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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

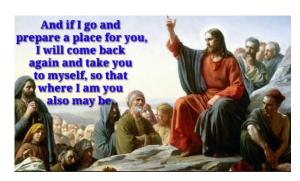
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

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,

This weekend's Gospel from John is one of my favorite Gospels and I use the verses one through six at most of my funeral masses and funeral services.

The reason I like it so much is that it gives me a lot of hope. And I hope it gives people a lot of hope as well. I like the thought that a special place will be made for me in the heavens, in Jesus's Father's house. I also like that Jesus reminds me that He is going to prepare a place for all His followers, and that He will come back to take us where He is, so that we will all be with Him.

The last line in verse six says: "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me." It reminds me, and I hope it reminds all of you, that we are on the right path to Heaven as followers of Jesus. It gives me great consolation every time I read it!

God Bless you all, Fr. Tom

FATHER KEN GREGORY'S - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Please join us on Sunday, May 21, 2023 in celebrating Father Ken Gregory's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Father Ken will preside at the 11:00am Mass at the Church of St. Mary, immediately followed by a reception in the Parish Hall from 12:00 - 2:00pm.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are pleased to announce that Glenn Osborne has joined our Parish Team here at the Church of St. Mary and the Parish of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph as our Director of Music.

Prior to joining us, Glenn had worked as the Director of Music in Baltimore, Kissimmee, and Orlando. He also was Music Director at the Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception in Albany. Glenn is a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Glenn resides in Halfmoon with his wife, Karen and daughter, Claire.

Please extend a warm welcome to Glenn when you see him.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29TH & 30TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,958.50	\$4,073.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$580.55	\$2,463.75
Total offertory received from last week	\$3,539.05	\$6,536.75
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,510.95	-\$148.25
Year to date actual offertory	\$151,428.84	\$288,208.52
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$222,200.00	\$294,140.00
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$70,771.16	-\$5,931.48

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	05/06	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+MICHAEL GARRIGAN, by the Garrigan Family +MR. & MRS. WILLIAM RYAN, by the Ryan, Shook, and Bashant Families	
+MARK J. BELANGER, by Nancy O		CSM	+IDA CONNOLLY, by Jim & Terry Kois +MARK J. BELANGER, by Nancy Gordan +TYLER COYNE, 6 th Anniv., by Grandma & Grandpa Coyne		
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+MARY FARINACCI, by Georgeann & David Greene +MADELAINE FORGEA, by the Kappes Family	
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+LOU SCARMOZZA, 7 th Anniv., by Ed Thierbacker +JACK CHENETTE, 19 th Anniv., by his children +LISA ROSSELLO, Birthday Remembrance, by Paul & Ginny Doherty +DONALD YETMAN, 3 rd Anniv., by Ann Yetman	
Mon	05/08			No Mass	
Tue	05/09	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND WALTER G. CZECHOWICZ	
Wed	05/10	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+SAINT JOHN OF AVILA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
Thu	05/11	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND LOUIS E. DOUGLAS	
Fri	05/12	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+SAINTS NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS	
Sat	05/13	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+EDWARD GARRIGAN, SR., by the Garrigan Family +CAROL THOMSON, 1 st Anniv., by the Family	
Sun	05/14	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+BINK & PAUL COLLINS, by their children +OUR MOTHERS, by Rose & Al Censullo +MARK J. BELANGER, by Maria Pangilinan	
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+MARY AGNES BERRIGAN, by the Family	
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+DOLORES CUENCA, by the Bruso Families +MARTY GOSH, by Frances Girzone	

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- May 8th Chapel
- May 15th Chapel
- May 22nd Chapel

Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, June 6th, at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-Conserns-u. Their pantry needs this week are: ketchup, mayonnaise, cooking oil, canned beans, shampoo, conditioner, and body wash. 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)

• 24th Session, Sunday, 05/14/23; 9:30am - 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

• See you next year.

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

See you next year.





CONGRATULATIONS - FIRST COMMUNICANTS

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Liam Bashant Ariana Gervasio Lauren Groves Kierra Hamlin Isaac Malone John Seney



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.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

May - For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of April

Bread and Wine: Francesca Russomanno & Marie Censullo, by Rose & Al Censullo

Sanctuary Light: For all members entering the service, currently serving and for those service members who have died in any

conflict.

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on Monday, May 8th and May 22nd, 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 (June 2, 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**, **May 9**th. Hope to see you there!

Circles of Mercy "Baby Blessings" Closet

In conjunction with the *Walking with Moms in Need* diocesan program, the Respect Life Team of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph will sponsor a month-long baby shower for the Circles of Mercy *Baby Blessings Closet*. Since May is the month of Our Blessed Mother and Mother's Day, we decided this month would be a perfect endeavor.



We at SJESJ are very lucky to have Circles of Mercy in our community as it offers support to all those in need, but especially to underprivileged mothers with small children. Please note what items they need to stock in their closet, especially the bulleted items, and over the next month, you may bring unwrapped items to Church and deposit them in the wooden container in the back.

As always, thank you so much for your support.

Crib Sheets	Pacifiers
Crib Blankets	Bibs
Baby Sleep Sacks - Sizes - small, medium, & large	Sweater/Jacket Sets - all sizes - newborn to 12 mos.
Receiving blankets	• Diapers: all sizes - newborn to 6 mos., but especially sizes 4, 5, and 6
Towel/wash cloth sets	Baby Wipes - a critical need
Desitin or A&D ointment	Onesies - newborn
Bottles (approved plastic only)	Onesies - 3 - 6 mos.
Bottle Liners (if required)	Sleepers or gowns - newborn - 12 mos.
Bottle Nipples	Daytime Outfits - newborn - 12 mos.
Baby Socks - newborn - 12 mos.	Hats - spring & summer
Baby Powder - non talcum powder	Baby Lotion
Baby Wash/Shampoo	New or gently used clothing for spring & summer - newborn - 24 mos. & 2T -

Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society will say the rosary to our Blessed Mother at 8:45am every Saturday during the month of May in the Church at SJESJ. All are welcome.

Spring Parish Cleanup

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph will have their Parish Cleanup Day next Saturday, May 13th, beginning at 8:00AM. Please bring gloves and any tools, such as rakes, etc. We will have limited tools available. Meet in the Padre Pio area. Refreshments will be provided.

ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



May 7, 2023

In Honor of the Blessed Mother

The fresh flower arrangements placed on the altar are in memory or honor of a loved one or as a thanks-giving 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: office@stmaryny.org. The cost is \$30.

ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 9 AM – 12 PM at Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY. Tickets: \$28.00; Students: \$18.00; Clergy & Religious - Free. Our Witness Speaker is Anne Costa. Anne Costa is a wife, mother and the best-selling author of six books, including Refresh Me, Lord: Meditations to Renew a Woman's Spirit. Ms. Costa is a soul-stirring author and speaker who combines her wealth of personal experience and professional knowledge as a social worker with the firm foundation of the Catholic faith to tackle some of life's toughest issues. Register by Wednesday, May 10 - send your check payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Please include your name, address, phone # and email address. Questions, call Kathleen © 518-930-9390. Online registration – www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany. ALL LADIES -TEENS AND OLDER - ARE INVIT-ED! Seats are limited; register early! Please bring a friend.

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)!

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: <u>rachelsvineyardalba-ny@yahoo.com</u>.

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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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 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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