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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

## From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops What is Advent?



Well, Advent is coming in a few weeks:

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - Sunday, December 24, 2023

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

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NOVEMBER 11TH AND NOVEMBER 12TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM		
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,790.50	\$4,239.00	Thanks to all who demonstrate such	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$1,064.04	\$2,318.00	generous care for our	
Total Offertory received from last week	\$3,854.54	\$6,557.00	parishes! Please remember our	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00	parishes in your willwe are:	
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,390.46	-\$78.00	"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY"	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$69,296.99	\$135,874.00	or "The Parish of St,	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$104,900.00	\$142,700.00	John the Evangelist/ St. Joseph"	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$35,603.01	-\$6,826.00		

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat	11/18	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+ALPHONSO RAUS, by the Pickett Family +JAMES MCCARTHY, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by the Gentile Family +GIUSEPPE DETHOMASIS, by Antonio and Lina Treglia +ANGELA DETHOMASIS, by American Cardazzi +JEAN M. O'DONNELL, by her great-niece, Mollie Shook
Sun	11/19	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+MARY C. TESIERO, by Mary Lou Knox +NEIL FOLEY, by Mary Lou Knox +MARY O'LEARY CAREY, 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Mark and Susan Carey +LINDSEY BURNS, by Rose Anne Lyman +JACKIE STACK, 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Dave and Heidi Stack
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+GIUSEPPE DETHOMASIS, by Antonietta Devoe and Family
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+MARY WINNE, by the Rossello Family +REVEREND DAVID LEFORT, by Marilyn Rooney
Mon	11/20			No Mass
Tue	11/21	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wed	11/22	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
	1			THANKSGIVING DAY
Thu	11/23	9:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+ED & BERNIE LIPTAK, by Ernie and Linda Tubbs +JOHN HOLMES, 58 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Father Tom Holmes
Fri	11/24			No Mass
Sat	11/25	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	SJESJ	+ALPHONSO RAUS, by the Crescenzi +IRVING BAGLEY, by Mollie Shook +ANGELA DETHOMASIS, by Pasqualina Crescenzi +JEAN M. O'DONNELL, by Alice Bagly +JEAN M. O'DONNELL, by Tom Concolino +MARIE CENSULLO, by Walda Cobain
Sun	11/26	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+DEBORAH DELANEY, by the Cross Family +ALEXANDER TOWNSEND, by Linda and Ernie Tubbs +CATHERINE M. BERGMANN, by Ann Marie and Ron Pepin +JOHN EARING, by Debbie and Ross Wilber
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	SJESJ	+ANGELA DETHOMASIS, by the St. Anthony Society
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	CSM	+REVEREND DAVID LEFORT, by Connie Correa +BISHOP HOWARD HUBBARD, by Connie Correa +CHRISTINE VANVORST, by Bev, Barb, Sandy and Linda

### 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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### EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

#### 2023/2024 Formation Year

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

- NO SESSION ON 11/26/23
- 9th Session, Sunday, 12/03/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 10th Session, Sunday, 12/10/23; 9:30am 10:45am

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

• 3rd Session, Monday, 11/20/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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

• 4th Session, Monday, 11/27/23; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

#### DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN COLLEGE?

Help them stay in touch with the parish. The parish would like to send a care package for finals week. The care package is full of well wishes, goodies and treats, in addition to updates on parish activities and a schedule of the upcoming liturgical celebration. If you would like your child to receive a goodie package, please simply email your college mailing address to Maureen Billa at maureenbilla@stmaryny.org

### 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 brand-new station where we will dive deep into Sacred Scripture.

### CSM NEWS

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

- November 20<sup>th</sup> Chapel
- November 27th Chapel
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Chapel

#### **Grief Support**

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm**, at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month.

### ADVENT READING

We will be reading for Advent:

"Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Pope Francis"

We will be meeting at 7:00pm, on Wednesday evenings: December 6, 13, & 20. Read ahead and share what you found interesting in the reading.

It is offered by Fr. Tom and Emilio Petroccione

\*Books available in Terry's Office Monday – Wednesday 8:00am - 2:30pm







FAITH FORMATION



#### Honored for the Month of November

Bread and Wine: Warren & Dorothy Pratt Sanctuary Light: Warren & Dorothy Pratt

#### Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00pm. Please join us. 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

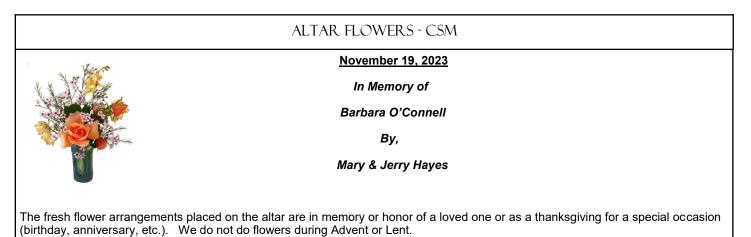
In this time of need, please remember those who don't have enough to eat and drop off food for CoNSERNS-U in the back of Church. **There is a dire need for toilet paper and toiletries.** Also, personal care items are always in demand.

