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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. Mary's and St. John's/ St. Joseph's,

"When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was.

God will measure my heart to see how loving I was."

Anonymous

What a great saying and something to reflect about. God showed us how much love He had for us when God's Son, Jesus, died for us. What love God has for each of us. How loving we are to one another, while on this earth, is truly God's measure of us all. If we are not loving, we are not reflecting God's love for us.

As I get older this saying really takes on a real, Stop! Look inside of yourself and wonder how loving you have truly been to God's people. If I am honest with myself, I haven't always been loving. I have ended some friendships because I didn't like the way the other person had treated me. That's healthy people say, but if I was more loving, I wonder if that would have changed the situation. It is so hard to be loving at times, but when all is said and done, that is what God expects of us all.

There are so many things that keep us human beings from being loving to others: anger, hurt, not trusting the other, or their past behavior. But would have giving more love to the other have made a difference? Would teaching the other person the importance of love have made a difference? Well, it made a difference for all of us! God's love for each of us made a difference hopefully in who we all are and our beliefs.

If we haven't always been as loving to everyone, let's give it a try and see what it brings. We might be surprised. It might bring a new friend; it might bring a change to others and to us. Imagine that.

There was a song I always heard as a child. "Love makes the world go round." Think about that. Wouldn't our world be a lot more peaceful if everyone put it into practice? But, we all have the power and belief to make it so.... If we show how it is done. Jesus showed us; let us reflect it, so the love will make the world go round. Something to reflect on.... For you and for me.

God Bless, Fr. Tom

VACATION

There will be no weekday Masses this week. Father Tom will be on vacation.

There will be reconciliation on Thursday, February 2nd at 5:00pm at the Church of St. Mary.

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

JANUARY 21st & 22nd Collections	SJESJ	СЅМ
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,354.50	\$3,179.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$468.55	\$2,236.00
Total offertory received from last week	\$2,823.05	\$5,415.00
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$2,226.95	-\$1,270.00
Year to date actual offertory	\$96,918.35	\$191,945.77
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$151,500.00	\$200,550.00
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$54,581.65	-\$8,604.23

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"

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS						
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION		
Sat	01/28	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JANET MCCAULEY, by Pasqualina Crescenzi		
Sun	01/29	8:00 ^{AM}	8:00 ^{AM} CSM +NICK RIZZO, by Paul and Linda Dumas +BILL FITZGERALD, Birthday Remembrance, by Donna Fitzgerald +CAROL ST. MARY, by her husband Frank St. Mary +GEORGE SOMNITZ, by Tim & Linda Knerr			
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+THOMAS & AGNES POOLE, by the Family		
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+JEANETTE HABERLAND, by Mr. William Carey & Mrs. Kathleen Carey-DeChambo +NICHOLAS A. RIZZO, by Carl E. Hackert +JANET THEVE, by Frances Girzone +JOAN A. FILKINS, 1 st Anniv., by her husband Charles & daughter Patricia		
No Masses - Monday, January 30, 2023 - Friday, February 3, 2023						
Sat	02/04	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JANET MCCAULEY, by Sandy Raus +MARIE-ANN MALENFANT, by Sandy Raus		
Sun	02/05	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+MADELINE O'HARE SCHMIDT, by Rose & Al Censullo +ANTONIO PECORARO, by Rose & Al Censullo +REVEREND MONSIGNOR FELIPE PANGILINAN, by Maria Pangilinan +DONALD PEASE, by Linda & Ernie Tubbs		
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+JANET GABRIELS, by Jim & Barbara Poole		
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+RAY TESIERO, by Diane Cleveland +NICHOLAS A. RIZZO, by Robert & Alice Mazur +JOAN T. ENGELMAN, by Rose & Al Censullo		

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

To observe the Feast of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after each Mass the weekend of February 4th and 5th. Even though his feast is February 3rd, this will allow everyone to participate in this sacramental of the Church.



OLD PALM FRONDS



The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. We invite parishioners to bring in their palms on the weekends of February 4th and 5th and also February 11th and 12th. 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Rose Sophia Dunn

received the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May the Lord be gracious to her and her family and bless them always.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2022/2023 Formation Year

THERE IS NO FAITH FORMATION DURING PRESIDENT'S WEEK - FEBRUARY 19th OR 20th

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

- 14th Session, Sunday, 02/05/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 15th Session, Sunday, 02/12/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 16th Session, Sunday, 03/05/23; 9:30am 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

- 7th Session, Monday, 02/06/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 8th Session, Monday, 02/27/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm



FAITH FORMATION

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

- 7th Session, Monday, 01/30/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 8th Session, Monday, 02/13/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible Camp will be held August 7th - August 11th. Mark your calendars now for an out of this world adventure that will leave a lasting impression! Watch the bulletin and your mailbox for details and registration.



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 (www.stmaryny.org - 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).



BLESSING BAGS

Each year we have a collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring. We have collected hundreds of cans of soup and thousands of dollars and are very grateful for your continued generosity and support. This year we are going to PRE-GAME and make BLESSING BAGS!

