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Celebration of the Eucharist

 Saturday
 4:00pm @ SJESJ

 Sunday
 8:00am @ CSM

 Sunday
 9:30am @ SJESJ

 Sunday
 11:00am @ CSM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30pm - 3:45pm @SJESJ Thursday - 5:00pm - 6:00pm @ CSM

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to be married one year before the wedding date or visit their website for some additional information.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Upon request and communally two (2) times per year.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners of St. John's St. Joseph's and St. Mary's,

With this being Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins! May this be a time of prayer for the whole week, remembering what Jesus has done for each of us.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus left His Body and Blood to celebrate what He did for us, so that we could participate in daily and be fed by Our Savior. It also was when He was arrested and the prelude to his Crucifixion.

On Good Friday, He died for our sins. May the suffering of Jesus for each of us bring us sorrow, but at the same time, know that He died for every one of us. That is how much Jesus loves each of us!

On Holy Saturday, we celebrate the Easter Vigil and bring new members into our faith community through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. This year we welcome David and Loran into our church. May the Resurrection of Christ bring new meaning to David and Loran's lives. May it also bring us renewed hope for each member of the Church and remind us that by Christ's rising from the dead, we may share the same rising one day because of our belief in Christ as Our Savior and His Love for each of us as believers.

Then on Easter Sunday, may we all give thanks to God for raising His Son Jesus from the dead. The rest of our days on this earth, may we always put Christ first in our lives so that one day we will also rise to the heavens.



Have a Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Tom and the Staff of St. Mary's and St. John's / St. Joseph's

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 25TH & 26TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	СЅМ
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,187.50	\$6,396.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$391.68	\$2,370.00
Total offertory received from last week	\$2,579.18	\$8,766.00
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$2,470.82	+\$2,081.00
Year to date actual offertory	\$134,709.67	\$255,265.77
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$196,950.00	\$260,715.00
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$62,240.33	-\$5,449.23

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"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY" or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist' St. Joseph"

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS							
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION			
Sat	04/01	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+CASIMIRO CRESCENZI, by the Family +JOSEPHINE DITULLIO, 2 nd Anniv., by her daughters			
Sun 04/02		8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+MELTON D. CHASTEEN, by Mark & Susan Carey +NICK RIZZO, by Julie & Katie Teal			
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+MARGARET DAVITT, by Carol Davitt +THANKSGIVING TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS, ST. JOSEPH & BLESSED MOTHER MARY, by Sophia Smith			
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	LIVING BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE - APRIL 1 st FOR MARY LOU FLAVIN, by Mary Ann Wilson +BRUCE COYLE & DANNY HELLER, Birthday Remembrance, by the Family			
Mon	04/03			No Mass			
Tue	04/04	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JOSE MAURO, by his wife, Edie			
Wed	04/05	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+REVEREND JOSEPH P. COTUGNO			
Thu	04/06	6:30 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER & ADORATION			
Fri	04/07	7:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION & DEATH			
Sat	04/08	8:00 ^{PM}	CSM	+VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION			
Sun	04/09	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+MARY BROWN, 13 th Anniv., by Peter & Debbie Krill			
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST/ST. JOSEPH			
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+HELGA DEROZIERE, by Father Tom Holmes +GARY BOLDUC, by his Mom, Dad, Lori, Brad & Boys			

DAILY PRAYER

Daily prayer to start each morning:

God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly, day by day.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

April - For a Culture of Peace and Non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-Conserns-U. Their pantry needs this week are: instant pudding for their Easter baskets and also vegetable oil, canned fruit, and toiletries. Thank you so much for your continuous support.

Cans and bottles redeemable in New York can be donated at St. Mary's. Please rinse all containers. Leave caps on to prevent crushed bottles. (Open containers are still accepted.) Keep them in tied bags; nothing loose and place in the green dumpster by the Church garage. Thank you for supporting Conserns-U.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2022/2023 Formation Year

There will be no sessions April 9th - April 22nd

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

21st Session, Sunday, 04/23/23; 9:30am - 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

• 11th Session, Monday, 04/24/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

11th Session, Monday, 04/03/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm



PAINT AND SIP

A special thank you to Shelby Harrison who was wonderful with all of us as she guided us through a Paint and Sip on Sunday. We had a wonderful time and each of us went home with a masterpiece.







MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION

Middle School Mission Sunday, June 25th – Tuesday, June 27th, 2023

At Silver Bay YMCA Camp, Silver Bay, NY and Warren and Washington County Service Sites

WHAT IS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION? The Middle School Mission, led by Maureen Billa, the Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis, is an experience for youth entering grade 7-9. During this three-day experience you will help others who truly need our help. Working side by side with each other we will get messy and dirty, but we will learn a lot about ourselves and those we serve. Through prayer and reflection we will learn about the 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching and we will have fun growing in community through a number of additional activities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Designed and geared to match the exuberance and skill level of students who have completed 6th grade in the spring of 2023 through students who have completed 8th grade in the spring of 2023.
- Youth who want to make a difference.
- Youth who are open to change.
- Youth who are not afraid of work.

REGISTRATION - Information is available on the parish website at www.stmaryny.org or by contacting Maureen Billa at maureen@stmaryny.org or 518.449.2232 x12. Deadline for registration is Sunday, April 30, 2023.

FEES - The three day mission cost is \$150.00. This fee covers lodging and meals at Silver Bay YMCA Camp along with 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners in addition to all program supplies.

SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of April

Bread and Wine: Pro Populo, for the People of the Parish Sanctuary Light: Pro Populo, for the People of the Parish

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on **Monday, April 10th and Monday, April 24th**, at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

Cans & Bottles Still Wanted at SJESJ

SJESJ is still collecting cans and bottles for donation. They may be left on the left side of the carport, in the landing area, near the back door of the Parish Offices. If you can help, please consider dropping them off. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 518-465-0482.

Conserns-U

In this time of need, please remember those who don't have enough to eat and drop off food for CoNSERNS-U in the back of Church. Also, personal care items are always in demand.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration will take place the First Friday (April 7, 2023) of every month at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

Bible Study

Would you like to break open the Gospel of Luke? Bible study will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the Rectory of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph. This will be an informal discussion on Luke's Gospel. All you need is your bible and an eagerness to discuss God's word. The next date is **Tuesday, April 4st**. Hope to see you there!

SJESJ Easter Tradition

Once again, Easter trees with ornaments containing the addresses of our elderly parishioners are on the tables in the back of church. Everyone please send out a few Easter cards letting each person know they have not been forgotten as cherished members of our parish.

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

At the request of The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph and the Chancery Office, Albany Diocesan Cemeteries assumed responsibility for the management of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rensselaer on August 2, 2021. Albany Diocesan Cemeteries conducts two general cleanups a year: on or about April 1st and November 1st, and a Christmas Decoration Clean-up on or around January 15th. Lot owners are requested to remove any decorations they wish to save before those dates. The cleanup of all cemeteries takes some time, and depending on weather and the number of burials, will take up to two weeks to complete. During the cleanups, cemetery staff removes and discards all items from the cemetery. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be included in these clean-ups. Groundskeepers are instructed to leave any permitted current seasonal decoration that appears to be newly placed. Of course, this is a judgment call for our staff, so it is better to wait until after the cleanup to place seasonal decorations. Items placed in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or in disrepair may be removed and discarded at any time.

THANK YOU - PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Thank you all who signed up for becoming a Eucharistic Minister. I will be getting back to you in a couple of week.

