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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

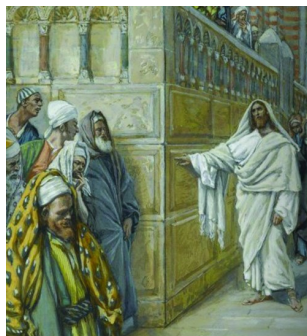
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

#### 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.



**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The stone that the  
builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone."  
- Mt 21:42ab

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's/St. Joseph's,

From God's Little Instruction Book, Volumes I, II, & III.

“You can accomplish more in one hour with God than one lifetime without him.”

*With God all things are possible.*

Matthew 19:26

I think that is true. As I reflect on my priesthood, I realize that when things get difficult, when I ask God to help me out, things happen. I wish that our young people and people in general, would turn to God for help when things seem out of control. Much more can be accomplished. God is always ready to help each of us. So, we can turn to God for help, and it is amazing that all things can run smoother when we turn to God rather than a lifetime without him. Turn to God and things will happen!

God Bless,  
Fr. Tom

## PARISH OFFICES



This **Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate Columbus Day. As such, the parish offices will be closed to give our staff some well-deserved time for family, friendships and the great outdoors.

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

SEPTEMBER 30TH AND OCTOBER 1ST COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM	<i>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"</i>
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$3,391.50	\$3,831.00	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$357.17	\$2,318.00	
<b>Total Offertory received from last week</b>	\$3,748.67	\$6,149.00	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	TBD	\$6,635.00	
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	TBD	-\$486.00	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$47,697.76	\$88,645.00	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	TBD	\$92,890.00	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	TBD	-\$4,245.00	

**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

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat	10/07	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+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>	<i>CSM</i>	+IN MEMORY OF PAUL EDWARD ERKKILA, ALLISON GAY MCATEER, & CHRIS DUVALL, by Pat Erkkila +MARY C. TESIERO, by Kay Rotella +JOAN TERC, by Sean Burek +FRANK STRACQUALURSI, by Paul and Ginny Doherty +VERY REVEREND DAVID R. LEFORT, by Jackie, Cayce and Gabe Danner-Wilson +TYLER COYNE, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Grandma and Grandpa Coyne
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+MARIE A. CENSULLO, by Steve and Judy Buono
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+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
Mon	10/09			<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	10/10	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+CONSTANCE ZOBIE, by the Family
Wed	10/11	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+SUSAN COLATOSTI, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Mary, Dan and Rebecca
Thu	10/12	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Fri	10/13	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	10/14	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+ALPHONSO RAUS, by Liz, Ken and Katie Bloomer +WILLIAM & ANNE KEEGAN, by their daughter, Marianne Van Derhyden +GERTRUDE WEST, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by Mary Ann West +WILLIAM MACCI, by his Family
Sun	10/15	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+BINK & PAUL COLLINS, by their Children +ANGELA DETHOMASIS, by Helen DiTullio and Family +VERY REVEREND DAVID R. LEFORT, by Jack and Carol Spath +VERY REVEREND DAVID R. LEFORT, by Donna Fitzgerald
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+BERHARDI DEGIULE, by the Degiule Boys
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+ROGER ROONEY, by Marion Lachanski +CHARLES WILSON, Birthday Remembrance, by Mary Ann Wilson +LISA GETZ, 39 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Pat and Mike Herran +RICHARD T. SLEASMAN, by Jim and Terry Kois

## 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

***Joseph Romani***

*"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 )

- 3rd Session, Sunday, 10/15/23; 9:30am - 10:45am
- 4th Session, Sunday, 10/22/23; 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.



FAITH FORMATION



## CSM NEWS

#### Eucharistic Adoration

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

- October 9<sup>th</sup> - Chapel
- October 16<sup>th</sup> - Chapel
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Chapel



**First Friday Adoration** will be on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am in the Chapel

#### Grief Support

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



**October 8, 2023**

***In Memory of***

***Paul Edward Erkkila, Allison Gay McAteer, & Chris Duvall***

***By***

***Pat Erkkila***

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: [office@stmaryny.org](mailto:office@stmaryny.org). The cost is \$30.

