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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

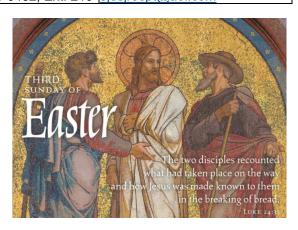
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

## 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,

Read the following quote and take a moment to think about it.

"On what does the Christian argument for Immortality really rest? It stands upon the pedestal on which the theologian rests the whole of historical Christianity—
the Resurrection of Jesus Christ."

## - Henry Drummond

When I first read it, it didn't really take hold. Then, I read it a second time. Then it got me thinking about our Easter Sunday and the two weeks since then. The first week His disciples found the tomb empty. Last week we had the doubting Thomas. This week is on the Road to Emmaus, where they realize Jesus has Risen!

It got me thinking. Would Jesus's birth hold water? Do His early life, His preaching, His passion, His death on the Cross, mean anything?

Jesus's resurrection makes all that proceeded it vital to our faith - how our God broke into our world, through a peasant woman, and how Joseph accepted Jesus as His own and how God influenced Him. Jesus was a carpenter until He was thirty years old, and then He preached for three years, exposing God's wish for humankind. Jesus's resurrection solidified who He was, that God visited us in His son.

Jesus's resurrection made His whole life and what He taught us the center of our faith. Let us focus on His resurrection during this Easter season, but also all that came before it as the center of our faith. With all of Jesus's life and His resurrection, let us keep saying: Alleluia! this means "A Song of Praise to God."

God's Blessing on you all in this Easter Season,

Fr. Tom



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REPO:	RT FOR: SECON	D SUNDAY OF E	EASTER (SUNDAY	OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 15TH & 16TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM	
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$1,897.50	\$4,255.00	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$468.55	\$2,337.00	و [
Total offertory received from last week	\$2,366.05	\$6,592.00	,
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00	
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$2,683.95	-\$93.00	
Year to date actual offertory	\$144,806.74	\$275,933.77	
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$212,100.00	\$280,770.00	
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$67,293.26	-\$4,836.23	

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					
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION	
Sat	04/22	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+TOMMASO RAUS, by Rosa & Family +CATHERINE O'DONNELL, by the Family +JOSEPH GRIMALDI, SR., 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by his Children	
Sun	04/23	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+HELGA DEROZIERE, by Reverend Thomas Holmes +MARIE TRENT, by Linda & Ernie Tubbs +JEROME W. CAREY, by Mark & Susan Carey	
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+RON PURDY, Birthday Remembrance, by his Family	
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+IDA CONNOLLY, by Frances Girzone +BIANCA RAZZANO, by Rose & Al Censullo +DOLORES CUENCA, by the Lashoff Family	
Mon	04/24			No Mass	
Tue	04/25	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST	
Wed	04/26	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	No Mass	
Thu	04/27	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+DEACON PAUL W. ROEMER	
Fri	04/28	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
Sat	04/29	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+TOMMASO RAUS, by the Raus Family	
Sun	04/30	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+PATRICIA DAOUST, by Linda & Ernie Tubbs +IDA CONNOLLY, by Paul T. Devane +MARK J. BELANGER, by Kay Rottela	
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+PRO POPULO, for the People of the Parish	
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+IDA CONNOLLY, by Pat Bruso +MARTY GOSH, by Laurie O'Hanlon and Tyler & Conor Gosh +ANDREW BROWN, by Frances Girzone	

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are pleased to welcome new members to our parish family.

#### Noah Michael Scarano & Austyn Ray Voss

received the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May the Lord be gracious to them and their families and bless them always.



#### CONSERNS-U

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-Conserns-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, spaghetti'Os, ravioli, laundry detergent, dish soap, and cleaning products. 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)

• 22nd Session, Sunday, 04/30/23; 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)

See you next year.



#### CONGRATULATIONS - FIRST COMMUNICANTS

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Grace Beardsley Katerina Cornell Aliyah Gladd Reagan Harling Maddox Hart Joseph Kotlow Addison Lipari Carmela Martone Michaela Meltz



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP - 2023



# Vacation Bible Camp - 2023

#### STELLAR: Shining Jesus' Light

Children will be launched on a cosmic quest where they will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

#### JOIN US - August 7th -11th; 9:00am-Noon

Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin and parish website for details.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



#### April 23, 2023

In Memory of the Tesiero & Callahan Families

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#### Mary Tesiero

The fresh flower arrangements placed on the altar are in memory or honor of a loved one or as a thanksgiving for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.).

If you would like to donate a flower arrangement for the altar, please contact the Parish Office at 518-449-2232 or send an email to: <a href="mailto:office@stmaryny.org">office@stmaryny.org</a>. The cost is \$30.

## 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 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.

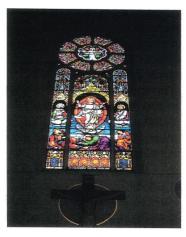
#### **First Friday Adoration**

Adoration will take place the First Friday (May 5, 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 25**th. Hope to see you there!

# The Transfiguration



The Gospel narrative, "His face shone as the sun and his garments became white as snow," is magnificently portrayed on a sunny afternoon. Along with Christ are Moses, Elijah, Peter, James and John. The angel in the rose window above has a scroll with the words, "Be not afraid."

The Story behind the Stained Glass
Windows of SJESJ

#### **CSM NEWS**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

- April 24<sup>th</sup> Church
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Chapel
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Chapel

#### **Grief Support**

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.



#### 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.





#### CSM SPRING CLEAN-UP



Please join with your fellow parishioners on **Saturday, May 6**<sup>th</sup> **beginning at 8:00am for Spring Clean-Up**. This annual "Help Out & Clean-Up" event is always a big hit, especially to all our churchgoers the following morning! Bring your work gloves and your favorite gardening tools...critters of all ages and skills are most welcome. If you can only help for one hour or for the full event (usually around  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours), please come and help us spruce up our beautiful grounds for the season. Coffee, juice, water and doughnuts will be in steady supply.

#### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED



**Walking with Moms in Need** is a process through which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Our Albany Diocese is currently engaged in supporting this program of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB).

We should all know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn our parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

To this end, the Holy Spirit Respect Life Team, which includes members from all four of our "cluster" parishes, (SJE/SJ, St. Mary's, Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart) has compiled a brochure with a list of resources available in our area that offer help specifically to women in difficult pregnancy situations. This brochure will be available in the narthex of your church. Please pick up a brochure and keep it handy should you meet/know someone who is in need of assistance.

In addition, members of the Respect Life Team of St. John's/St. Joseph's have set up a *Walking with Moms in Need* display in the back of the church. It includes brochures on fertility and infertility, resources to assist pregnant mothers, and on healing after abortion. It also includes prayer cards, rosaries, and "Precious Feet" pins; all for the taking. The display will be up until the end of June 2023. It is a "living" exhibit; meaning that it may be changed and added to over the next several months as specific needs arise. We would like to invite you to come and visit the exhibit and take any literature you find useful. Stop in for a mass! (Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 Noon, Saturday at 4:00 PM, and Sunday at 9:30 AM)!

## 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 <a href="www.stmaryny.org">www.stmaryny.org</a> or by contacting Maureen Billa at <a href="maureen@stmaryny.org">maureen@stmaryny.org</a> 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 at Silver Bay YMCA Camp along with 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners in addition to all program supplies.

#### 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 Carole Farrell Rosa Camai 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 Rvan 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

Sean Markham Noah Keneston-Colby Garrett McDonald Keenan Krenzer **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.

#### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, May 19-21, 2023, at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available.

For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

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