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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,

*"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."*

Pope Benedict XVI

I have never thought of fasting in that way. We pick things to give up for Lent usually to benefit ourselves. People give up sweets, people give up ice cream, people give up soda, people give up fat-based foods. I gave up drinking alcohol, (and cigarettes, which I have failed at), and to lose weight (I have lost 12 pounds). But those things are all really to benefit myself. But the one of the three that might be a gift of self to God is the drinking alcohol. It has afforded me to spend more time to think about my relationship with God and Jesus. I like my Scotch. But I have come to realize that my drinking alcohol gets me thinking about many things, but not about God necessarily. I think I have given more of myself to God during this Lenten journey this year because I am giving more thought to my relationship with God.

So, maybe it is a time for all of us to think about what we have given up for Lent and whether it benefits ourselves or if it benefits our relationship with God, and whether it is really a gift of self to God. But that is for each of us to decide. Maybe in the Lents to come we can take this quote by Pope Benedict and apply the whole aspect that fasting is a way to make ourselves a complete gift of self to God. I know that this quote has made me think of my fasting and what really matters in the end.

God's Blessings to you all as we continue our Lenten journey,

Fr. Tom

## LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The First United Methodist Church on 1 Gilligan Road, East Greenbush, will be holding Lenten reflections followed by a soup and bread meal on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. This year there are only be three churches participating. The Church of St. Mary's is hosting this Wednesday's soup and bread meal. Please join us.

## DAILY PRAYER

Daily prayer to start each morning:

*God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly, day by day.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18TH & 19TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM	<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>
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,939.00	\$3,854.00	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$1,319.05	\$2,370.00	
<b>Total offertory received from last week</b>	<b>\$4,258.05</b>	<b>\$6,224.00</b>	
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00	
<b>Last week's difference</b> ("- is shortfall; "+" is overage)	<b>-\$791.95</b>	<b>-\$461.00</b>	
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$442.00	\$1,784.00	
Year to date actual offertory	\$132,130.49	\$246,499.77	
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$191,900.00	\$254,030.00	
<b>Year to date difference</b> ("- is shortfall; "+" is overage)	<b>-\$59,769.51</b>	<b>-\$7,530.23</b>	

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat	03/25	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+JOHN "TREE" HAGGERTY, By Jack, Brian & Sheila Millea
Sun	03/26	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+GERRI YERVES, by Larry & Carole Farrell
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+JOSEPH CRUMP, by the Kappes Family +HELEN KAPPES, by the Kappes Family
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+RUTH DEVANE, 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Judy Pinto +CAROL DREW, by Mary Tesiero +JOAN ROSSELLO, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by her children +MOLLIE STONE, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by her daughter, Jean Horner +TRACY LAVERTY, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by John & Camille Casey +HANNAH ROONEY, by the Rooney Family
Mon	03/27			No Mass
Tue	03/28	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+REVEREND THOMAS MCMANUS, C.S.S.R.
Wed	03/29	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+REVEREND THOMAS W. PHELAN
Thu	03/30	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+REVEREND ALRED ASHLINE
Fri	03/31	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+REVEREND JOHN J. MALECKI
Sat	04/01	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+CASIMIRO CRESCENZI, by the Family +JOSEPHINE DITULLIO, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by her daughters
Sun	04/02	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+MELTON D. CHASTEEN, by Mark & Susan Carey +NICK RIZZO, by Julie & Katie Teal
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+MARGARET DAVITT, by Carol Davitt +THANKSGIVING TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS & BLESSED MOTHER MARY, by Sophia Smith
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+LIVING BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE - APRIL 1 <sup>st</sup> FOR MARY LOU FLAVIN, by Mary Ann Wilson +BRUCE COYLE & DANNY HELLER, Birthday Remembrance, by the Family

## CLYNK BOTTLE RETURN



We are in need of people to help with our Clynk bottle returns. If anyone is interested in joining this team, call the CSM Parish Office at 518-449-2232. Training will be provided.

Thank you!

## THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

### April - For a Culture of Peace and Non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



## CONSERNS-U

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-CoNSERNS-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: instant pudding for their Easter baskets and toiletries. 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.**



## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### 2022/2023 Formation Year

There will be no sessions April 9th - April 22nd



### FAITH FORMATION

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

- 20th Session, Sunday, 04/02/23; 9:30am - 10:45am
- 21st Session, Sunday, 04/23/23; 9:30am - 10:45am

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

- 10th Session, Monday, 03/27/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- 11th Session, Monday, 04/24/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**Parents and friends, join us on the 4/24/23 - 11th Session for a brief information session on a Middle School Mission.**



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

- 11th Session, Monday, 04/03/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

#### 1st Eucharist Family Prep

- 20th Session, Sunday, 4/02/23; 9:30am - 10:45am



If you have not signed up for the prep classes, please call Maureen Billa at 518-449-2232, Ext. 12 to schedule a time.

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED



What is it?

**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)!

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**40 Days for Life**, an international bi-annual campaign to end abortion through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, began on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will run through Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. In our parishes, we have two initiatives going on to support this endeavor.



Jennifer Corso-Yasus of Holy Spirit is coordinating a weekly prayer carpool to say the Rosary in cars in front of Planned Parenthood facilities in Albany and/or Troy. The plan is to meet up and head over to one of the locations on Fridays at 2:15 pm. If you are interested in joining them, contact Jen via text or phone call at 518-334-2066.