Blessing Bags are bags that contain necessities - toiletries, food, and some extras that you can keep with you to hand out when you come across an individual grappling with poverty. Handing out a Blessing Bag to someone gives you a very real way to meet their immediate needs by providing them with some basic supplies such as toiletries, water, food and warmth.

JOIN US on February 5, 2023 following all mass on Sunday to make your own blessing bag to keep on hand until you see someone in need.

TIME TO BRING IT BACK!!

Would you like to share the Word of God with Children, engaging and enlightening children by volunteering for the Children's Liturgy of the Word as a group leader or assistant at CSM or SJESJ?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a time of prayer and reflection on God's Word presented with child-friendly language, rituals, and activities. All children ages Pre-K-5th grade are called to Children's Liturgy of the Word at weekly Sunday Mass after the opening prayer. Children who wish to attend are invited forward into the sanctuary for a blessing before going to the parish center with their leader. There they hear the First Reading and the Gospel in simple and relatable language. The readings are accompanied by singing, interactive dialogue, and other activities and the children return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



Adults and High School youth are always welcome as Group Leaders. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maureen Billa at 518-449-2232 x12 or maureenbilla@stmaryny.org

SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of January

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

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on Monday, February 13th and February 27th, at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

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 take place the First Friday (**February 3, 2023**) of every month at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

Bible Study

Would you like to break open the Gospel of Luke? Bible study will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm -8:00pm at the Rectory of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph. This will be an informal discussion on Luke's Gospel. All you need is your bible and an eagerness to discuss God's word. The next date is **Tuesday**, **January 31**st. Hope to see you there!

The Story behind the Stained Glass Windows of SJESJ

Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

Simeon holds baby Jesus in his arms as he says; "now you can dismiss your servant O Lord . . . Because my eyes have seen your salvation." Mary and Joseph are seen also.



CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- January 30th
- February 6th
- February 13th



Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, February 7th**, **at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



January 29, 2023

Bill Fitzgerald - Birthday Remembrance By Donna Fitzgerald

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.).

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.

RESPECT LIFE BOOKLET

We have available for you, at the back of the church, a booklet entitled "Why We're Pro-Life". The booklet presents an unemotional but direct and honest approach in addressing the issues related to abortion with compassion. In doing so, it uses non-religious arguments to shed light on the truth about human life from conception until natural death. Whether you consider yourself to be pro-life or pro-choice, this booklet will give you valuable information on the issue.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Remember that if East Greenbush Central Schools or Rensselaer Schools are delayed or cancelled on a given day, the daily 8:30am and 12:00 Noon Masses will be cancelled.



VALENTINE BLAST



Please join us for a **Valentine's Day Dance** to be held on Saturday, February 11th, at the Church of St. Mary, from 7:00pm -10:00pm. There will be live music, a basket raffle and a 50/50, along with hors d'oeuvres, dessert, coffee, tea, and soda. Adults may bring your own adult beverages. Childcare will be available. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available after Masses this weekend and through February 5th. There will be a sign-up for childcare and for help setting up on Friday and Saturday and for cleanup. Tickets are limited. We hope to see you there!

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED



Walking with Moms in Need is a process through which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Our Albany Diocese is currently engaged in supporting this program of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB).

We should all know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn our parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

To this end, the Holy Spirit Respect Life Team, which includes members from all four of our "cluster" parishes, (SJE/SJ, St. Mary's, Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart) has compiled a brochure with a list of resources available in our area that offer help specifically to women in difficult pregnancy situations. This brochure will be available in the narthex of your church. Please pick up a brochure and keep it handy should you meet/know someone who is in need of assistance.

In addition, members of the Respect Life Team of St. John's/St. Joseph's have set up a *Walking with Moms in Need* display in the back of the church. It includes brochures on fertility and infertility, resources to assist pregnant mothers, and on healing after abortion. It also includes prayer cards, rosaries, and "Precious Feet" pins; all for the taking. The display will be up until the end of June 2023. It is a "living" exhibit; meaning that it may be changed and added to over the next several months as specific needs arise. We would like to invite you to come and visit the exhibit and take any literature you find useful. Stop in for a mass! (Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 noon, Saturday at 4:00 PM, and Sunday at 9:30 AM)!

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

Fric Allen Nicholas Conte John Amedio Jeremiah Coonley Joseph Bradley Ida Connolly Tom Brownell Mary Corvino Tasha D'Alessandro Patricia Bruso Denise Buono **Judy Davis** Marilyn Burt Bernadette Dawson William Burt Barbara Farrell Rosa Camai Carole Farrell Mary Beth Centrella Jack Farrell

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For Our Soldiers

Salvatore Abbamonte Paul Bednarcyzk Mason Albert Rvan Johnson Andrew Barresi

Keenan Krenzer Sean Markham Noah Keneston-Colby Garrett McDonald

Brian Murphy Corey Russo **Arthur Thornton** 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 2023

January - For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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