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**An All Embracing Family**  
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**St. Stephen the King Church**

140 Niagara Street  
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 Office: 315-343-0350  
 Hall: 315-343-6378

**Rectory Office Hours:**  
 9:00am - 3:00pm daily

**Mass Schedule:**  
 Sunday 9:00am *Coffee Hour following.*  
*Daily:* Tuesday 7:00am Wednesday 7:00am



**St. Joseph's Church**

240 West First Street  
 Oswego, NY 13126  
 Office: 315-343-2160  
 Center: 315-342-3967

**Rectory Office Hours:**  
 9:00am - 3:00pm daily

**Mass Schedule:**  
 Confession Saturday 4:00pm  
 Saturday 5:00pm  
 Sunday 11:00am  
*Daily:* Monday 12:10pm Friday 12:10pm

**December 17, 2017**

*Deacon Nick Alvaro, Administrator*

**Third Sunday of Advent**



**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**  
 4 p.m. Vigil at St. Joseph's with Christmas Pageant  
 6 p.m. Vigil at St. Stephen's  
**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25**  
 9 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen's  
 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's  
**Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Day**  
**will be 12:10pm at St. Joseph's.**

**When:** Monday, December 18  
 4:00pm-7:00pm

**Where:** St. Stephen the King



It is never "too late" to return home. Imagine the joy in heaven and how joyful you will feel upon receiving God's forgiveness.

***Year of the Family***

During this Year of the Family, the Syracuse diocese has provided us some ways to utilize Our Family Prayer Card:

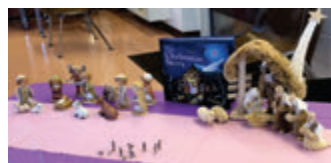
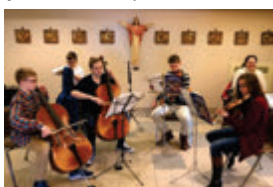
- ◆ Before classes or school days begin
- ◆ Before meal times
- ◆ During drive time to various activities
- ◆ In the evening before bedtime

Our Family Prayer Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Please take as many as you'd like.



***Intergenerational Advent Event—Year of the Family***

Last Sunday, the All Embracing Family of St. Joseph's and St. Stephen's celebrated their first Intergenerational Event. The event focused on bringing families together and was open to anyone who wanted to join us. There was music of the season, stations where families could make cards to be given to local shut-ins, cookie decorating to be shared with others, how the candy cane came to be, how to make an Advent wreath, and one volunteer arrived with over 20 nativities for display! **We are on The Catholic Sun's website! Check it out at:** <http://thecatholicsun.com/2017/12/07/st-joseph-st-stephen-oswego-host-intergenerational-christmas-event/>



**WINTER CARNIVAL**  
*is coming...*

Monday night Faith formation students are preparing for our annual **Winter Carnival coming on Monday, January 15.**

Entrance fee is new or gently used winter gear. Stay tuned for more.

**Calendar of Events**

**Memorials at St. Joseph's**  
**Sanctuary Light**  
*John Piazza from Family*  
**Blessed Mother**  
*Michelle L. Krakowka (Six Month Anniversary)*  
*from Anna Marie Natoli*  
**St. Joseph**  
*Michael Tesoriero from Mother and Rick*  
**Sanctuary Candle at St. Stephen's**  
*A Special Intention*

**Remember in Prayer:** We pray for loved ones who are ill:  
 Deborah Armstrong, Mary Barina, Jean Marie Battista, Samuel Battista, Anthony Bogawitch, Patricia Brancato, Mary Ann Buske, Cynthia & Louis Castaldo, Bertha Czerow, Joshua Davidson, Pauline Farrell, Marcie Fylstra, Tom Garlock, Joseph Gigliotti, Marvin & Vivian Golding, Frances Hageny, Colin Harrington, Brian Jung, Mary Kon, Wayne Lechase, Sue LePine, Frances Lysak, Patrick Mangano, Santa Miller, Mary Modie, Helen Nentarz, Mary Popielarz, William Relyea, Gloria Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Noah Rodriguez, Alice Siembor, Margaret Stachowicz, Joe Trenca, Bruce Whitney and those who are home-bound or currently in nursing homes and hospitals. If you'd like to have a name added to the prayer list, please call one of the rectory offices.

***St. Joseph's & St. Stephen's Faith Formation***  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 10:00am Pre-K through Grades 5 @ St. Joseph's Parish Center  
**12:00pm—Practice for Christmas Pageant**  
**Monday, December 18**  
 6:30pm Grades 6-10 @ St. Stephen's Church Hall  
**NO CLASSES—WINTER BREAK**  
**December 24—January 2**  
**Classes Resume January 7**

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule—December 23/24**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Commentator</b>
5:00pm	T. McManus	TBD
9:00am	G. Baer	
11:00am	D. D. Murray	TBD

**Extraordinary Ministers**

5:00pm	TBD
9:00am	D. Bozek, S. Doty
11:00am	J. Lenahan, B. Zumwalt

**Altar Servers**

5:00pm	TBD
9:00am	F. LeBlanc, A. Shaver, M. Shaver
11:00am	TBD

**December 24/25—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Commentator</b>
4:00pm	M. Shanley	M. Furlong
6:00pm	A. Mulcahey	
9:00am	TBD	
11:00am	TBD	J. Lyons

