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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 week's corner is dedicated to Father Tom:

The official prayer to Blessed Carlo Acutis, asking for his miraculous intercession.

Ever since his beatification in 2020, Catholics around the world have begun to seek the "computer geek" saint's heavenly intercession.

Here is the official prayer for his cause for canonization, which can be used to pray for a miracle from God.

O God our Father,

we thank you for giving us Carlo,

a model of life for young people,

and a message of love for all.

You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,

making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."

You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,

and you made him, through the Rosary,

a cantor of her tenderness.

Receive his prayer for us.

Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted.

Grant to Fr. Thomas Holmes, through the intercession of Carlo, the complete healing

physically and spiritually of (ALS) Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

And make our joy full, raising Carlo among

the saints of your Church,

so that his smile shines again for us to the glory of your name. Amen.

## THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2024

#### January - For The Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



#### **CONSERNS-U**

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO CONSERNS-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: vegetable soup, macaroni (elbows), ramen, tomato paste, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, ketchup, and jelly. 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

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are pleased to welcome a new member to our parish family.

#### Luca Francis Gagnon

He will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May the Lord be gracious to him and his family and bless them always.



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS							
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION			
Sat	01/27	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Jean Van Voris & Ann Distell +RITA ZENZEN, by Sandy Raus +NANCY VAN DETTA, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by her daughter			
Sun	01/28	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+PAT ERKKILA, by Ann Marie Pepin +MARGARET COURCELLE, by Mr. and Mrs. Burton Van Wie +REVEREND DAVID LEFORT, by Maria Pangilinan			
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+RITA ZENZEN, by Carol Davitt +THOMAS & AGNES POOLE, by their family +SUSAN K. MAYNARD, by Mollie Shook			
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+ROSEMARY VOGT, by Frances Girzone +EVE RYAN, by the Ablaze Group +JOAN FILKINS, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by her Family +PATRICIA KESSLER, by Rose and Al Censullo			
Mon	01/29			No Mass			
Tue	01/30	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+MONSIGNOR ARTHUR KIFFIN			
Wed	01/31	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+GEORGE BOBERSKY, Birthday Remembrance, by his daughter, Mary +GEORGE MICHAEL BOBERSKY, Birthday Remembrance, by his sister, Mary			
Thu	02/01			No Mass			
Fri	02/02			No Mass			
Sat	02/03	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Carol Davitt +JIMMY BARRETT, by Jack, Brian, and Sheila Millea +MARGARET SHOOK, by the Shook Family +ROSE MADLIN, by her daughter, Edie			
Sun	02/04	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+L. PATRICIA ERKKILA, by Janet Lynch, Kathleen Coates, and Mary Buono +REVEREND MONSIGNOR FELIPE PANGILINAN, by Maria Pangilinan +CATHERINE BERGMANN, by Patricia Mackey			
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+CHRISTINE VAN VORST, by Bill McLoughlin +FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF FATHER TOM HOLMES, by Gina Gentile and Family			
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+ROSEMARY VOGT, by Jim and Terry Kois			

## BLESSING OF THE THROATS

To observe the Feast of St. Blaise (February  $3^{rd}$ ), throats will be blessed after each Mass next weekend, February  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$ .



# SAVE THE DATE



Please join us for Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm - 10:00pm at the Church of St. Mary. There will be a live band, dancing, appetizers, and merriment!

Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold before and after weekend masses. Childcare will not be available for this event.

#### **EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS**

#### 2023/2024 Formation Year

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

- 15th Session, Sunday, 02/04/24; 9:30am 10:45am
- 16th Session, Sunday, 02/11/24; 9:30am 10:45am

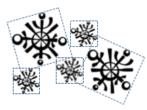


#### Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

- 7th Session, Monday, 02/05/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 8th Session, Monday, 02/26/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm

#### High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

- 7th Session, Monday, 01/29/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 8th Session, Monday, 02/12/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm



#### A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

When school is delayed or closed due to weather conditions, it DOES NOT mean faith formation and youth ministry sessions and activities are cancelled. Sessions cancelled due to inclement weather will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Church of St. Mary's web page (<a href="www.stmaryny.org">www.stmaryny.org</a> - check the calendar under upcoming events) and through the School Closing Network, as Church of St. Mary NOT St. Mary's (channels 6, 9, 10 & 13).

Please Note: Weather conditions in the Capital District can vary substantially from one neighborhood to the next. Even though the building may be open or an event has not been cancelled, only you can decide whether conditions in your area will allow for safe travel. Please use your own best judgment regarding travel conditions in your area.

