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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

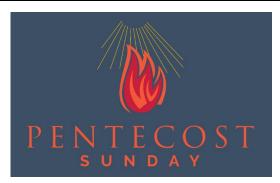
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

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,

We celebrate Pentecost Sunday this weekend. What is it?

Pentecost Sunday is a Christian holiday that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

The holiday is also called "the birthday of the Church," because it marks the establishment of the Church as an entity separate from Judaism. The disciples were both baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the sign of speaking in unknown languages was given to them as evidence of the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Peter preached the first sermon of the church age and three thousand people were converted.

The holiday is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday after Easter and 50 days after Easter Sunday and it signals the end of the Easter Season.

May the Holy Spirt descend upon each of us as we celebrate the first Pentecost.

May the Holy Spirit be alive and well in each of us,

Fr. Tom

HANLEY ESTATES FIRE VICTIMS

On behalf of the Church of St. Mary, Clinton Heights, we take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to the following local merchants that contributed to helping and assisting the families who lost their homes and possessions resulting from the tragic fire at the Hanley Estates in East Greenbush on April 13th.

- Walmart East Greenbush Store Manager, Kenneth Food and Clothing Gift Certificates
- The Dollar Tree Ebony Thomas Food
- Hannaford East Greenbush Mary Beth Ketzer Gift Certificates for Food
- Peter Harris Amy Murphy Gift Certificates for Clothing
- Market 32 East Greenbush NY Julie Miller Gift Certificates for Food

As a result of their thoughtful caring and generosity, we were able to pass on to these fire victims a sum of approximately \$500.00. In addition, a Go Fund Me Account was also established by Gabriella Sacks in the City of Rensselaer which resulted in the additional sum of \$2,500.00, also being distributed among those having lost their possessions.

It is, indeed, comforting to see that we can pull together as a community and work for a common good, when and where needed.

Once again, our sincere appreciation to all for their generosity as we would not have been able to assist these individuals without all your support.

STEWAR DSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 20TH & 21ST COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,268.50	\$4,213.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$646.68	\$2,463.75
Total offertory received from last week	\$2,915.18	\$6,676.75
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$2,134.82	-\$8.25
Ascension of the Lord Collection	\$277.00	\$517.00
Year to date actual offertory	\$161,014.04	\$307,885.77
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$237,350.00	\$314,195.00
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$76,335.96	-\$6,309.23

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	05/27	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+FLORENCE COLLINS, by Paul & Helen Noble and Family +JOAN GOCHEE, by Mary Ann West	
Sun	05/28	8:00 ^{AM}	+JOHN M. KWIATKOWSKI, Birthday Remembrance, by Mark & Susan Carey +CLAIRE GRAY, 36 th Anniv., by the Family +PATRICIA M. HOGLE, by Chris Brown		
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+DOUGLAS R. EARLE, by Paul & Helen Noble and Family	
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+JOHN KLEMCZYK, by Brother David +JOAN CARPINELLO, by her sister, Pat Bruso +MARJORY HAWRYLCIW, 14 th Anniv., by her husband, Mike	
Mon	05/29			No Mass	
Tue	05/30	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND JOHN DECAPRIO	
Wed	05/31	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Thu	06/01	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR	
Fri	06/02	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS	
Sat	06/03	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JOAN GOCHEE, by Sandy Raus +KENNETH DELISLE, by Paul & Helen Noble and Family +PATRICIA HOGLE, by Genina & Tim Sheehan	
Sun	06/04	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+MARK J. BELANGER, by Ginny Jacobics +LOUISE LLOYD, by Ken Lloyd & Children +LUCINA GARCIA, by Maria Pangilinan	
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+LORETTA DELISLE, by Paul & Helen Noble and Family +EDWARD KAPPES, by the Kappes Family +PATRICIA HOGLE, by Rose & Pat Cristo	
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+JOHN ROSE, by Father Tom Holmes +JOAN CARPINELLO, by Mary Pat, Barb & Rich, and Bill +ALBERT & KATHRYN BUNK, by Kathryn Slosberg	

MEMORIAL DAY



Mass will be celebrated at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 10:00AM, this Monday, May 29th, for all those who are buried there. Of course, this is weather permitting. If it rains, Mass will be celebrated at St. John/St. Joseph Church.

