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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

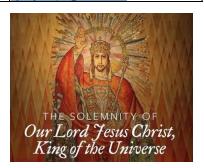
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

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. Jospeh's,

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

"Kindness gives birth to kindness."

"A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself." Proverbs 11:17

That was in part what my homily was about last weekend. That is our hope that kindness to one another can bring. Whenever we treat people cruelly, it can only bring retribution to ourselves. The Lord wants us to treat people with kindness, and whenever we do acts of kindness to one another, I think it makes other people think twice about how they respond. Why are people treating me with kindness? But that is what God wants us to do. It is our hope then, in what the Lord wants us to do that kindness will give birth to kindness. I have always thought that way, thanks to my mother, who taught me that. So, let us treat people with kindness, instead of cruelty, and see what it brings about.

God bless us all, Fr. Tom

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

Rita Zenzen

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 18TH AND NOVEMBER 19TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM	
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,530.50	\$4,486.00	1
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$1.064.04	\$2,318.00] ,
Total Offertory received from last week	\$3.594.54	\$6,804.00	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00	1′
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,650.46	+\$169.00	
Campaign for Human Development	\$805.00	\$1,166.00	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$72,891.53	\$142,678.00	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$110,145.00	\$149,335.00	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$37,253.47	-\$6,657.00	

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	11/25	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+ALPHONSO RAUS, by The Crescenzi Family +IRVING BAGLEY, by Mollie Shook +ANGELA DETHOMASIS, by Pasqualina Crescenzi +JEAN M. O'DONNELL, by Alice Bagly +JEAN M. O'DONNELL, by Tom Concolino +MARIE CENSULLO, by Walda Cobain	
Sun 11	11/26	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+DEBORAH DELANEY, by the Cross Family +ALEXANDER TOWNSEND, by Linda and Ernie Tubbs +CATHERINE M. BERGMANN, by Ann Marie and Ron Pepin +JOHN EARING, by Debbie and Ross Wilber +COOKIE DEFRUSCIO, by Genina and Tim Sheehan	
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+ANGELA DETHOMASIS, by the St. Anthony Society	
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+FRANKIE MOORE, by Genina and Tim Sheehan +REVEREND DAVID LEFORT, by Connie Correa +BISHOP HOWARD HUBBARD, by Connie Correa +CHRISTINE VANVORST, by Bev, Barb, Sandy and Linda	
Mon	11/27			No Mass	
Tue	11/28	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND JAMES C. HICKEY	
Wed	11/29	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+REVEREND JOSEPH F. GIRZONE	
Thu	11/30			No Mass	
Fri	12/01			No Mass	
Sat	12/02	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+ALPHONSO RAUS, by the Scipione Family +MARIE CENSULLO, by Sandy Raus +JEAN O'DONNELL, by Mary Ann West	
Sun	12/03	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+DONALD LYMAN, by Rose and Sons +SHARON CICERO, by Linda and Ernie Tubbs +REVEREND DAVID R. LEFORT, by Larry and Carole Farrell +GEORGE SCHILLINGER, by Theresa Schillinger	
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+GIUSEPPE DETHOMASIS, by Mary DeMarco and Family	
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+JOHN N. EARING, by Rick and Judy McNamara +FRANK MOORE, by Frances Girzone	

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 call either Parish Office to register.**

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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2023/2024 Formation Year

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

- NO SESSION ON 11/26/23
- 9th Session, Sunday, 12/03/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 10th Session, Sunday, 12/10/23; 9:30am 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

• 4th Session, Monday, 12/04/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

• 4th Session, Monday, 11/27/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN COLLEGE?

Help them stay in touch with the parish. The parish would like to send a care package for finals week. The care package is full of well wishes, goodies and treats, in addition to updates on parish activities and a schedule of the upcoming liturgical celebration. If you would like your child to receive a goodie package, please simply email their college mailing address to Maureen Billa at maureenbilla@stmaryny.org





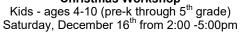
CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS



Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - 6:30pm

All the young children and their parents are invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Wednesday, December 6th, at 6:30pm in the Church at St. Mary's. Come and hear the story of St. Nicholas told by himself, get a chance to visit with St. Nicholas, receive a gift and share in some goodies and hot cocoa.

Christmas Workshop





Parents, we know how busy this time of year is for you, so we are offering you an afternoon all to yourself. You may drop your children off at the Church of St. Mary for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and snacks, hosted by our High School youth. We will have activity stations set up and rotate the children to each station, making sure each child participates at each station.

Please register your child before Monday, December 11th, by contacting the Parish Office at 518-449-2232.

INCLEMENT WEATHER



Remember that if East Greenbush Central Schools or Rensselaer Schools are delayed or cancelled on a given day, the Wednesday, 8:30am Mass at CSM and/or the 12:00 Noon Mass at SJESJ will be cancelled.

