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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,

Jesus Christ is Risen today! Jesus has taken away our sins and we are grateful for that.

John 20:8 "Peter and John ran to Jesus' tomb. Peter entered and found it empty. John also entered; he saw and believed."

Saint Augustine: "We are Easter people; and Alleluia is our song!"

Let's not forget we are Easter people! That is how we are to live our lives, knowing that Jesus forgives our sins, and let us be the people he wants us to be.

It has been my pleasure to serve the people of St. Mary's and St. John's/St. Joseph's. You have been so good to me. Thank you. I will see you around the two parishes.

> God Bless, 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



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

Come join us! s and lunch included 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.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS							
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION			
	HOLY SATURDAY						
Sat	03/30	8:00 <sup>PM</sup>	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 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
Mon	04/01			No Mass			
Tue	04/02	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+REVEREND JOHN J. MALECKI			
Wed	04/03	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+SHANNON JORDAN CALLAHAN, by her Mom, Dad and Becka			
Thu	04/04			No Mass			
Fri	04/05			No Mass			
Sat	04/06	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Patricia Bourdeau +DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RISCAVAGE FAMILY, by Dorothy Teator +JOSE MAURO, by his wife, Edie +PATRICIA HOGLE, by her Family			
Sun	04/07	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+MARY BROWN, 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Peter and Debbie Krill +MARK BELANGER, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by Ray Belanger +MARY PANGILINAN, by Maria Pangilinan			
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+MARGARET DAVITT, by Carol Davitt +BERNIE MARTIN, by Daniel Bankowski +BRIAN MUIR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by his Family +CASEY FRANKOSKI, by Bonnie Hahn			
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+VINCENT SANTILLI, by Mollie Shook +ELLEN LETTA, by the Patwell Family +JOSEPH J. RIZZO, by Michael and Lois Keefrider +PATRICIA MOORE, THOMAS BEAUDOIN, JANE BEAUDOIN, AND PLACIDO CARINO, by the Boston/Beaudoin Families			



#### **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)

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



### VACATION BIBLE CAMP



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VBC, AUGUST 5-9, 2024, FROM 9:00AM - NOON

#### SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God

We will take your children into an amazing undersea adventure where they will experience the everflowing, never-ending love of God. There are some new changes in VBC, including more Catholic ID and saint content, and a brand-new station where we will dive deep into Sacred Scripture.

# 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

#### Dorothy M. Teator

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

#### 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**: <a href="https://forms.gle/FZKKJhyZxEoyFgF97">https://forms.gle/FZKKJhyZxEoyFgF97</a>

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, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 22<sup>nd</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.

#### **CSM NEWS**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

- April 1st Church
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Church



The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 23RD & MARCH 24TH, 2024 COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$1,497.00	\$5,457.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$353.21	\$2,283.00
Total Offertory received from last week	\$1,850.21	\$7,740.00
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$3,394.79	+\$1,105.00
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$145,423.47	\$273,382.00
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$199,310.00	\$268,765.00
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$53,886.53	+\$4,617.00

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

The 2024 Winter/Spring 40 Days for Life campaign officially ended last week, on Palm Sunday.



to all who have prayed in your homes, in your cars, and on the street for an end to abortion. Today, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumph over sin and death, we can be assured that He has also triumphed over the evil of abortion. All He asks us is to remain steadfast and faithful in our prayers and sacrifices to end this evil in our country, and our world. Happy Easter to all!

#### 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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#### THE CHOSEN



Have you been watching The Chosen?

Here is your chance to experience this groundbreaking series!

Beginning, Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>- May 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### 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 Tuesday, 12:00Noon Mass at SJESJ will be cancelled.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.rcda.org/calledtoservepodcast">https://www.rcda.org/calledtoservepodcast</a> (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

Nicholas Conte Jeremiah Coonley Mary Corvino Tasha D'Alessandro Judy Davis Bernadette Dawson Barbara Farrell Carole Farrell

Rosemarie Cipperley

John Conte

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

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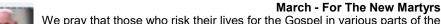
Noah Keneston-Colby Keenan Krenzer Sean Markham

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



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.

### April - For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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