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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.

This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:15



## PASTOR'S CORNER

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

While I was away on my trip to Cancun, I received many cards wishing me good health concerning my ALS. I heard many people are praying the Rosary for me, Novena's, and Mass Cards. I am very grateful for your concern for me and the battle that lies ahead for me. I know my speech is not up to par, but I will keep on trying to serve you and the two parishes for as long as I can.

Have a wonderful Lenten season, and I will turn to God for strength. God has been so good to me through the parishioners of both parishes. Thank you.

God Bless you all through this Lenten Season,

Fr. Tom

## BIBLE BONANZA

Some photos from our Bible Bonanza on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> with our Faith Formation Elementary Youth.



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS				
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat	02/17	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by the Tobin Family +ROMANA SALVAGNI, by Rosa DeThomasis +SUSAN MAYNARD, by Sue and Dan Shook FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF AGATHA VERRELLI, 95 <sup>th</sup> Birthday, by Sandy Raus
Sun	02/18	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+CHRISTINE JOSEPH & MARNIE BLANCHARD, by Diane Cleveland +ROBERT ARNOLD, by Michael Southard
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+PETER EDDY, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by the Gentile Family
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+PAT ERKKILA, by Joanne Cimmea
Mon	02/19			<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	02/20	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>		+REVEREND JOSEPH D. CIULIK
Wed	02/21	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+GEORGE BOBERSKY, Birthday Remembrance, by his daughter, Mary +GEORGE WM. BOBERSKY, Birthday Remembrance, by Mary
Thu	02/22			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri	02/23			<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	02/24	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Kitty & Tony Chromczak +ROMANA SALVAGNI, by Pasqualina Crescenzi +SUSAN MAYNARD, by Julie and Al Bashant FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF REVEREND TOM HOLMES, by Jack, Brian, and Sheila Millea
Sun	02/25	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+NORBERT WILSON, by Susan and Mark Carey +LOUISE LLOYD, Birthday Remembrance, by Ken Lloyd and Children
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Alisha and Joe Siligato
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+FOR THE KOIS, O'TOOLE & FARRELL FAMILIES, by Jim and Terry Kois

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
FEBRUARY 10TH & FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 COLLECTIONS		SJESJ	CSM
Offertory received from Regular Collection		\$4,208.50	\$3,762.00
Offertory received from E-Giving		\$738.48	\$2,360.00
<b>Total Offertory received from last week</b>		\$4,946.98	\$6,122.00
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory		\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)		-\$298.02	-\$513.00
Year to Date Actual Offertory		\$115,621.35	\$225,681.00
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory		\$167,840.00	\$228,955.00
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)		-\$52,218.65	-\$3,274.00
<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>			

## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### 2023/2024 Formation Year

**THERE IS NO FAITH FORMATION DURING PRESIDENT'S WEEK - FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**



FAITH FORMATION

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

- 17th Session, Sunday, 03/03/24; 9:30am - 10:45am
- 18th Session, Sunday, 03/10/24; 9:30am - 10:45am

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

- 8th Session, Monday, 02/26/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- 9th Session, Monday, 03/11/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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

- 9th Session, Monday, 03/04/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- 10th Session, Monday, 03/18/24 ; 7:00pm - 8:30pm



#### **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

All Middle School and High School youth that would like to be any part of the Stations, including music, song, enactors or behind the scenes, we could really use your help.

If you are interested, please contact Maureen Billa via email at [maureenbilla@stmaryny.org](mailto:maureenbilla@stmaryny.org) . We will rehearse following the 11:00am masses on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. A lunch is provided for all the youth involved on those days. We pray the Stations on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:05PM.

## MARDI GRAS



We would like to thank everyone who worked to make our Mardi Gras celebration a success! From selling tickets, decorating, giving donations, setting up, and cleaning up. Your time was greatly appreciated. A very special thank you for the band. They are an outstanding group of very talented people. They truly make every social event magnificent!

## 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



Come join us!  
Mass and lunch included

A list of their upcoming dates:

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

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 [stanthony@sistersoflife.org](mailto:stanthony@sistersoflife.org) to let her know you plan on helping, so they can plan for your arrival.



## SJESJ NEWS

### Honored for the Month of February

Bread and Wine: For the Living Intention of Father Tom Holmes  
Sanctuary Light: For the Living Intention of Father Tom Holmes

### Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will be meeting on: **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 **March (March 1, 2024)**. It will be at 3:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

## CSM NEWS

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

- February 19<sup>th</sup> - Chapel
- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Chapel



### Grief Support

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

## NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY

The Church of St. Mary and the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, on Sunday, April 7th, which is Divine Mercy Sunday. Yankee Trails will pick you up in the back parking lot of the Church of St. Mary at 8:00am and you'll return back home before 6:00pm. Bring a bagged lunch and a snack or two for the trip, beverages will be provided. There is no cost for a seat on the bus, but you must pre-register. There are 56 seats on the bus and it is first come first served. Please contact Ben at either Parish Office at CSM 518-449-2232, ext. 13 or SJESJ 518-465-0482, ext. 219.

