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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

3:30pm - 3:45pm @SJESJ Saturday 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 Mission 2000 - Praying Scripture in a Contemporary Way, By Mark Link, S.J. Cycle B. Sunday, Week 6 for Lent:

"[The soldiers] spat on him, fell on their knees, and bowed down before him. When they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him." Mark 15:19-20

In his book Who Is Christ? Anthony Padovano writes: "The suffering on the cross is not meant for itself but for something else. Christ does not suffer because suffering is in itself a value but because love without restraint requires suffering. We are saved not by the physical death of Jesus but by the absoluteness of a love which did not count death too high a price."

- What is one thing I have done for Christ?
- What is one thing I am doing for Christ?
- What is one thing I could do for Christ?

"Unhappy is death without the love of the Savior; unhappy is love without the death of the Savior." Saint Francis De Sales

> God Bless Our Savior. Fr. Tom

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 by 5:00pm. Bring a bagged lunch and a snack or two for the trip, beverages will be provided. There is a food court at the facility. It may be breezy so a light coat may be needed and also an umbrella, if needed. You may also bring folding/camp chair if desired. These items may be left on the bus. Plenary Indulgence received at the Shrine on Sunday if requirements are met.

- * Reconciliation
- Communion
- * Chaplet
- * Rosary

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.

SISTERS OF LIFE



Come join us! s and lunch included

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
- Saturdav 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.

		L	TURGICAL	CELEBRATIONS AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
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
Sun 0	03/24	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+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
Mon	03/25			No Mass
Tue	03/26	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	No Mass
Wed	03/27	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+MONSIGNOR JOHN T. SLATTERY
				HOLY THURSDAY
Thu	03/28	9:00 ^{AM}	SJESJ	MORNING PRAYER
		6:30 ^{PM}	CSM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND ADORATION
				GOOD FRIDAY
Fri	03/29	9:00 ^{AM}	SJESJ	MORNING PRAYER
		12:05 ^{PM}	CSM	LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		6:30 ^{AM}	CSM	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH
				HOLY SATURDAY
Sat	03/30	9:00 ^{AM}	CSM	MORNING PRAYER
		2:00 ^{PM}	CSM	BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD
		8:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+CASIMIRO CRESCENZI, by the Crescenzi Family +SHANNON POOLE-SAUER, by Jack, Brian and Sheila Millea +CASEY FRANKOSKI, by Jack, Brian and Sheila Millea FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF JACOB PRATT, by Jack, Brian and Sheila Millea
				EASTER SUNDAY
Sun	03/31	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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).

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)

- 21st Session, Sunday, 04/14/24; 9:30am 10:45am
- 22nd Session, Sunday, 04/21/24; 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)

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. A lunch is provided for all the youth involved. We pray the Stations on Good Friday, March 29th at 12:05PM.

REVERENCE OF LIFE MINISTRY

Easter Baskets for Cate's Kids



We collected 91 Easter baskets at St. John/St. Joseph and St. Mary's! This collection will assist the program "Easter Baskets for Cate's Kids" at Circles of Mercy who will provide Easter Baskets to needy children between the ages 1 to 12 years living in Rensselaer. Thank you for your generosity to all who donated a basket! Wishing you a most joyous Easter!

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.

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- March 25th Chapel
- April 1st 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.



CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO Conserns-U. Their pantry needs this week are: tomato paste, spaghetti sauce, tuna, and mayonnaise. 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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16th & March 17th, 2024 Collections	SJESJ	CSM	
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,862.00	\$4,397.00	1
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$422.09	\$2,283.00	٩
Total Offertory received from last week	\$3,284.09	\$6,680.00	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00	
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,960.91	+\$45.00	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$143,573.26	\$265,642.00	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$194,065.00	\$262,130.00	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$50,491.74	+\$3,512.00	

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"

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



We walk and pray on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood for love of God as we serve through our prayers and witness the women going in, the dads whether they go in or not, the workers, the passerby, the babies.

40 Days for Life serves Christ, loving God and neighbor.

RECONCILIATION

At the Church of St. Mary, Reconciliation will be offered on Monday, March 25th at 6:00pm.

SACR AMENT OF BAPTISM

We are pleased to welcome new members to our parish family.

Kylian David Sanchez Villarreal and Mylan David Sanchez Villarreal



They received the Sacrament of Baptism this week. May the Lord be gracious to them and their families and bless them always.

THE CHOSEN



Have you been watching The Chosen?

Here is your chance to experience this groundbreaking series!

Beginning, Thursday, April 11th, we will gather to view Season 1. Each week we will watch one episode and then break into small groups for discussion.

The small groups will meet each Thursday from April 11th- May 30th at the Church of St. Mary in the Parish Hall, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

To register, please contact Ben or Gina at either 518-465-0482 or 518-449-2232.

We hope to see you there!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in the parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

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

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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

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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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