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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. Mary's and St. John's/St. Joseph's,

Once again, I have taken something from God's Little Instruction Book, Volumes I, II & III.

"Our motive for prayer must be the divine will, not our own."

"Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:17 NIV

- When I pray, I often pray for people to get well, or people who are having a hard time in their lives, or for myself that I forgive or give people the benefit of the doubt.
- When I read this line: "Our motive for prayer must be the divine will, not our own." I started to wonder if I was praying correctly. Then I was wondering when I reflected a little more, well, I guessed that is true. The divine is in control of all things. So, if it is God's will that something take place or not take place, God oversees all things. Creation, creating all of us, and when our own life comes to conclusion, it is God's will.
- So, when I pray for someone or something I will end it with, "If it is your divine will." I realized that all is in God's hands and God is in control, not us. I think if we think this way, we will not be frustrated when our prayer is not answered. It is all up to God.

God Bless, Fr. Tom

	STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
REPORT FOR:	THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23rd and September 24th Collections	SJESJ	CSM	
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,745.50	\$3,506.00	Thanks to all who
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$409.04	\$2,300.00	demonstrate such generous care for our
Total Offertory received from last week	\$3,154.54	\$5,806.00	parishes! Please remember our
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	TBD	\$6,635.00	parishes in your
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	TBD	-\$829.00	willwe are: "St. Mary's Church,
Catholic University of America Collection	\$443.00	\$931.00	Clinton Heights, NY"
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$43,949.09	\$82,496.00	or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist/
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	TBD	\$86,255.00	St. Joseph"
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	TBD	-\$3,759.00	

Waiting for budgeted weekly need \$\$. Will update as soon as possible. All TBD's will be filled in when our budgeted weekly need is known.

# LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

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DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION	
Sat	09/30	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+ALPHONSO RAUS, by Danny Martino, Danny and Shane +ANNE DELEHANTY, by Jean O'Donnell +GUISEPPE DETHOMASIS, by Pasqualina Crescenzi +ANGELA DETHOMASIS, by Sandy Raus	
Sun	10/01	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM +JOHN VROOM, by Larry and Carole Farrell +MARY C. TESIERO, by Ann Marie and Ron Pepin +MARIE A. CENSULLO, by Mary Grace Tompkins		
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+MARIE A. CENSULLO, by Connie Welton	
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+MARIE A. CENSULLO, by John and Camille Casey +SANDOR BALOGH, by Brenda and Mike Iwaneczko +ROGER ROONEY, by the Cummings Family +JOHN LASHOFF, JR., by the Family +JOHN MARDIGIAN, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Ed Thierbacker	
Mon	10/02			No Mass	
Tue	10/03	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+SHANNON JORDAN, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by her Mother, Father, and Rebecca +JUSTIN M. FACE, by Judith Anne Favour and Family	
Wed	10/04	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+GEORGE WILLIAM BOBERSKY, 27 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Mary Bobersky	
Thu	10/05	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	No Mass	
Fri	10/06	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	No Mass	
Sat	10/07	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+ALPHONSO RAUS, by Antonietta Deyoe and Family +NICHOLAS DEMARCO, by Sandy Raus +GIUSEPPE DE THOMASIS, by America Cardazzi +JACKIE NARDACCI, by the Nardacci Family +PEGGY MINK, by the Nardacci Family +JACOB DI TULLIO, by his Daughters	
Sun 10/08 8:00 <sup>AM</sup> CSM		CSM	<ul> <li>+IN MEMORY OF PAUL EDWARD ERKKILA, ALLISON GAY MCATEER, &amp; CHRIS DUVAL, by Pat Erkkila</li> <li>+MARY C. TESIERO, by Kay Rotella</li> <li>+JOAN TERC, by Sean Burek</li> <li>+FRANK STRACQUALURSI, by Paul and Ginny Doherty</li> <li>+VERY REVEREND DAVID R. LEFORT, by Jackie, Cayce and Gabe Danner-Wilson</li> <li>+TYLER COYNE, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Grandma and Grandpa Coyne</li> </ul>		
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+MARIE A. CENSULLO, by Steve and Judy Buono	
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+MARY C. TESIERO, by Gail DeMarco +ROGER ROONEY, by Frances Girzone +VERY REVEREND DAVID R. LEFORT, by Mary Corvino and Family LIVING INTENTION FOR MARY VITELA, by Bill McLoughlin	

# 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 Carol A. Hickey, Richard T. Sleasman, and Denise Ganley "Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace."

# EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### 2023/2024 Formation Year

### Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

- NO SESSION ON 10/08/23
- 3rd Session, Sunday, 10/15/23; 9:30am 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

• 1st Session, Monday, 10/23/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

High School Program (Grades - 9-10) • 1st Session, Monday, 10/16/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

#### Confirmation

The Conferral of Confirmation will be Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Parish of St. John/St. Joseph in Rensselaer at 6:30pm. Please join us in this celebration supporting our candidates and their families.

CSM NEWS

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapel
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Chapel
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Chapel

#### **Grief Support**

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00pm,** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month.

# ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM

October 1, 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 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: <u>office@stmaryny.org</u>. The cost is \$30.

### DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

**Come to the Diocesan Charismatic Prayer Meeting** at Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 11:00am-12:30pm downstairs in the Fr. Noone Hall. Experience the Holy Spirit in praise, sharing, and intentions. **For more info call Julie Teal at (518) 477-7511.** 

## CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Charismatic Mass & Healing Service is held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This service is presented by Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Albany. On Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Christ Our Light Roman Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY starting at 7:00pm is Prayer and Praise, followed by a 7:30pm Mass and Healing Service. Presider is Father Kyle Gorenski, Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Albany. For more information: <u>www.albanyCCR.org</u>.







FAITH FORMATION



### SJESJ NEWS

### Honored for the Month of October

Bread and Wine: The Departed Priests of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Sanctuary Light: For all our Confirmandi who will make their Confirmation at SJESJ.

#### Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on **Monday, October 9th, and Monday, October 23rd** at 1:00pm. Please join us. 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 not take place until the First Friday in November (**November 3, 2023**). It will be at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

#### **Bible Study - Wednesday Evening**

Want to learn more about our salvation history? On **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will continue to study the Old Testament. All you need is a bible and a willingness to share. We meet at 6:30 pm, Wednesday evenings at the SJESJ Parish House. We hope to see you there!

# CONSERNS-U BOOKS COMMITTEE

The St. Mary's CoNSERNS-U Books Committee is looking for retired teachers who are interested in helping select new children's and teens' books for the C-U Christmas Store.

For more information please contact Terry Kois in the Parish Office at 518-449-2232, Ext. 10.

### NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register (EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER), log onto

https://nyseucharisticcongress.org



# REVERENCE OF LIFE MINISTRY



**Respect Life Sunday is October 1st.** The theme for this year's Respect Life Program is: "Radical Solidarity"..... to be courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children.

Our annual "Baby Shower" for Community Maternity Services, an organization of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, will be underway throughout the month of October. You can leave requested items in the back of the Church.

We will be collecting **needed baby items** throughout the month of October.

Items being collected: Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, and 6), infant to size 5 winter clothes and winter coats, infant/toddler toys, infant/ toddler books, child safety (outlet covers, door handle covers), infant/ toddler cups, plates, including sippy cups, bottles, toilet training chairs, thermometers, play dough, finger paints, preschool backpacks, and school items.

If you would like to make a **monetary donation**, Reverence of Life Ministry members will be collecting financial donations **after Masses on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 29th**.

Our Parish's support of CMS is one way to celebrate precious life and all that God has given to us!

CONSERNS-U

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO CoNSERNS-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: peanut butter, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, tooth-paste, deodorant, and soap. 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**.



CoNSERNS-U has moved their location to 201 Academy Street, Rensselaer, NY effective Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Their mailing address is: PO Box 28, Renssealer, NY, 12144. Their phone number will remain the same - 518-463-8571.

# CSM LAY TRUSTEE

At the Church of St. Mary, we will be appointing a replacement for one of our two Lay Trustees. Jay O'Connor's term is completing. Together with the Bishop (President), the Vicar General (Vice President), and the Pastor (Secretary/Treasurer), the two Lay Trustees form the officers of the parish corporation.