## 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.

## 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 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 11<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!

## 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>



## God does have more for You! Join Us

### Life in the Spirit Seminar (2023)

Sponsored by Charismatic Renewal of the Albany Diocese

Church of St. Mary's, 163 Columbia Tpke, Clinton Heights, NY

( 4 Consecutive Sessions )

Date: and Time:

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Check-in & Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Check-in

AND

Nov. 3<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Check-in & Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Check-in

Topics:

Talk # 1 Introduction

Talk # 2 The Father's Love for His Children

Talk # 3 Salvation / Having a Personal Relationship with Jesus

Talk # 4 The Holy Spirit / His Guidance and Power in our Lives

Talk # 5 The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Talk # 6 Baptism / Praying for a greater release of the Holy Spirit

Talk # 7 Growth in the Spirit

Cost:

Free Bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided

Registration: Please use Registration form on: [WWW.AlbanyCCR.org](http://WWW.AlbanyCCR.org)



## REVERENCE OF LIFE MINISTRY



**Respect Life** 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.**

**Were you able to donate to our Baby Shower for Community Maternity Services?**



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.

**After Masses on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**, Reverence of Life Ministry members will be collecting financial donations to assist CMS with needed items.

## CONSERNS-U

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO CoNSERNS-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, soup, toothpaste, and dish 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, Rensselaer, 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 [ben@stmaryny.org](mailto:ben@stmaryny.org)

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.

## SISTERS OF LIFE

The Parishes of St. Mary's Clinton Heights and St. John's/St. Joseph's are grateful to the Sisters of Life for their visit on Respect Life weekend to share their message of hope and help for women in an unplanned pregnancy situation and also for the post-abortive woman in need of hope and healing.

The sisters can be reached at their convent, the former St. Anthony's Friary, located at 24 Harrison Street, Catskill, NY, 12414. Their phone number is 518-943-3451. Their website is <https://sistersoflife.org/where-we-are/catskill-ny/>.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**The 40 Days for Life Campaign** 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	Nicholas Conte	Scarlett McLeod Friot	Donald Kolb	Madison Chester Mann	Joan Roher	Mark Welcome
John Amedio	Jeremiah Coonley	Tiffany Gamache	Linda Kolb	Frank Moore	Bev Ryan	Margaret Waterbury
Joseph Bradley	Mary Corvino	Sharon Griffith	Christine Krenzer	Roxanne Nicolla	Mallorey Schaller	Mabel Whitcomb
Tom Brownell	Tasha D'Alessandro	Randy Grodner	Kassidy Krenzer	Richelle Olm	Gene Schultz	Kathleen White
Patricia Bruso	Judy Davis	Buddy Gutkaiss	Carol Laderas	Ralph Orciuoli	Marge Secor	Kathy Winner
Denise Buono	Bernadette Dawson	Robert Guynup	Edgar MacGregor	Devon Paigo	Myranda Stevens	Harold Wright
William Burt	Barbara Farrell	Ray Hannan	Helen Mertz	Inga Pepoy	Brady Sullivan	Joanne Zalucki
Rosa Camaj	Carole Farrell	Carol Hinkelman	Don Miller	Peggy Petitmermet	Michael Swahlan	Michael Zenzen
Mary Beth Centrella	Jack Farrell	Robert Jenkins	Tina Milone	Tommy Raus	Rosemary Vogt	Rita Zenzen
John Conte	Cheryl Fisher	Erica Kirsch	Michael Mann	Chip Rausch		

### For Our Soldiers

Salvatore Abbamonte	Ryan Johnson	Sean Markham	Corey Russo
Mason Albert	Noah Keneston-Colby	Garrett McDonald	Arthur Thornton
Andrew Barresi	Keenan Krenzer	Brian Murphy	Zaish Sadiq
Connor Danz			

*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.
















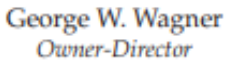

## CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE

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: [www.albanyCCR.org](http://www.albanyCCR.org).

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