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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

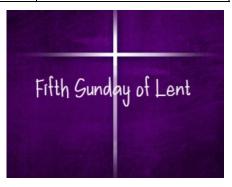
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

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,

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

"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed."

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Since I had my diagnosis with ALS, I have been thinking of a line from God's Little Instruction Book I, II, III. I should enjoy life to the fullest. Because life will get a little hairy as the future goes on, I should enjoy what life I have until my life is compromised by the ALS. I am to enjoy life and make each day a special day as a gift to be enjoyed. I will pass it on to you, make each day special!

> May God bless you all, Fr. Tom

NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MER CY



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 by 5:00pm. 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.

FIRE OF FAITH



The Diocese is collaborating with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Amsterdam to put on a Fire of Faith Event. This event will be Tuesday, March 19th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 39 St. John Street, Amsterdam. Staring at 6:30pm there will be a visit with St. Paul: a performance by Glenn Smith, and from 7:30pm - 9:00pm there will be Adoration and Benediction, and Faith Sharing with a reflection by Deacon Tom Fallati, followed by light refreshments.

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 April 13, 2024
- Saturday May 4, 2024
- Saturday June 8, 2024
- Saturday July 13, 2024
- Saturday August 10, 2024

Come join us! Mass and lunch included

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 stanthonys@sistersoflife.org to let her know you plan on helping, so they can plan for your arrival.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS							
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION			
Sat	03/16	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Sandy Raus +RITA ZENZEN, by Sandy Raus			
Sun	03/17	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+THOMAS REARDON, by Maria Reardon +IDA CONNOLLY, 1 st Anniv., by the Connolly Family +COLLEEN M. CAREY, 7 th Anniv., by Mark and Susan Carey +JEROME W. CAREY, 1 st Anniv., by Mark and Susan Carey			
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+JACK MULLALLY, by his Friends			
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+JOAN ROSSELLO, 2 nd Anniv., by her Children +MARY A. CATALDO, 15 th Anniv., by her daughter, Mary Ann Wilson +VINCENT SANTILLI, by the Collins Family +JERE COLLINS, by the Collins Family			
Mon	03/18			No Mass			
Tue	03/19	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Wed	03/20	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+REVEREND JOHN M. CURLEY			
Thu	03/21			No Mass			
Fri	03/22			No Mass			
Sat	03/23	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Jack and Carol Brandow +DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TEATOR FAMILY, by Dorothy Teator +RITCHIE PIKULA, by Victor and Ronnie Barresi			
+JAMES & MADELEINE CARTER, by Denis		+GERRI YERVES, by Larry and Carole Farrell +JAMES & MADELEINE CARTER, by Denise and Alex Buono +PATRICIA ERKKILA, by Denise and Alex Buono					
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+TERESA DESANTIS, by the Family of Annita Verrelli			
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+RUTH DEVANE, 17 th Anniv., by Judy Pinto FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF STEVEN ROY, by Roxanne and Tom Nicolla +RAYMOND G. HANNAN, 25 th Anniv., by the Hannan Family			

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT								
March 9th & March 10th, 2024 Collections	SJESJ	CSM						
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,669.50	\$4,258.00	Thanks to all who demonstrate such generous care for our parishes! Please remember our parishes in your willwe are: "St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY" or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist/					
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$1,030.51	\$2,283.00						
Total Offertory received from last week	\$3,700.01	\$6,541.00 \$6,635.00 -\$94.00 \$1,447.00 \$258,962.00						
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00 -\$1,544.99 \$701.00							
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)								
Catholic Relief Services - 2nd Collection								
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$140,289.17							
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$188,820.00	\$255,495.00	St. Joseph"					
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$48,530.83	+\$3,467.00						

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2023/2024 Formation Year

THERE WILL BE NO FAITH FORMATION ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST, MONDAY, APRIL 1ST, SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, AND MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

- 20th Session, Sunday, 03/24/24; 9:30am 10:45am
- 21st Session, Sunday, 04/14/24; 9:30am 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

- 10th Session, Monday, 03/25/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 11th Session, Monday, 04/22/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm



High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

- 10th Session, Monday, 03/18/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 11th Session, Monday, 04/15/24; 7:00pm 8:30pm

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Rehearsals for Living Stations of the Cross will follow the 11:00am Mass today and also next Sunday, March 24th. A lunch is provided for all the youth involved on those days. We pray the Stations on Good Friday, March 29th at 12:05PM.