We are asking parishioners to give thought to a replacement for Jay and send their name to Ben Patten by either calling at 518-449-2232, Ext. 13 or email at <u>ben@stmaryny.org</u>

The Trustees should function in the same manner as would any Trustee of a not-for-profit charitable or educational organization. They should be knowledgeable of the parish mission and familiar with parish programs. Since their major responsibility is a fiduciary one, they need to be part of the decision-making process and review and sign financial reports sent to the Diocese. It is not mandated but strongly encouraged that the Trustees serve as ex officio members of the pastoral council and finance committee.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Next Sunday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, please bring all of your pets for the **Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi** (whose feast is October 4<sup>th</sup>) at 12:45pm in the CSM parking lot. If you can't bring your pet, maybe bring a photo or favorite toy and our blessing will extend through them.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

<u>The 40 Days for Life Campaign</u> continues through November 5, 2023. Please continue to pray and fast for a change of heart in regard to abortion. Pray that abortion is no longer considered the "go to" answer to an unexpected or problem pregnancy, but that women/couples in a difficult situation receive the information and ongoing support they need to choose life for their child. See the informational display in the rear of SJ/SJ church, which contains numerous agencies that will walk with the woman/couple through the pregnancy and beyond.

# WE PRAY TO THE LORD

#### For Our Sick

Eric Allen John Amedio Joseph Bradley Tom Brownell Patricia Bruso Denise Buono William Burt Rosa Camai Mary Beth Centrella John Conte

Nicholas Conte Jeremiah Coonley Mary Corvino Tasha D'Alessandro Judy Davis Bernadette Dawson Barbara Farrell Carole Farrell Jack Farrell **Cheryl Fisher** 

Scarlett McLeod Friot Donald Kolb Tiffany Gamache Linda Kolb Sharon Griffith Christine Krenzer Randy Grodner Kassidy Krenzer Buddy Gutkaiss Carol Laderas Robert Guynup Edgar MacGregor Ray Hannan Helen Mertz Carol Hinkelman Don Miller **Robert Jenkins** Tina Milone Erica Kirsch Michael Mann

Madison Chester Mann Frank Moore Roxanne Nicolla **Richelle Olm** Ralph Orciuoli Devon Paigo Inga Pepoy Peggy Petitmermet Tommy Raus Chip Rausch

Joan Roher Bev Ryan Mallorey Schaller Gene Schultz Marge Secor Myranda Stevens Brady Sullivan Michael Swahlan Rosemary Vogt

Mark Welcome Margaret Waterbury Mabel Whitcomb Kathleen White Kathy Winner Harold Wright Joanne Zalucki Michael Zenzen Rita Zenzen

#### For Our Soldiers

Mason Albert Andrew Barresi Connor Danz

Salvatore Abbamonte Ryan Johnson Noah Keneston-Colby Keenan Krenzer

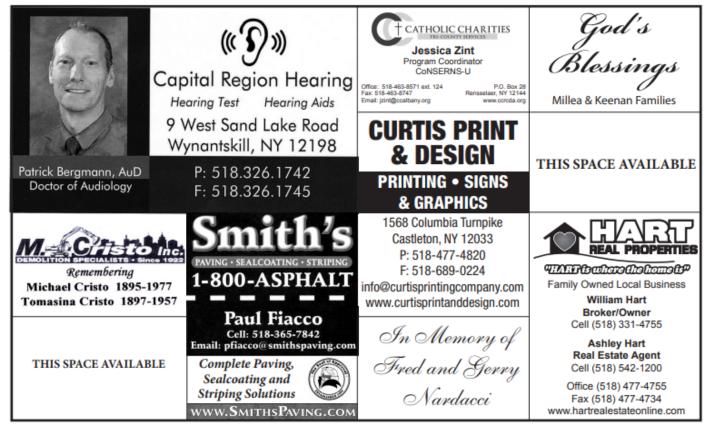
Sean Markham Corey Russo Garrett McDonald Arthur Thornton Brian Murphy Zaish Sadiq

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.

# THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

#### **October - For the Synod** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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