

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

Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10:00am -12:00 noon

Senior Dining: Serving lunch Mon-Fri 845-956-1428

Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com

Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com

Youth Group: Schedule published in the bulletin



*Welcome to
Our Parish*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
APRIL 14, 2019



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of April 14 – April 21

- SAT:** 5:30pm Peter & MaryEllen Walsh
- SUN:** 7:00am All Parishioners Living & Deceased
 9:00am Mario J. Martinez
 Edward Persina
- LATIN** 9:00am Giovanni Rosario Fratto
 11:30am Dolores, John & Maureen Murphy
 1:00pm Mauricio Heredia Soriano &
 Jose Luis Cardenas Jr.
- MON:** 7:30am Maryann Skrobanski
 12:10pm Antoinette Talarico
- TUE:** 7:30am Frank Biasi
 12:10pm Agony in the Garden
- WED:** 7:30am Ana Rodriguez
 12:10pm Jonathan Ruggles &
 Marie Kelly
 7:00pm Mauricio Heredia Soriano
- THUR:** 9:00am *Low Mass*
 7:00pm *Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper*
(bilingual)
- FRI:** 9:00am *Outdoor Stations of the Cross*
(bilingual)
 11:00am *Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*
(Spanish)
 3:00pm *Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*
(English)
 7:00pm *Confession*
- SAT** 7:00pm *Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass*
- SUN:** 7:00am *Low Mass of Easter*
 9:00am *High Mass of Easter*
- LATIN** 9:00am *Latin High Mass of Easter*
 11:30am *High Mass of Easter*
 1:00pm *Spanish High Mass of Easter*

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

+ PRAY FOR +
 Ann Mermell, Ana Rodriguez, Eddie Dirr

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week begins today, Palm Sunday. The days of Holy Week are the most sacred of the entire Church year. **Holy Thursday, Good Friday,** and the **Saturday Easter Vigil** 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 this Monday, **April 15** from **3:00-9:00 p.m.** **NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY.**

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

HOLY THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. Low Mass

7:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
 (English / Spanish)

GOOD FRIDAY, Day of Fast and Abstinence: 9:00 a.m. – Bilingual Stations of the Cross beginning in the Church with an outdoor procession, depending on the weather.

11:00 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Spanish

12:00-3:00 p.m. – Church will be open for quiet prayer.

3:00 p.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord (English)

7:00 p.m. – Individual confessions.
 (There are NO Confessions on Holy Saturday)

HOLY SATURDAY: 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Bilingual). Those who participate in this Vigil fulfill their Easter Mass obligation (**there is no 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass**)

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses are at **7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.** (in Latin in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel), and **11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.** (in Spanish). **Perpetual Adoration resumes at 2:00 p.m.**

FAST & ABSTINENCE – Good Friday, April 19.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Today we enter our final week of Lent and walk closely with Jesus in His last days. On Thursday we recall how Jesus instituted the Blessed Sacrament out of His great love for us. He knew He would die for us but He didn't want to leave us. He gave us His own flesh and blood to be our food. What a wonderful mystery and miracle!



How often do we take the time to ponder His tremendous love for us? Do we take the time to think of our God humbling Himself to become our spiritual nourishment in the form of bread and wine? This week, let us step back and give adoration and thanksgiving to Jesus for this Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

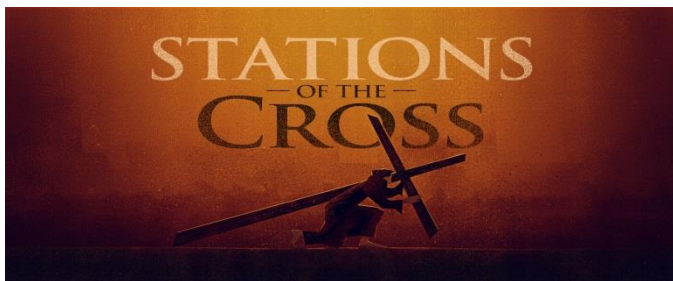
If you wish to become a Guardian of the Eucharist call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510. Every hour, day or night, is available to you.