PARISH OFFICES



Our parish offices will be closed Monday, May 29^{th} , for the

Memorial Day Holiday.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2023/2024 Formation Year

2023/2024 Faith Formation registration forms were mailed out last week.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP - 2023



Vacation Bible Camp - 2023

STELLAR: Shining Jesus' Light

Children will be launched on a cosmic quest where they will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faithbuilding fun.

JOIN US - August 7th - 11th; 9:00am-Noon

Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin and parish website for details.

ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



May 28, 2023

In Honor of the Blessed Mother

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.

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- May 29th Chapel
- June 5th Chapel
- June 12th Chapel

Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday**, **June 6**th, **at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023



We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-ConSERNS-U. Their pantry needs this week are: canola oil, chunky soup, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned potatoes, and dish detergent. 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.



SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of May

Bread and Wine: Francesca Russomanno & Marie Censullo, by Rose & Al Censullo

Sanctuary Light: For all members entering the service, currently serving and for those service members who have died in any

conflict.

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on **Monday, June 12th and Monday, June 26th**, 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 (June 2, 2023) of every month at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

Bible Study - Changed to Wednesday evening

Would you like to break open the Gospel of Luke? Bible study will be offered on Wednesday 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 **Wednesday, May 31**st. Hope to see you there!

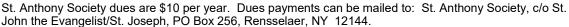
Rosary Altar Society

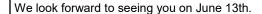
The Rosary Altar Society will say the Rosary to our Blessed Mother at 8:45am every Saturday during the month of May in the Church at SJESJ. All are welcome.

ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY

St. Anthony Society - 1939-2023 (84 years)

St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph's Church in Rensselaer, NY cordially invites you to celebrate Mass in honor of St. Anthony on Tuesday, June 13th, at 10:00AM. There will be light refreshments in the back of the Church following the Mass. Please contact Gina Gentile by June 6th at 518-465-0482 if you are planning to attend.









COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Albany to fund local communications efforts, while the other fifty percent supports projects around the world. In our diocese your support allows our diocesan Communications Office to work with various departments, parishes, schools and organizations to promote their ministries. You have a direct hand in their efforts to spread the word about vocations, respect life, Catholic schools, youth ministry, special liturgies, and more. With your help they are able to inform and inspire, educate and evangelize. Please give generously to this special collection next week.

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)!

Circles of Mercy "Baby Blessings" Closet

In conjunction with the *Walking with Moms in Need* diocesan program, the Respect Life Team of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph will sponsor a month-long baby shower for the Circles of Mercy *Baby Blessings Closet*. Since May is the month of Our Blessed Mother and Mother's Day, we decided this month would be a perfect endeavor.



We at SJESJ are very lucky to have Circles of Mercy in our community as it offers support to all those in need, but especially to underprivileged mothers with small children. Please note what items they need to stock in their closet, especially the bulleted items, and over the next month, you may bring unwrapped items to Church and deposit them in the wooden container in the back.

Crib Sheets	Pacifiers
Crib Blankets	Bibs
Baby Sleep Sacks - Sizes - small, medium, & large	Sweater/Jacket Sets - all sizes - newborn to 12 mos.
Receiving blankets	● Diapers: all sizes - newborn to 6 mos., but especially sizes 4, 5, and 6
Towel/wash cloth sets	Baby Wipes - a critical need
Desitin or A&D ointment	Onesies - newborn
Bottles (approved plastic only)	Onesies - 3 - 6 mos.
Bottle Liners (if required)	Sleepers or gowns - newborn - 12 mos.
Bottle Nipples	Daytime Outfits - newborn - 12 mos.
Baby Socks - newborn - 12 mos.	Hats - spring & summer
Baby Powder - non talcum powder	Baby Lotion
Baby Wash/Shampoo	New or gently used clothing for spring & summer - newborn - 24 mos. & 2T - 5T

As always, thank you so much for your support.

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

Salvatore Abbamonte Ryan Johnson Sean Markham Mason Albert Noah Keneston-Colby Garrett McDonald Andrew Barresi Keenan Krenzer Brian Murphy

Corey Russo **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.

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

Christine A. Helwig

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

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