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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

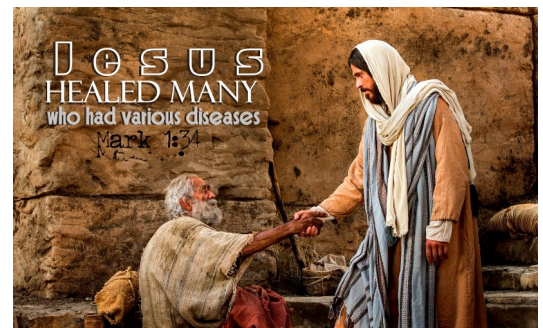
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

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.



ST. BLAISE

Dear Parishioners of St. John's/St. Joseph's and St. Mary's,
So, who is this St. Blaise guy? What's with the candles? Bless my throat?

There are few facts known about St. Blaise except that he was a physician, a fourth-century bishop, a martyr, and he was known as a righteous man. Beyond those few facts, much of what we know of Blaise comes from legends. During the Middle Ages, Blaise became one of the most popular of all the saints and today he remains highly esteemed.

Blaise became a victim of emperor Licinius' hostility against Christians. At first, Blaise avoided being arrested by escaping into the hill country where he hid in a cave. His only visitors were said to be wild animals that seemed drawn to Blaise, and a special relationship allegedly developed between man and beast. Eventually, Bishop Blaise was found, arrested, scourged for his Christian beliefs, thrown into prison, and eventually beheaded.

Legend holds that either on route to prison or after he was incarcerated, two miracles attributed to Blaise occurred. A woman came to the bishop upset that a wolf had carried off her pig. Blaise offered up prayers, and the wolf returned the pig. Another incident, one for which he is best known, occurred when a mother pleaded for Blaise to cure her son who was dying from a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, and the child was healed. Also, the woman whose pig had been saved, brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read sacred Scriptures.

The miraculous cure of the boy suffering from the fish bone and because Blaise had been a physician, created the belief that St. Blaise could cure most illnesses but especially those of the throat. As early as in the 9th century, St. Blaise was invoked for throat ailments, and by the 15th century, the blessing of the throat ritual began.

Now, when the ritual begins, all parishioners desiring a blessing of their throats typically proceed to the front of the church where a priest, deacon, or layperson, with two blessed candles, tied with a red ribbon, holds them in the form of an X. He touches the candles to each side of the person's neck and says: *"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

The red ribbon represents the blood of martyrs, and the candles held in the shape of an "X" represent the martyrdom of another saint, St. Andrew, who according to tradition was crucified on an X-shaped cross. Not only are we freed from disease but from everything keeping us from God.

Devotions, like getting our throats blessed, attending the Stations of the Cross during Lent, receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, and kissing the cross on Good Friday are essential parts of our Catholic lineage. Each ceremony or ritual should excite us and elevate our hearts as we come away refreshed and with a sense that something beyond the ordinary has just happened!

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2024

February - For The Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO CoNSERNS-U. Their pantry needs this week are: mustard, canned fruit (in fruit juice, no sugar added), 100% fruit juice, ramen, mustard, tuna (in water), soup (chicken noodle and vegetable), and italian salad dressing. 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.**