Hours of special need are:

SUN: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
WED: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

TUES: 3:00-4:00 a.m.
WED: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

FOR WEATHER-RELATED CLOSINGS OF THE CHAPEL, YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING AT 845-956-1455



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be offered in the main Church this Wednesday, **April 17**, after the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

On **April 19**, Good Friday, an outdoor, bilingual Stations of the Cross will be held starting in the Main Church and going through the streets of Middletown. All are welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Palm Sunday marks the end of the 40 Days For Life campaign. I truly believe this campaign has made a difference for the sake of the unborn. During the campaign of fasting, prayer and standing witness to God's Love and Mercy in Goshen and Newburgh, the Holy Spirit has guided all of us to a realization of His Plan. Thank you to everyone for their commitment to Life from Cradle to Grave.

Please join us today, **April 14**, at 4 p.m. to celebrate God's Love and Mercy with a pot-luck dinner, complete with goodies, and share our experiences of defending life. The event will take place at 145 Benkard Avenue, Newburgh, NY, in the basement of St. Francis of Assisi-Sacred Heart Church (the Parish of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta). If you wish to carpool, please call **Veronica** at 845-551-8560.

"It is a supreme injustice and arbitrariness when some make themselves the judges of who should live and who should die." – *The Gospel of Life*

– **Veronica Murphy-DeWitt**, Manager of the 40 Days for Life Goshen Campaign

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Apr. 14 – 3992	Apr. 21 – 3137
Apr. 15 – 3409	Apr. 22 -- 3552
Apr. 16 – 4307	Apr. 23 – 4186
Apr. 17 – 3495	Apr. 24 – 4327
Apr. 18 – 4673	Apr. 25 – 4173
Apr. 19 – 3430	Apr. 26 – 3828
Apr. 20 – 3627	Apr. 27 – 4642

SHORTER NOTICES

† **ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet today, at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Come and join us ... everyone is welcome. For more information, call **Deacon Alex** at 914-443-1435

† **TEMPORARY SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Photo Set, located in the Galleria at Crystal Run. Please contact **Kathy Stiffler** at 609-206-7557; or email: kstiffler@cherryhillprograms.com

DISCOVER THE SHRINES OF ITALY ON PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER DENNIS



Consider a pilgrimage to Rome and the Shrines of Italy, **November 12-22, 2019**. Spend time at the famous Abbey of Montecassino, founded by **St. Benedict**. Visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary in Pompeii. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi, like never before. Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City. Stroll through the ancient catacombs where the early Christians hid and buried their dead. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loretto. For more information call the parish office at 845-343-6013 or email us at Parish@SJChurch.com

BAPTISM AND BAPTISMAL CLASS

On Saturday, **April 20**, we will hold our usual Parental Baptismal Class at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. Unfortunately, the Holy Week schedule cannot accommodate Baptisms on **April 14, April 20** or **April 21**. Please choose from the many other dates we have.



SOME IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING THE CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK

- ❖ Be mindful of the schedule of Masses and Services during the *Sacred Triduum* (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Be reverent: the Church is a house of prayer.
- ❖ On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the entire Parish community is called to participate. Holy Communion may only be received once on each of these days. Those who plan to attend the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, should not attend the Low Mass that morning.
- ❖ The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper ends with a procession to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. After a short period of Adoration, the clergy return to the main Altar to carry out the Ritual of *Stripping the Altar*. It is not proper to engage clergy or servers in conversation at this time. Likewise, it is not proper to treat the Church as a place to converse; this is the night the Lord spent in prayer and agony and was betrayed. Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. There is also a beautiful custom of visiting other parishes after the Mass.
- ❖ The Good Friday Liturgy begins in silence and ends in silence. When the Solemn Liturgy is finished, all are to depart in silence. Once again, do not disturb the clergy and servers as they carry out the Ritual of *Stripping the Altar*.
- ❖ Confession will not be offered on Holy Saturday Night. We will not offer a 5:30 p.m. Mass on that night. A Solemn bilingual Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m., so as to allow the entire Parish Community to celebrate together. Baptisms, Confirmations and First Communion of Adults preparing for these Sacraments of Initiation take place at this special Easter Vigil Mass. Those wishing a shorter Mass should consider attending on Easter Day rather than the Easter Vigil.
- ❖ Those attending the Easter Vigil have fulfilled their obligation to attend Mass. They may however, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion again at a Mass on Easter Day.
- ❖ Parking may be an issue after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday and before the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. We strongly recommend you do not linger after Mass. We deliberately plan the 11:30 Mass to be reverent but we try to keep it moving. Please be patient if others are trying to get into the parking lot while you are leaving.