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 (CSM).

GENERATIONS OF FAITH SPONSORED BREAKFAST

You are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fun between young adults (ages 18 - 39) and older generation (ages 65 +) to discuss the topic of "Who Is My Neighbor?".

This event will bridge the gap between older and younger generations by having discussions about the faith and how we can better serve each other and the Church as a whole.

When: Saturday, April 13 from 8:30am to 10:30am

What: Breakfast Gathering Where: Knights of Columbus

50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs, NY

There is no cost for the breakfast, but a "Free Will Offering" will be available.

Generations of Faith is a collaboration between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Spa City Catholic, Goodwill Network, and the Knights of Columbus.

All attendees MUST register. Space is limited. **Registration**: https://forms.gle/FZKKJhyZxEoyFgF97

For more information, please contact Trip Gagnon at trip611@aol.com

SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of March

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, March 25th. 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.

SJESJ Easter Tradition

Once again, Easter Trees with ornaments containing the addresses of our elderly parishioners are on the tables at the back of church. Everyone please send out a few Easter cards letting each person know they have not been forgotten as cherished members of our parish.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We will be offering Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 3:00pm at SJESJ. All are welcome.

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- March 18th Chapel
- March 25th Chapel



The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, April 2nd, at 1:00pm,** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

Join them at Holy Spirit School for an enriching journey through Pre-K to 5th Grade! Experience the transformative power of a faith-based education by scheduling a tour or Shadow Day today. Discover firsthand the difference that our nurturing environment, dedicated educators, and values-driven curriculum can make in your child's life. Full and Part-time Pre-k options, spaces available K-5. Call 518-477-5739 or email KLeverone@hsseq.com

CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO Conserns-U. Their pantry needs this week are: canned spinach, canned potatoes, canned chicken, juice, toothpaste, deodorant, and bar 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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE



While praying and fasting during 40 Days, let us also remember to pray for the abortion workers and all the abortion facility employees, so that they may experience an enlightened change of heart and find the resources they need to allow them to leave their positions and experience God's healing love. Check out the organization "And Then There Were None" founded by Abby Johnson, former PP Clinic Director, which offers hope, healing, and

financial resources to these former employees. https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=309338119743702

RECONCILIATION

At the Church of St. Mary, Reconciliation will be offered on:

- * Thursday, March 21st at 5:00pm
- Monday, March 25th at 6:00pm

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

Casey N. Frankoski

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Church of St. Mary's:

- Monday 8:30am 4:00pm
- Tuesday 8:30am 4:00pm - Wednesday - 8:30am - 4:00pm
- Thursday 9:30am 4:00pm
- Friday 9:30am 12:30pm

St. John's/St. Joseph's:

- Monday 8:30am 1:00pm
- Tuesday 8:30am 1:00pm
- Wednesday 8:30am 1:00pm
- Thursday 8:30am 1:00pm



The door is locked. Ring the doorbell (above the number pad).

Both offices are closed on Wednesdays between 10:30am - 12:00noon for a staff meeting.

NEW LENTEN WEBSITE

New Lenten Website https://www.rcda.org/lent. Lent began 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.

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 John Amedio Joseph Bradley Tom Brownell Patricia Bruso Denise Buono Lynn Burdick William Burt

Rosemarie Cipperley John Conte Nicholas Conte Jeremiah Coonley Mary Corvino Tasha D'Alessandro Judy Davis Bernadette Dawson Barbara Farrell Mary Beth Centrella Carole Farrell

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

Robert Jenkins Erica Kirsch Linda Kolb Christine Krenzer Kassidy Krenzer Carol Laderas Edgar MacGregor Helen Mertz Jack Millea

Don Miller Tina Milone 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

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

For Our Soldiers

Connor Danz

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Salvatore Abbamonte Ryan Johnson Mason Albert Andrew Barresi

Noah Keneston-Colby Keenan Krenzer 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.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2024

March - For The New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm..

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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