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Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00pm @ SJESJ Saturday -Sunday 8:00am @ CSM 9:30am @ SJESJ Sunday 11:00am @ CSM Sunday

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,

My first Holy Week and Easter with you were beautiful and I am very grateful for the staff of both parishes, Deacon AI, and all those who volunteered to make things fall into place so smoothly.

Those who decorated the two churches, the RCIA Teams, the Music Ministry (was Great!), the Fire Makers and Watchers and the two men, Loran and David, who came into the Church at the Easter Vigil, made the whole week special!

Thank you, thank you! Alleluia!

Fr. Tom

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.



ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 9 AM – 12 PM at Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY. Tickets: \$28.00; Students: \$18.00; Clergy & Religious - Free. Our Witness Speaker is Anne Costa. Anne Costa is a wife, mother and the best-selling author of six books, including Refresh Me, Lord: Meditations to Renew a Woman's Spirit. Ms. Costa is a soul-stirring author and speaker who combines her wealth of personal experience and professional knowledge as a social worker with the firm foundation of the Catholic faith to tackle some of life's toughest issues. Register by Wednesday, May 10 - send your check payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Please include your name, address, phone # and email address. Questions, call Kathleen \$0.00 518-930-9390. Online registration – www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany. ALL LADIES -TEENS AND OLDER - ARE INVIT-ED! Seats are limited; register early! Please bring a friend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD						
APRIL 8TH & 9TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM				
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,282.00	\$5,407.00				
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$1,416.97	\$2,337.00	Thanks to all who			
Total offertory received from last week	\$3,698.97	\$7,744.00	demonstrate such generous care for our			
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00	parishes! Please remember our			
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,351.03	+\$1,059.00	parishes in your willwe are:			
Easter Collection	\$3,228.00	\$7,523.00	"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY"			
Good Friday Collection (Holy Land)	\$570.00	\$397.00	or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist/			
Year to date actual offertory	\$142,440.69	\$269,341.77	St. Joseph"			
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$207,050.00	\$274,085.00				
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$64,609.31	-\$4,743.23]			

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS						
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION		
Sat	04/15	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+SEBASTIAN CARDAZZI, by America Cardazzi +CLARA MANCINI, by Sandy Raus		
Sun	04/16	+THOMAS J. REARDON, by Daniel & Kathy Reardon +BINK & PAUL COLLINS, by their Children +THERESA SWAHLAN, by Jackie, Kayce & Gabe Danner-Wilson +SUZANNE VAN WIE, by Mr. & Mrs. Burt Van Wie +PATRICIA DAOUST, by Linda & Ernie Tubbs				
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+BRIAN MUIR, by the Family		
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+CAROL DREW, 3 rd Anniv., by Ed Thierbacker +PAULINE THIERBACKER, Birthday Remembrance, by Ed Thierbacker +GIOVANNA SANTILLI, by the Family +BARTLY ROONEY, by the Rooney Family +ANDREW BROWN, by John & Candy Muraski		
Mon	04/17			No Mass		
Tue	04/18	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND JOHN ROONEY		
Wed	04/19	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+JOSEPH R. TATARCZUK, by Marge O'Connor		
Thu	04/20	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND THOMAS VAIL		
Fri	04/21	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+KATHERINE MITCHELL, 3 rd Anniv., by Mary Bobersky		
Sat	04/22	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+TOMMASO RAUS, by Rosa & Family +CATHERINE O'DONNELL, by the Family +JOSEPH GRIMALDI, SR., 1 st Anniv., by his Children		
Sun	04/23	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+HELGA DEROZIERE, by Reverend Thomas Holmes +MARIE TRENT, by Linda & Ernie Tubbs +JEROME W. CAREY, by Mark & Susan Carey		
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+RON PURDY, Birthday Remembrance, by his Family		
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+IDA CONNOLLY, by Frances Girzone +BIANCA RAZZANO, by Rose & Al Censullo +DOLORES CUENCA, by the Lashoff Family		

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.

CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-Conserns-U. Their pantry needs this week are: spaghetti sauce, dish soap, peanut butter, ketchup, shampoo and conditioner. 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

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

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

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

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

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

See you next year.