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:00pm	B. Zumwalt, J. Hibbert, A. Conzone, E. Zumwalt
6:00pm	TBD
9:00am	TBD
11:00am	J. Lenahan, E. Zumwalt

**Altar Servers**

4:00pm	K. Hibbert-Nelson, L. Furlong, L. Galvin
6:00pm	TBD
9:00am	TBD
11:00am	TBD

Week of December 17				
Sun	12/17	10:00am	SJO PC	Multi-Age RCIA for Youth
Sun	12/17	10:00am	SJO PC	Faith Formation
Sun	12/17	12:00pm	SJO PC	Practice for Christmas Pageant
Sun	12/17	12:00pm	SJO	Youth Group Bake Sale
Mon	12/18	4:00pm - 7:00pm	SSK Only	The Light is On for You
Mon	12/18	6:30pm	Cam's Pizzeria	Faith Formation Service Project—Holiday Window Painting
Mon	12/18	6:30pm	SSK Hall	Faith Formation Students—Wrapping Giving Tree Gifts
Tue	12/19	6:30pm - 7:30pm	SJO SJO PC	Exposition in Church Lord's Delight Prayer Mtg.
Wed	12/20	11:00am	SJO	Bible Study
Thu	12/21	11:00am	SJO	Rosary Prayer Group
Sat	12/23	<b>No Confessions at SJO</b>		

Week of December 24				
Sun	12/24	9:00am	SSK	Mass
Sun	12/24	11:00am	SJO	Mass
Sun	12/24	4:00pm	SJO	Christmas Vigil with Pageant
Sun	12/24	6:00pm	SSK	Christmas Vigil
Mon	12/25	9:00am	SSK	Christmas Day Mass
Mon	12/25	11:00am	SJO	Christmas Day Mass
Mon	12/25	<b>No 12:10pm Mass at SJO</b>		
Tue	12/26	6:30pm - 7:30pm	SJO SJO PC	Exposition in Church Lord's Delight Prayer Mtg.
Wed	12/27	11:00am	SJO	Bible Study
Thu	12/28	11:00am	SJO	Rosary Prayer Group

**What Happens When Christmas Eve is on a Sunday?**

This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent falls on December 24. Do I need to attend Mass on Sunday AND Monday? Catholics are obliged to celebrate Mass for BOTH the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent AND Christmas. Please plan on making Christmas holy by attending both Liturgies.

<b><u>Our Gifts to God—December 9/10</u></b>		
	<b><u>St. Joseph's</u></b>	<b><u>St. Stephen's</u></b>
Envelopes . . . . .	\$3,111.00	\$2,238.00
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<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,992.00</b>	<b>\$2,359.00</b>

## St. Joseph and St. Stephen Shared Staff

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Retired	Fr. Richard Morissette	In residence
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Sacristan SSK	Keith Hook	

### Pilgrimage for Life in Washington, DC January 18-20, 2018

<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>Grades 7—12</b>
	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Young Adult Trip</b>
	<b>\$45</b>	<b>Adult Trip</b>
<b>Register:</b>	<b>Grades 7—12, Pat Barnett, 315-342-3967 or patbdre.teachers@gmail.com</b>	
	<b>Young Adults—youngadultm412018.eventbrite.com or contact Sarah Fitzgerald at sfitzgerald@syrdio.org.</b>	
	<b>Adults—Mary Kortright, 315-472-6754 or mkortright@syrdio.org</b>	



#### Readings for the Week of Dec 17

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

## Mass Schedule

III. Remember to Keep Holy the Lord's Day



### Saturday, December 16

5:00pm **SJO** Andy Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) by Mary and Family

### Sunday, December 17

9:00am **SSK** Deceased Czerow Family by Gail LeClerck

11:00am **SJO** Rae Canale by Family

### Monday, December 18

12:10pm **SJO** Connie Pauldine (30 day) by Franny Enwright

### Tuesday, December 19

7:00am **SSK** Josef Mogg by Angela Mogg

### Wednesday, December 20

7:00am **SSK** Parishioners of St. Stephen's and St. Joseph's

### Thursday, December 21

**NO MASS**

### Friday, December 22

12:10pm **SJO** Bob Whalen by Joan Hibbert

### Saturday, December 23

5:00pm **SJO** Mary E. Gosek by Mike and Reenie Seaman

### Sunday, December 24

9:00am **SSK** Ann Chwalek and Andrea Stepien by Irene Birernacki

11:00am **SJO** Anthony Natoli by Mary Ann and Shannon

4:00pm **SJO** Anthony "Doc" Sansone and Josephine Sansone by Son

6:00pm **SSK** Joanne Leithner by Nick and Adele Sterio

**OPLATKI - (Christmas Wafers)** are available for your Christmas Vigil Dinner (Wigilia) on the table next to the baptismal font. Donations are gratefully appreciated and may be placed in the container provided. Oplatki will also be available at St. Stephen's rectory office during office hours.

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