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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,

He was born in an obscure village, the child of peasant woman. He grew up in still another village where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirtythree when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.



All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

Have a Blessed Easter,

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

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.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD			
April 1st & 2nd Collections	SJESJ	CSM	
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$3,688.50	\$3,995.00	Thanks to all who demonstrate such generous care for our parishes! Please remember our
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$343.55	\$2,337.00	
Total offertory received from last week	\$4,032.05	\$6,332.00	
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00	parishes in your willwe are:
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,017.95	-\$353.00	"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY" or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist/ St. Joseph"
Year to date actual offertory	\$138,741.72	\$261,597.77	
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$202,000.00	\$267,400.00	
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$63,258.28	-\$5,802.23	

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS				
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
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
Mon	04/10			No Mass
Tue	04/11	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND GILES VANWORMER
Wed	04/12	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+EDWARD MCMULLEN, by the Reardon Family +WALTER MORAN, by Marge O'Connor & Family
Thu	04/13	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND NEIL DRAVES-ARPAIA
Fri	04/14	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+MONSIGNOR HOWARD CALKINS
Sat	04/15	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+SEBASTIAN CARDAZZI, by America Cardazzi +CLARA MANCINI, by Sandy Raus
Sun	04/16	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+THOMAS J. REARDON, by Daniel & Kathy Reardon +BINK & PAUL COLLINS, by their Children +THERESA SWAHLAN, by Jackie, Kayce & Gabe Danner-Wilson +SUZANNE VAN WIE, by Mr. & Mrs. Burt Van Wie
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+BRIAN MUIR, by the Family
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+CAROL DREW, 3 rd Anniv., by Ed Thierbacker +PAULINE THIERBACKER, Birthday Remembrance, by Ed Thierbacker +GIOVANNA SANTILLI, by the Family +BARTLY ROONEY, by the Rooney Family +ANDREW BROWN, by John & Candy Muraski

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.

CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-CONSERNS-U. Their pantry needs this week are: dish soap, cooking oil, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and canned vegetables. 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)

See you next year.

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 <u>www.stmaryny.org</u> or by contacting Maureen Billa at <u>maureen@stmaryny.org</u> 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

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

Mark J. Belanger

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

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

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 (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 - Cancelled on April 11th

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 18**th. Hope to see you there!

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 weeks.

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 10th
- April 17th
- April 24th

Grief Support

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

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

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).

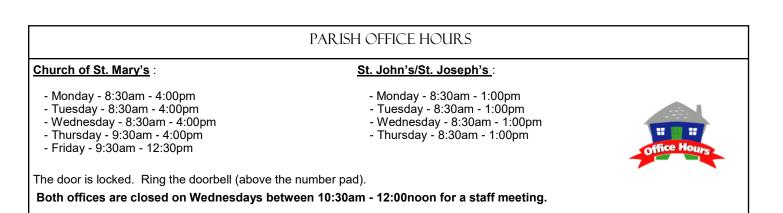
We should all know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn our parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

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)!

RCIA

Congratulations to our Elects, David and Loran, who were brought into the full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Keep them in your prayers.



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

Eric Allen John Amedio Joseph Bradley Tom Brownell Patricia Bruso Denise Buono Marilyn Burt William Burt Rosa Camaj Mary Beth Centrella John Conte Cheryl Fisher Nicholas Conte Mary Frazier Jeremiah Coonley Scarlett McLe Mary Corvino Tiffany Gama Tasha D'Alessandro Michael Garri Judy Davis Sharon Griffit Bernadette Dawson Randy Grodn Barbara Farrell Buddy Gutkai Carole Farrell Bruce Haney

Ray Hannan Carol Hinkelman Scarlett McLeod Friot **Robert Jenkins** Tiffany Gamache Erica Kirsch Michael Garrigan Donald Kolb Sharon Griffith Linda Kolb Randy Grodner **Christine Krenzer Buddy Gutkaiss** Kassidy Krenzer Robert Guynup Carol Laderas Helen Mertz

Don Miller Tina Milone Michael Mann Madison Chester Mann Frank Moore Roxanne Nicolla Richelle Olm Ralph Orciuoli Devon Paigo Inga Pepoy 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 AbbamonteRyan JohnsonSean MarkhamMason AlbertNoah Keneston-ColbyGarrett McDonaldAndrew BarresiKeenan KrenzerBrian Murphy

Sean Markham Corey Russo Garrett McDonald Arthur Thornton Brian Murphy 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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