LIVING STATIONS

A very special thank you to all those who made it possible for the Living Stations to take place on Good Friday. Your time, dedication, and prayer were wonderfully received by those who attended in person and on livestream. Thank you to the following:

- * Alex Breig: Guard* Connor Danz: Narrator* Sam Desany: Jesus
- Jesse Graiff: Pontius Pilate/Simon
- * Molly Graiff; Stations Cantor
- * Helen Ketzer: Mary* Michael Lento: Guard* Madison Rizzo: Veronica
- Nicholas Rizzo: Keyboard & Recessional Cello
- * Brian Tobin: Guard
- * Mary Memole: Processional & Recessional Piano
- Genina Sheehan: Procession Cantor







SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of April

Bread and Wine: Pro Populo, for the People of the Parish Sanctuary Light: Pro Populo, for the People of the Parish

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on Monday, April 24th, 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 (May 5, 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, April 18**th. Hope to see you there!

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- April 17th Church
- April 24th Church
- May 1st Chapel

The Court

Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday**, **May 2nd**, **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



April 16, 2023

In Memory of Giovanna Santilli 5th Anniversary By The Family

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.

HOLY SPIRIT RESPECT LIFE TEAM

Please join the Holy Spirit Respect Life Team at its meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, as we welcome Sandy Verret, Assistant Director of Alpha Center, a pro-life pregnancy crisis/resource center located in Albany. Sandy will share with us the mission of the center and the myriad of resources it offers to women/couples in a crisis pregnancy situation and beyond. The meeting will take place in the library of Holy Spirit School, 54 Highland Drive, East Greenbush, 5:20 PM - 6:30 PM.

As part of our "Walking with Moms in Need" diocesan mandate, it is important that we become knowledgeable of what resources are available in our area, should we know of someone who may need them, either now or in the future. Please call or text Jennifer Corso -Yasus for more information at 518-334-2066. All are welcome!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, **May 19-21, 2023**, at the **Dominican Retreat & Conference Center** in **Niskayuna**. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available.

For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

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)!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION

Middle School Mission Sunday, June 25th – Tuesday, June 27th, 2023

At Silver Bay YMCA Camp, Silver Bay, NY and Warren and Washington County Service Sites

WHAT IS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION? The Middle School Mission, led by Maureen Billa, the Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis, is an experience for youth entering grade 7-9. During this three-day experience, you will help others who truly need our help. Working side by side with each other, we will get messy and dirty, but we will learn a lot about ourselves and those we serve. Through prayer and reflection, we will learn about the 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching and we will have fun growing in community through a number of additional activities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Designed and geared to match the exuberance and skill level of students who have completed 6th grade in the spring of 2023 through students who have completed 8th grade in the spring of 2023.
- Youth who want to make a difference.
- Youth who are open to change.
- Youth who are not afraid of work.

REGISTRATION - Information is available on the parish website at www.stmaryny.org or by contacting Maureen Billa at maureen@stmaryny.org or 518.449.2232 x12. Deadline for registration is Sunday, April 30, 2023.

FEES - The three-day mission cost is \$150.00. This fee covers lodging at Silver Bay YMCA Camp along with 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners in addition to all program supplies.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

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

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For Our Soldiers

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Sean Markham Noah Keneston-Colby Garrett McDonald Keenan Krenzer **Brian Murphy**

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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.

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

At the request of The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph and the Chancery Office, Albany Diocesan Cemeteries assumed responsibility for the management of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rensselaer on August 2, 2021. Albany Diocesan Cemeteries conducts two general cleanups a year: on or about April 1st and November 1st, and a Christmas Decoration Clean-up on or around January 15th. Lot owners are requested to remove any decorations they wish to save before those dates. The cleanup of all cemeteries takes some time, and depending on weather and the number of burials, will take up to two weeks to complete. During the cleanups, cemetery staff removes and discards all items from the cemetery. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be included in these clean-ups. Groundskeepers are instructed to leave any permitted current seasonal decoration that appears to be newly placed. Of course, this is a judgment call for our staff, so it is better to wait until after the cleanup to place seasonal decorations. Items placed in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or in disrepair may be removed and discarded at any time.

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Visit www.CapitalDistrictCemeteries.org for cemetery rules and regulations.

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