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- November 27th Chapel
- December 4th Chapel
- December 11th Chapel

Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday**, **December 5th**, at 1:00pm, at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month.





SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of November

Bread and Wine: Warren & Dorothy Pratt Sanctuary Light: Warren & Dorothy Pratt

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on **Monday, November 27th, and Monday, December 12, 2023** 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. **There is a dire need for toilet paper and toiletries.** Also, personal care items are always in demand.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration will not take place until the First Friday in December (**December 1, 2023**). It will be at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

DIOCESAN APPEAL (BISHOP'S APPEAL)



Again this weekend throughout the diocese parishes are being asked to reflect on their participation in the life of the diocesan church. Our parish community is not a stand-alone community; we are a part of the larger church. Our local diocese is committed to the mission of Jesus to take care of the poor, the needy, the young and old, to ensure we are formed in the faith, and the list continues. Our participation in the Appeal enables it to succeed. If you received a letter from the Diocese about the Appeal, please respond as best you can. If you have not heard but would like to, go to: reda.org and click on the Diocesan Appeal tab on the bottom right or send it directly to the diocese: Diocesan Appeal, 40 North Main Ave. Albany, NY. 12203. There are also envelopes at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Our 2023-24 Assessment is:

- Church of St. Mary \$73,993
- Parish of St. John/St. Joseph \$20,224

ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



November 26, 2023

In Memory of

Steve Latimer

By,

Mary & Jerry Hayes

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.). We do not do flowers during Advent or Lent.

THERE WILL BE NO ALTAR FLOWERS UNTIL JANUARY 14, 2024.

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.

REVERENCE OF LIFE MINISTRY



Christmas Giving

This year we will again support the CoNSERNS-U Holiday Store. We will be collecting gift cards for teenagers. Walmart, Target, and Regal Movie Theatre gift cards up to a \$25 value are requested. The gift cards will be collected on Sundays, December 3rd and 10th. There will be a Christmas decorated box at the entrance of the Church for you to drop your gift cards into. Thank

you for sharing hope, peace, love, and joy during this joyous season!

ADVENT READING



We will be reading for Advent:

"Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Pope Francis"

We will be meeting at 7:00pm, on Wednesday evenings: December 6, 13, & 20. Read ahead and share what you found interesting in the reading.

It is offered by Fr. Tom and Emilio Petroccione

*Books available in Terry's Office Monday – Wednesday 8:00am - 2:30pm

ADVENT EVENTS

First Sunday of Advent - December 2nd & 3rd - Father Tom will be blessing the Advent Calendars at all Masses. Please bring your calendar. If you do not have one, there will be calendars available at the entrance of the Church.

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9th & 10th - Blessing of Nativity Straw. Father Tom will be blessing the straw for your crèche at all Masses. All families are invited to take a quantity of straw home.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 16th & 17th - Blessing of Bambinelli (Christ Child). Anyone who would like their figurine blessed, please put an identifying mark on the bottom and place in the basket for Father's blessing during all Masses. You may retrieve your figurine after Mass to take home.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23rd & 24th - We are again grateful this year for the generosity of our friends at **Wm. J. Rockefeller Funeral Home, Inc.** and for **W.J. Lyons, Jr. Funeral Home, Inc.** for giving us the gift of our yearly parish calendars. Please be sure to express your gratitude if you see them. Calendars will be at the entrance of the Church.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Christmas Choir: Calling singers of all ages who would like to sing for one of our Christmas liturgies. Youth are invited to sing for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings before Faith Formation in December. Adults are invited to sing for the 8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass with rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.

For more information, contact Glenn Osborne at glenno@stmaryny.org. .

CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO Conserns-U. Their pantry needs this week are: toiletries. 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.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

Eric Allen John Conte Nicholas Conte John Amedio Jeremiah Coonley Joseph Bradley Tom Brownell Mary Corvino Patricia Bruso Tasha D'Alessandro Judy Davis Denise Buono Lynn Burdick Bernadette Dawson William Burt Barbara Farrell Rosa Camaj Carole Farrell

Cheryl Fisher Scarlett McLeod Friot Tiffany Gamache Sharon Griffith Randy Grodner **Buddy Gutkaiss** Robert Guynup Ray Hannan Carol Hinkelman Robert Jenkins

Donald Kolb Linda Kolb Christine Krenzer Kassidy Krenzer Carol Laderas Edgar MacGregor Helen Mertz Don Miller Tina Milone

Erica Kirsch

Michael Mann Madison Chester Mann 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

For Our Soldiers

Mary Beth Centrella

Salvatore Abbamonte Ryan Johnson Mason Albert Noah Keneston-Colby Andrew Barresi Keenan Krenzer Connor Danz Sean Markham

Jack Farrell

Garrett McDonald Brian Murphy Corey Russo

Derek Terry 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.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

November - For the Synod

We pray for the Holy Father as he fulfills his mission. May he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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