#### WE PR AY 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

#### Charles J. Filkins and Daniel F. Hausler

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

### SISTERS OF LIFE

You may remember, the Sisters of Life came for a visit this fall and spoke to us at mass about their vocation and love of faith. They are always looking for volunteers to help them with several projects at their priory, located at 24 Harrison St, Catskill, NY 12414



A list of their upcoming dates:

- \* Saturday February 10, 2024
- Saturday March 16, 2024
- Saturday April 13, 2024
- \* Saturday May 4, 2024
- \* Saturday June 8, 2024
- \* Saturday July 13, 2024
- \* Saturday August 10, 2024

Come join us!

The days begin at 10:00am and end at 4:00pm with a break for Mass and lunch (provided) at 12:00noon. You are welcome to come for the whole day, or just part of it.

This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for any individual, family, or group that is looking to volunteer. Young and old are welcome, no registration needed, simply mail Sr. Bethlehem at <a href="mailto:stanthonys@sistersoflife.org">sistersoflife.org</a> to let her know you plan on helping, so they can plan for your arrival.

# SJESJ NEWS

#### Honored for the Month of January

Bread and Wine: Richard Ryan, by Ann Ryan and Family Sanctuary Light: James S. Millea, Sr., by Sheila Millea

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

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will be meeting on: **Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Group meets at 1:00pm in the Parish Office.

#### 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 February (February 2, 2024). It will be at 3:00pm in the Church of the Parish of

#### **CSM NEWS**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

- January 29th Chapel
- February 5<sup>th</sup> Chapel



#### **Grief Support**

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

#### VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Parish Families of Immaculate Conception, Glenville, Our Lady of Grace, Ballston Lake, and St. Joseph, Scotia is presenting the *Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles* with 1st class relics of both Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia.

Mark your calendars and prepare for a very special event happening at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY, in February. The *Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles* will be on display there beginning on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be 2 live presentations about this unique exhibit to help us understand the display and the role of the Eucharist in our Catholic Faith. The first was on Monday, January, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at *St. Joseph's Church, 231 Second St., Scotia, NY*, and the second will be this Tuesday, January, 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at *Our Lady of Grace, 73 Midline Rd., Ballston Lake, NY*. Each presentation is expected to last 1½ hrs. All are welcome! For more info, contact Maryann Haskell, 518 -331-6706 or https://www.icglenville.com/

#### ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on <u>Saturday, March 16</u> from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY. Tickets: \$30.00; PayPal - \$32; Clergy & Religious – Comp. Our Witness Speaker is <u>Fran Karpiej</u>, <u>OSF</u>, from Fairfield, CT, and professed in the Secular Franciscan Order. For over 40 yrs., she has been involved in Healing Prayer Ministry and a leader in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. She is the founding Coordinator of the THMI Magnificat Chapter in the Bridgeport Diocese. With her vibrant faith and sense of humor, Fran shares a message of peace, hope, healing & conversion believing Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Register by Wednesday., March 6<sup>th</sup> - send a check for <u>\$30</u> payable to <u>Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat</u>, c/o Bonnie Hause, 74 Meadow Rue Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Please include your name, address, phone #, and email address. <u>Online registration: https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/</u> Questions, call Kathleen @ 518-930-8380. ALL LADIES AGE 15 AND OLDER ARE INVITED!

#### ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



#### January 28, 2024

Birthday Remembrance

For

Margaret Moscato

Ву

Maria Reardon & Carl Bensi

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.

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. There will be no flowers during lent.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER



At the Church of St. Mary on **Ash Wednesday**, **February 14**<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our "Simple Soup and Bread Supper" from 4:45pm - 6:15pm in the Parish Hall. Mass with Ashes will be in the Church at 6:30pm. **Please bring containers to take home some extra soup**.

#### OLD PALM FRONDS



The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We invite parishioners to bring in their palms on the weekends of February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and also February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We will convert these palms into ashes. Loose palms may be lerft in the Church vestibule in the listed container. Please do not place in plastic bags, rubber bands, twist ties, etc. in the container. Thank you.

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

JANUARY 20TH & JANUARY 21ST, 2024 COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,136.00	\$3,765.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$540.06	\$2,335.00
Total Offertory received from last week	\$2,676.06	\$6,100.00
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$2,568.94	-\$535.00
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$102,806.62	\$204,707.00
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$152,105.00	\$209,050.00
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$49,298.38	-\$4,343.00

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"

#### WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

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

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

Robert Jenkins Erica Kirsch Donald Kolb Linda Kolb Christine Krenzer Kassidy Krenzer Carol Laderas Edgar MacGregor Helen Mertz Don Miller

Tina Milone Michael Mann Madison Chester Mann Roxanne Nicolla Bev Ryan Richelle Olm Ralph Orciuoli Devon Paigo Inga Pepoy Peggy Petitmermet Michael Swahlan Tommy Raus

Chip Rausch Hank Rivet Joan Roher Mallorey Schaller Gene Schultz Marge Secor Myranda Stevens Brady Sullivan

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

For Our Soldiers

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

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.

### 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.

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