## CONSERNS-U

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO CoNSERNS-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: mustard, canned fruit (in fruit juice, no sugar added), 100% fruit juice, ramen, mustard, tuna (in water), soup (chicken noodle and vegetable), and italian salad dressing. 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.**



## ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT

**Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat** (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on **Saturday, March 16** 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 **Fran Karpiej, OSF**, 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 **\$30** payable to **Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat**, c/o Bonnie Hause, 74 Meadow Rue Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Please include your name, address, phone #, and email address. **Online registration:** <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/> Questions, call Kathleen @ 518-930-8380. **ALL LADIES AGE 15 AND OLDER ARE INVITED!**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



40 Days for Life (<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/about-overview.aspx>) is the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion. The current Winter/Spring campaign began on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and runs to Palm Sunday (March 24).

The beginnings of 40 Days for Life occurred in Bryan/College Station, Texas in 2004 where four people gathered to pray about closing an abortion facility in their midst. As that hour of prayer progressed, the four individuals felt themselves called to launch a 40-day campaign of PRAYER AND FASTING, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND A CONSTANT, PEACEFUL VIGIL to end abortion. In 2007, these same people coordinated the first national 40 Days for Life Campaign, which has now become international. (Incidentally, the Planned Parenthood in their area finally closed in 2013!)

We have a lot of Planned Parenthoods in our area that make it their business to kill babies every day (made possible with the do-it-yourself abortion pill that they dispense.) Locally, they are in Albany, Troy, Hudson, Clifton Park, and Schenectady.

Is God calling you to participate in this campaign to end abortion as the "go-to" method of dealing with an unexpected pregnancy? Please pray about it, and consider joining us on the street, or praying in your home, or in your car outside an abortion facility.

For more information, contact Anne Cronin, 518-522-6057, [acronin922@gmail.com](mailto:acronin922@gmail.com) or Jennifer Corso-Yasus, 518-334-2066, [jennifercorso@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifercorso@yahoo.com).

## PARISH OFFICES



Our parish offices will be closed this **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** for the President's Day Holiday.

## NEW LENTEN WEBSITE

**New Lenten Website** <https://www.rcda.org/lent> Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. So, do we have to fast? Fr. Anthony Barratt shares a beautiful response. The theme on the page this year is **Make It Personal**, sharing thoughts on how to build your personal relationship with God. You can also find a calendar of Lenten events around the Diocese and Meatless Meal recipes, even a few cooking videos featuring some of our clergy.

## 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



It is that time of the year again! If you would like a tax contribution statement for last year's donations, please contact Ben at the Parish Offices by phone 518-465-0482 (St. John's/St. Joseph) or 518-449-2232, ext. 13 (CSM). You can also e-mail Ben at [ben@stmaryny.org](mailto:ben@stmaryny.org) (CSM).

## DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

On Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY there will be a Diocesan Charismatic Healing Mass. Prayer and Praise Music starts at 7:00pm by Joyful Heart followed by the Liturgy at 7:30pm. There will be individual prayer teams available after mass. For more information checkout our website: [albanyccr.org](http://albanyccr.org)

## CALLED TO SERVE PODCAST

**Called to Serve Podcast:** WOPG Radio, a Catholic radio station in our diocese, offered the Diocesan Communications Office the opportunity to air content in the Fr. Mike Schmitz "Bible in a Year" and "Catechism in a Year" podcasts. So, we created a mini podcast, featuring people in our diocese who are answering God's call to serve. You can hear their stories on WOPG radio (89.9 FM / 1460 AM) at 3:30am and 10:30am and we are posting them all on a new webpage that we created on the diocesan website <https://www.rcda.org/calledtoservepodcast> (incl. link to WOPG livestream).

## WE PRAY TO THE LORD

### For Our Sick

Eric Allen	Rosemarie Cipperley	Jack Farrell	Robert Jenkins	Tina Milone	Chip Rausch	Mark Welcome
John Amedio	John Conte	Cheryl Fisher	Erica Kirsch	Michael Mann	Hank Rivet	Margaret Waterbury
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Denise Buono	Tasha D'Alessandro	Randy Grodner	Kassidy Krenzer	Ralph Orciuoli	Gene Schultz	Harold Wright
Lynn Burdick	Judy Davis	Buddy Gutkaiss	Carol Laderas	Devon Paigo	Marge Secor	Joanne Zalucki
William Burt	Bernadette Dawson	Robert Guynup	Edgar MacGregor	Inga Pepoy	Myranda Stevens	Michael Zenzen
Rosa Camaj	Barbara Farrell	Ray Hannan	Helen Mertz	Peggy Petitmermet	Brady Sullivan	
Mary Beth Centrella	Carole Farrell	Carol Hinkelman	Don Miller	Tommy Raus	Michael Swahlan	

### For Our Soldiers

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

*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 2024

### February - For The Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment..



## 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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