#### **First Friday Adoration**

Adoration will not take place until the First Friday in December (**December 1, 2023**). It will be at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

# Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

### FESTIVAL CELEBRATION CHOIR

#### Seeking New Choir Members!

The Festival Celebration Choir, an ecumenical choral group of 30+ mixed voices, is seeking new members! No auditions are required. We are a group dedicated to the joy of singing liturgical, classical, and popular music. Our next concert, entitled *"Morning Stars Together,"* is on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. We welcome you! Come and visit us at practice any Monday in November, 7:00 – 9:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 362 State Street, Albany, and consider joining us in January 2024 for our Spring Concert session.

If you have additional questions, contact Anne Cronin @ 518-522-6057 or acronin922@gmailcom.

Our website is festivalcelebrationchoir.com

Follow us on Facebook: Festival Celebration Choir

We look forward to meeting you!

### REVERENCE OF LIFE MINISTRY

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\*Thank you to all who donated Thanksgiving food or monetarily!!! We were able to deliver 68 bags of food and send monetary donations of \$1,465. This collection will assist CoNSERNS-U with providing those in need with a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### PARISH OFFICES

Our parish offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



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



### MUSIC MINISTRY

**Christmas Choir**: Calling singers of all ages who would like to sing for one of our Christmas liturgies. Youth are invited to sing for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings before Faith Formation in December. Adults are invited to sing for the 8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass with rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.

For more information, contact Glenn Osborne at glenno@stmaryny.org. .

### CONSERNS-U

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO CoNSERNS-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, shampoo, soap, and deodorant. 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**.



### WE PRAY TO THE LORD

#### For Our Sick Eric Aller

Eric Allen	John Conte
John Amedio	Nicholas Conte
Joseph Bradley	Jeremiah Coon
Tom Brownell	Mary Corvino
Patricia Bruso	Tasha D'Alessa
Denise Buono	Judy Davis
Lynn Burdick	Bernadette Dav
William Burt	Barbara Farrell
Rosa Camaj	Carole Farrell
Mary Beth Centrella	Jack Farrell
For Our Soldiers	
Salvatore Abbamonte	Ryan Johnson

Mason Albert

Connor Danz

Andrew Barresi

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

Noah Keneston-Colby

Keenan Krenzer

Sean Markham

John Conte

Cheryl Fisher Erica Kirsch Scarlett McLeod Friot Donald Kolb Tiffany Gamache Linda Kolb Sharon Griffith Christine Krenzer Randy Grodner Kassidy Krenzer **Buddy Gutkaiss** Carol Laderas Robert Guynup Edgar MacGregor Ray Hannan Helen Mertz Carol Hinkelman Don Miller Robert Jenkins Tina Milone

Garrett McDonald

Brian Murphy

Corey Russo

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 Rosemary Vogt

Mark Welcome Margaret Waterbury Mabel Whitcomb Kathleen White Kathy Winner Harold Wright Joanne Zalucki Michael Zenzen Rita Zenzen

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

#### November - For the Synod

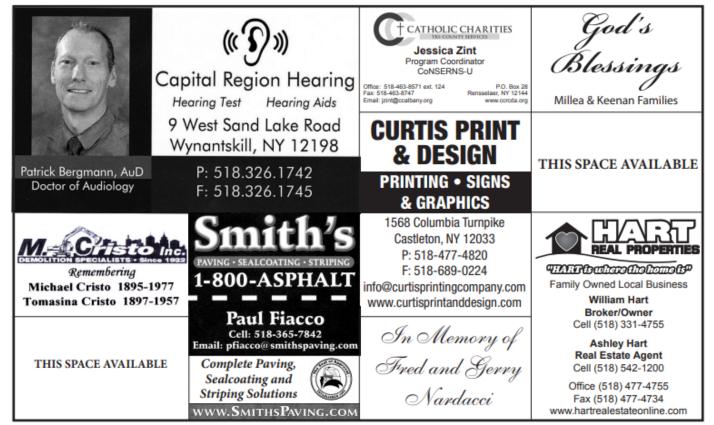
Derek Terry

Zaish Sadiq

Arthur Thornton

We pray for the Holy Father as he fulfills his mission. May he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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