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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 the Church of St. Mary,

Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they will not rest, until they rest in you.

St. Augustine

When I read this line, I thought to myself, that is so true. The older I get, the more it really hits me right in the heart. I wish I had realized how true it was when I was much younger. As we all do, me included, we spend a lot of our life chasing things that will not bring us the peace God can bring. And all of a sudden it hits us that only God can bring us peace and rest.

Hopefully, we can use this Lenten Season to look at our lives and see what we are chasing to bring us peace and rest and ask: "Will that bring me peace and rest?" May we weed out the things that keep us from finding rest in God. Let's use this time to reflect on what is keeping us from resting in God, and at the same time put ourselves more in God's court. Let God show us the rest that only He can provide.

May we all find peace and rest in God during this Holy Season...

God Bless,

Fr. Tom

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Follow-up and important information for ALL parishioners who attended the AED Training held on Sunday, February 26, 2023:



- Calling 911 from your cell phone does not always go to your local emergency services; dialing 911 from a landline will. The closest landline in the Church to call 911 or to call Emergency Services is in the Sacristy on the wall
 behind the door. There is a yellow sticker on all phones with the Emergency Services number. You must dial 9
 first to get an outside line.
- Please know that a priest, by Cannon Law, must continue a Mass once it has begun, no matter what the circumstance is.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	СЅМ
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$1,579.00	\$8,239.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$367.18	\$2,370.00
Total offertory received from last week	\$1,946.18	\$10,609.00
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$3,103.82	+\$3,924.00
Black, Native American & Latin American Missions - 2nd Collection	\$437.00	\$1,055.00
Year to date actual offertory	\$122,526.92	\$227,186.77
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$176,750.00	\$233,975.00
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$54,223.08	-\$6,788.23

Thanks to all who demonstrate such generous care for our parishes!
Please remember our parishes in your will...we are:
"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY" or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist/ St. Joseph"

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS DATE TIME **LOCATION** DAY INTENTION 4:00^{PM} Sat 03/04 SJESJ +GEORGE VANDERHYDEN, by wife, Marianne 8:00^{AM} 03/05 Sun **CSM** +THE KOIS, O'TOOLE, AND FARRELL FAMILIES, by Jim & Terry Kois 9:30^{AM} SJESJ +ANASTASIA HILL TRAEGLER, by Joan Gochee +JOAN DWYER, 5th Anniv., by her Family 11:00^{AM} **CSM** +NICK RIZZO, by Jerry, Dorothy, Brad, Lori & Boys +FRANCESCA RUSSOMANNO, by Rose & Al Censullo +NICOLINA DANEI, by Rose & Al Censullo +JACK KLEMCZYK, by Tom & Lynn Perrine Mon 03/06 No Mass Tue 03/07 12:00^{PM} SJESJ +SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS 8:30^{AM} Wed 03/08 **CSM** +SAINT JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS 12:00^{PM} Thu 03/09 SJESJ +SAINT FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS 8:30^{AM} 03/10 Fri **CSM** +REVEREND JAMES A. SCHIFFER 4:00^{PM} 03/11 SJESJ +JOHN TOBIN, by Mary Tobin & Family Sat Sun 03/12 8:00^{AM} **CSM** +BINK & PAUL COLLINS, by their Children +CARMEN ROSANO, by Mary Lou Knox & Family +JOHN J. MALONE, by his Family +ERIC (BUB) SMITH, 2nd Anniv., by Mark & Susan Carey +DANIÈL MCCARTHY, by Donna & Tom Ehmann and Rose & Al Censullo 9:30^{AM} SJESJ +COLLEEN DAVITT MALLORY, by Carol Davitt +JERE COLLINS, by the Family 11:00^{AM} **CSM** +RALPH PINTO, Birthday Remembrance, by Judy Pinto +RAY TESIERO, by Jerry, Dorothy, Brad, Lori & Boys +MARY A. CATALDO, by her daughter, Mary Ann

THANK YOU - ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & BREAD SUPPER



The annual Soup Supper was another success due to the efforts of all the parishioners who made the delicious soups, chili, macaroni & cheese, provided beverages, organized, setup, and cleaned up for this traditional event: Tyler Anderson, Maureen Billa, Denise and Alex Buono, Camille and John Casey, Ruth Carr, Rose Censullo, Mary Davitt, Frances Girzone, Rose Lyman, Ben Patten, Marlene Rasmussen, Maria Reardon, Karen Rogers, Heidi Stack, and Mary Tesiero.

Kudos to the area businesses who supported us with donations of soup, bread, cheese, crackers, coffee, etc.: Casey's Restaurant, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Market 32, Roots Cafe, Samson's Restaurant, and Skyline Diner. Additionally, \$500 will be given to Rensselaer Street Soldiers from the donations received to purchase personal care and home cleaning products.

CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-CONSERNS-U. Their pantry needs this week are: instant pudding, spaghetti sauce, canned pineapple, applesauce, peanut butter, and deodorant. 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

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

- 17th Session, Sunday, 03/12/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 18th Session, Sunday, 03/19/23; 9:30am 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

- 9th Session, Monday, 03/13/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 10th Session, Monday, 03/27/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

- 9th Session, Monday, 03/06/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 10th Session, Monday, 03/20/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm

Sacramental Preparation 1st Reconciliation Family Prep

17th Session, Sunday, 3/12/23; 9:30am - 10:45am

1st Eucharist Family Prep

- 19th Session, Sunday, 3/26/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 20th Session, Sunday, 4/02/23; 9:30am 10:45am

If you have not signed up for the prep classes, please call Maureen Billa at 518-449-2232, Ext. 12 to schedule a time.