Steve Janenka of St. John's/St. Joseph's is coordinating a prayer vigil to be held in front of one of the Planned Parenthoods. Everyone is welcome and he is especially interested in young people joining this group. If you are under 18 and would like to participate, you must have a parent or guardian accompany you OR give Steve a permission slip from the same that you are allowed to participate. If you are interested, contact Steve at 518-573-8641.

## SJESJ NEWS

### Honored for the Month of March

Bread and Wine: For Deceased Members of the Parish  
Sanctuary Light: Francesca Russomanno, by Rose & Al Censullo

### Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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

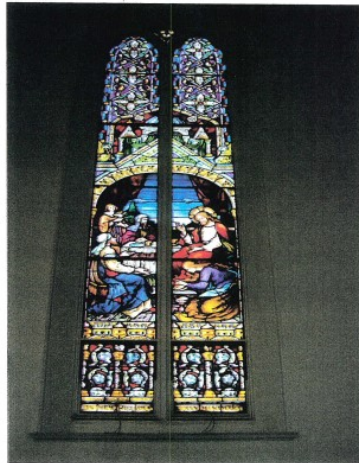
Adoration will take place the First Friday (**April 7, 2023**) of every month at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

### 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, March 28<sup>st</sup>**. Hope to see you there!

## *Mary Magdalene at the Feet of Jesus*

Magdalene is shown drying the feet of Jesus with her hair. "Many sins are forgiven her because she has loved much."



**The Story behind the Stained Glass  
Windows of SJESJ**

### SJESJ Easter Tradition

Once again, Easter trees with ornaments containing the addresses of our elderly parishioners are on the tables in 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 in the Chapel**.

- March 27<sup>th</sup>
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- April 10<sup>th</sup>



### Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

### Stations of the Cross

We will be offering Stations of the Cross. Below are the dates, times, and locations:

- Friday, March 31, 2023 - 3:00pm - CSM



**Rehearsals** for the **Living Stations** will be held **today, March 26th and April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, following the 11:00am Mass. We will have a light lunch available for all re-enactors. We pray the stations for the community on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:05PM. Any teens interested, please contact Maureen Billa at 449.2232 x12 or [maureenbilla@stmaryny.org](mailto:maureenbilla@stmaryny.org).

### Penance Services

We will also be offering Penance Services as below:

- Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - 12:00pm - SJESJ

### Movies During Lent

**“The Saints Come Marching In.”** Movies during Lent of different Saints in the St. Mary’s Parish Hall.

When: Thursday - March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm and 6:30pm

March 30<sup>th</sup> Ocean of Mercy - 1 hr. 5 mins.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

### Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:00pm – Mass with procession of palms (SJESJ)  
8:00am - Mass with simple entrance (CSM)  
9:30am – Mass with simple entrance (SJESJ)  
11:00am – Mass with procession of palms (CSM)

### Holy Monday – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration (CSM)  
6:00pm - Reconciliation (CSM)

### Holy Tuesday – April 4<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm - Mass (SJESJ)

### Holy Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - Mass (CSM)  
12:00PM - Penance Service (SJESJ)

### Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am - Morning Prayer (CSM)  
6:30pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper & Adoration (SJESJ)  
10:00pm - Adoration Concludes (SJESJ)

### Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00am - Morning Prayer (CSM)  
12:05pm - Living Stations of the Cross (CSM)  
7:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion & Death (SJESJ)

### Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00am - Morning Prayer (SJESJ)  
2:00pm - Blessing of the Easter Food (CSM)  
8:00pm - Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection (CSM)

### Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - Mass (CSM)  
9:30am - Mass (SJESJ)  
11:00am - Mass (CSM)

## 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

**Ida Connolly, Karen J. Leahey & Elizabeth Ann Chamberlain**

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



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

**For Our Sick**

Eric Allen	John Conte	Cheryl Fisher	Ray Hannan	Don Miller	Sandy Raus	Braddy Sullivan
John Amedio	Nicholas Conte	Mary Frazier	Carol Hinkelman	Tina Milone	Tommy Raus	Michael Swahlan
Joseph Bradley	Jeremiah Coonley	Scarlett McLeod Friot	Robert Jenkins	Michael Mann	Joan Roher	Mark Welcome
Tom Brownell	Mary Corvino	Tiffany Gamache	Erica Kirsch	Madison Chester Mann	Lisa Russom	Margaret Waterbury
Patricia Bruso	Tasha D'Alessandro	Michael Garrigan	Donald Kolb	Frank Moore	Bev Ryan	Mabel Whitcomb
Denise Buono	Judy Davis	Sharon Griffith	Linda Kolb	Roxanne Nicolla	Mallorey Schaller	Kathleen White
Marilyn Burt	Bernadette Dawson	Randy Grodner	Christine Krenzer	Richelle Olm	Gene Schultz	Kathy Winner
William Burt	Barbara Farrell	Buddy Gutkaiss	Kassidy Krenzer	Ralph Orciuoli	Marge Secor	Harold Wright
Rosa Camaj	Carole Farrell	Robert Guynup	Carol Laderas	Devon Paigo	Rich Sleasman	Joanne Zalucki
Mary Beth Centrella	Jack Farrell	Bruce Haney	Helen Mertz	Inga Pepoy	Myranda Stevens	Michael Zenzen
						Rita Zenzen

**For Our Soldiers**

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

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.







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 also call either Parish Office to register.**












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