God Bless You All, Ann Marie Pepin

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be on the Mondays listed below at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

- April 3rd
- April 10th
- April 17th

Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, April 4th, at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Stations of the Cross

Rehearsals for the **Living Stations** will be held **today, April 2nd**, following the 11:00am Mass. We will have a light lunch available for all re-enactors. We pray the Living Stations for the community on Good Friday, April 7th, at 12:05PM.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Holy Monday - April 3rd

6:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration (CSM)

6:00pm - Reconciliation (CSM)

Holy Tuesday - April 4th

12:00pm - Mass (SJESJ)

Holy Wednesday, April 5th

8:30am - Mass (CSM)

12:00PM - Penance Service (SJESJ)

Holy Thursday, April 6th

9:00am - Morning Prayer (CSM)

6:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration (SJESJ)

10:00pm - Adoration Concludes (SJESJ)

Good Friday, April 7th

9:00am - Morning Prayer (CSM)

12:05pm - Living Stations of the Cross (CSM)

7:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death (SJESJ)

Holy Saturday, April 8th

9:00am - Morning Prayer (CSM)

2:00pm - Blessing of the Easter Food (CSM) 8:00pm - Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (CSM)

Easter Sunday, April 9th 8:00am - Mass (CSM)

9:30am - Mass (**SJESJ**)

11:00am - Mass (CSM)

EASTER BRUNCH



The American Legion Melvin Roads Post #1231 at 200 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer is hosting an Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 9, 2023, from 11:00am - 3:00pm. This brunch will include prime rib, Virginia baked ham, omelette station, French toast, corned beef hash, stuffed sole, chicken tenders, tortellini salad, and much more. Cost is \$40 - Adults, \$17 - Kids, Free - Kids under 5, and \$36 - Seniors (65 & over). Please call for reservations at 518-650-6030.

REVERENCE OF LIFE MINISTRY

Easter Baskets for Cate's Kids

We collected 46 Easter baskets! This collection will assist the program "Easter Baskets for Cate's Kids" at Circles of Mercy provide Easter Baskets to needy children between the ages 1 to 12 years living in Rensselaer. Thank you for your generosity to all who donated a basket! Wishing you a most joyous Easter!



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

The Parish of The Church of St. Mary at Clinton Heights and The Parish of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph extend sincere condolences to the families of those who have died, especially

Elizabeth Ricard, Marty Gosh & Andrew Brown

"Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace."

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

Fric Allen John Conte John Amedio Nicholas Conte Joseph Bradley Jeremiah Coonley Tom Brownell Mary Corvino Patricia Bruso Tasha D'Alessandro Denise Buono Judy Davis Marilyn Burt Bernadette Dawson William Burt Barbara Farrell Rosa Camaj Carole Farrell Mary Beth Centrella Jack Farrell

Cheryl Fisher Mary Frazier Scarlett McLeod Friot Tiffany Gamache Michael Garrigan Sharon Griffith Randy Grodner **Buddy Gutkaiss** Robert Guynup **Bruce Haney**

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Sandy Raus Tommy Raus Joan Roher Lisa Russom Bev Ryan Mallorey Schaller Gene Schultz Marge Secor Rich Sleasman Myranda Stevens **Braddy Sullivan** Michael Swahlan Mark Welcome Margaret Waterbury Mabel Whitcomb Kathleen White Kathy Winner Harold Wright Joanne Zalucki Michael Zenzen Rita Zenzen

For Our Soldiers

Salvatore Abbamonte Ryan Johnson Mason Albert Andrew Barresi Keenan Krenzer

Sean Markham Noah Keneston-Colby Garrett McDonald Brian Murphy

Corey Russo **Arthur Thornton** Zaish Sadiq

Please let us know if, or when, we can remove someone's name, or if someone should be added to this list. Call the Parish Office at CSM - (518) 449-2232 or at SJESJ -(518) 465-0482.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

St. Henry's Diabetes Support Group will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:30PM in the Community Room. Facilitated by Jane Boyd, Licensed Pharmacist, Diabetes Educator, and professor at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in learning more about diabetes, whether or not they have diabetes themselves. The topic for this meeting will be The American Diabetes Association Standards of Care in Diabetes. This information has recently been updated. Also, we will discuss Diabetes Advocacy, and how it impacts the consumer, including Eli Lilly's \$35 insulin cap. For questions or more information please call the Parish Office at 518-674-3818.

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