First Reconciliation And First Eucharist

Preparation

A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

When school is delayed or closed due to weather conditions, it DOES NOT mean faith formation and youth ministry sessions and activities are cancelled. Sessions cancelled due to inclement weather will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Church of St. Mary's web page (www.stmaryny.org - check the calendar under upcoming events) and through the School Closing Network, as Church of St. Mary NOT St. Mary's (channels 6, 9, 10 & 13).

Please Note: Weather conditions in the Capital District can vary substantially from one neighborhood to the next. Even though the building may be open or an event has not been cancelled, only you can decide whether conditions in your area will allow for safe travel. Please use your own best judgment regarding travel conditions in your area.

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY NAMES OPEN HOUSE

Academy of the Holy Names will be having their Open House for prospective students.

Looking to explore the benefits of an all-girls education? Join Academy of the Holy Names Thursday March 9th, 5:00pm, for their Fall Open House for girls grades 6-12, 1075 New Scotland Road, Albany. Register online at ahns.org or contact Ann Rento at arento@ahns.org, 518-438-7895 x202.



PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register as a parishioner! We will automatically get you subscribed to **The Evangelist**, the diocesan newspaper. We will send you offertory envelopes or get you signed-up for e-giving so that you can track your contributions to the parish. You will be on our parish rolls to make things go smoothly when it is time for a wedding, baptism, funeral, or other needs. **You can also call either Parish Office to register.**

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FAITH FORMATION

Sacramental

SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of March

Bread and Wine: For Deceased Members of the Parish

Sanctuary Light: Francesca Russomanno, by Rose & Al Censullo

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on Mondays, March 13th and March 27th, 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**, **March 7**th. Hope to see you there!

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 20th

Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, March 7th, at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

Movies During Lent

"The Saints Come Marching In." Movies during Lent of different Saints in the St. Mary's Parish Hall. When: Thursdays - March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd, & March 30th

Time: 2:30pm and 6:30pm

March 9th Therese - 1 hr. 36 mins.

March 16th The Miracle of Fr. Kapaun - 45 mins. March 23rd Kateri Tekakwitha - 50 mins.

March 30th Ocean of Mercy - 1 hr. 5 mins.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life, an international bi-annual campaign to end abortion through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, began on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and will run through Palm Sunday, April 2nd. In our parishes, we have two initiatives going on to support this endeavor.



Jennifer Corso-Yasus of Holy Spirit is coordinating a weekly prayer carpool to say the Rosary in cars in front of Planned Parenthood facilities in Albany and/or Troy. The plan is to meet up and head over to one of the locations on Fridays at 2:15 pm. If you are interested in joining them, contact Jen via text or phone call at 518-334-2066.

Steve Janenka of St. John's/St. Joseph's is coordinating a prayer vigil to be held in front of one of the Planned Parenthoods. Everyone is welcome and he is especially interested in young people joining this group. If you are under 18 and would like to participate, you must have a parent or guardian accompany you OR give Steve a permission slip from the same that you are allowed to participate. If you are interested, contact Steve at 518-573-8641.



LENTEN ACTIVITES

Stations of the Cross

We will be offering Stations of the Cross. Below are the dates, times, and locations:

Friday, March 10, 2023 - 3:00pm
 Friday, March 17, 2023 - 3:00pm
 Friday, March 24, 2023 - 3:00pm
 Friday, March 31, 2023 - 3:00pm
 CMS

Living Stations will be on Friday, April 7, 2023 - 12:05pm at CSM



Penance Services

We will also be offering Penance Services as below:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - 12:00Noon - SJESJ
 Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - 7:00pm - CSM

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The First United Methodist Church on 1 Gilligan Road, East Greenbush, will be holding Lenten reflections followed by a soup and bread meal on Wednesday's March 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 12:00 Noon. This year there will only be three churches participating. The Church of St. Mary's is hosting the soup and bread meals on March 8th and March 29th for 50-70 people.

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

John J. Haggerty III

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

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

March - For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



It is that time of the year again! If you would like a tax contribution statement for last year's donations, please contact Ben Patten at the Parish Offices by phone 518-465-0482 (St. John's/St. Joseph) or 518-449-2232, ext. 13 (CSM). You can also e-mail Ben at siesiparish@aol.com (SJE/SJ), or ben@stmaryny.org (CSM).

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Remember that if East Greenbush Central Schools or Rensselaer Schools are delayed or cancelled on a given day, the daily 8:30am and 12:00 Noon Masses will be cancelled.



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

Fric Allen Nicholas Conte John Amedio Jeremiah Coonley Joseph Bradley Ida Connolly 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

Jack Farrell

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For Our Soldiers

John Conte

Mary Beth Centrella

Salvatore Abbamonte Paul Bednarcyzk Mason Albert Rvan Johnson Andrew Barresi

Keenan Krenzer Sean Markham Noah Keneston-Colby Garrett McDonald

Brian Murphy Corey Russo **Arthur Thornton** 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Church of St. Mary's:

- Monday 8:30am 4:00pm
- Tuesday 8:30am 4:00pm
- Wednesday 8:30am 4:00pm
- Thursday 9:30am 4:00pm
- Friday 9:30am 12:30pm

St. John's/St. Joseph's:

- Monday 8:30am 1:00pm
- Tuesday 8:30am 1:00pm
- Wednesday 8:30am 1:00pm
- Thursday 8:30am 1:00pm

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