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat	02/03	4:00 ^{PM}	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Carol Davitt +JIMMY BARRETT, by Jack, Brian, and Sheila Millea +MARGARET SHOOK, by the Shook Family +ROSE MADLIN, by her daughter, Edie
Sun	02/04	8:00 ^{AM}	<i>CSM</i>	+L. PATRICIA ERKKILA, by Janet Lynch, Kathleen Coates, and Mary Buono +REVEREND MONSIGNOR FELIPE PANGILINAN, by Maria Pangilinan +CATHERINE BERGMANN, by Patricia Mackey
		9:30 ^{AM}	<i>SJESJ</i>	+CHRISTINE VAN VORST, by Bill McLoughlin FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF FATHER TOM HOLMES, by Gina Gentile and Family
		11:00 ^{AM}	<i>CSM</i>	+ROSEMARY VOGT, by Jim and Terry Kois +MARY TESIERO, 6 th mo. Anniv., by Kelly Morris and Family
Mon	02/05			<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	02/06			<i>No Mass</i>
Wed	02/07			<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	02/08			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri	02/09			<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	02/10	4:00 ^{PM}	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Sandy Raus +ROMANA SALVAGNI, by Sandy Raus +CHRISTINE VAN VORST, by Friends of the Rensselaer Library FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF FATHER TOM HOLMES, by Mary Ann West
Sun	02/11	8:00 ^{AM}	<i>CSM</i>	+BARBARA & JOHN VROOM, by Larry and Carole Farrell +BINK & PAUL COLLINS, by their Children +REVEREND DOMINIC INGEMIE, by Maria Pangilinan
		9:30 ^{AM}	<i>SJESJ</i>	+RITA ZENZEN, by Sonya Clay
		11:00 ^{AM}	<i>CSM</i>	+BILL THOMPSON, by Diane Cleveland +ROSEMARY VOGT, by Bob and Chris Lockwood +MICHAEL ROCK, 19 th Anniv., by Jerrie Rock

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



It is that time of the year again! If you would like a tax contribution statement for last year's donations, please contact Ben at the Parish Offices by phone 518-465-0482 (St. John's/St. Joseph) or 518-449-2232, ext. 13 (CSM). You can also e-mail Ben at ben@stmaryny.org (CSM).

SAVE THE DATE



Please join us for Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 10th from 7:00pm - 10:00pm at the Church of St. Mary. There will be a live band, dancing, appetizers, and merriment!

Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold before and after weekend masses. Childcare will not be available for this event.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2023/2024 Formation Year

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

- 16th Session, Sunday, 02/11/24; 9:30am - 10:45am
- 17th Session, Sunday, 03/03/24; 9:30am - 10:45am



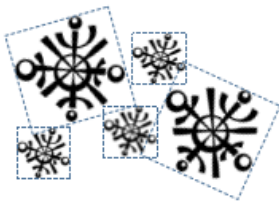
FAITH FORMATION

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

- 7th Session, Monday, 02/05/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- 8th Session, Monday, 02/26/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

- 8th Session, Monday, 02/12/24 ; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- 9th Session, Monday, 03/04/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm



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).

Please Note: Weather conditions in the Capital District can vary substantially from one neighborhood to the next. Even though the building may be open or an event has not been cancelled, only you can decide whether conditions in your area will allow for safe travel. Please use your own best judgment regarding travel conditions in your area.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY

The Church of St. Mary and the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, on Sunday, April 7th, which is Divine Mercy Sunday. Yankee Trails will pick you up in the back parking lot of the Church of St. Mary at 8:00am and you'll return back home before 6:00pm. Bring a bagged lunch and a snack or two for the trip, beverages will be provided. There is no cost for a seat on the bus, but you must pre-register. There are 56 seats on the bus and it is first come first served. Please contact Ben at either Parish Office at CSM 518-449-2232, ext. 13 or SJESJ 518-465-0482, ext. 219.

SISTERS OF LIFE

You may remember, the Sisters of Life came for a visit this fall and spoke to us at mass about their vocation and love of faith. They are always looking for volunteers to help them with several projects at their priory, located at 24 Harrison St, Catskill, NY 12414



Come join us!
Mass and lunch included

A list of their upcoming dates:

- * Saturday February 10, 2024
- * Saturday March 16, 2024
- * Saturday April 13, 2024
- * Saturday May 4, 2024
- * Saturday June 8, 2024
- * Saturday July 13, 2024
- * Saturday August 10, 2024

The days begin at 10:00am and end at 4:00pm with a break for Mass and lunch (provided) at 12:00noon. You are welcome to come for the whole day, or just part of it.

This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for any individual, family, or group that is looking to volunteer. Young and old are welcome, no registration needed, simply mail Sr. Bethlehem at stanthony@sistersoflife.org to let her know you plan on helping, so they can plan for your arrival.

SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of February

Bread and Wine: For the Living Intention of Father Tom Holmes

Sanctuary Light: For the Living Intention of Father Tom Holmes

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will be meeting on: **Monday, February 12th** and **Monday, February 26th**. Group meets at 1:00pm in the Parish Office.

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 not take place until the First Friday in **March (March 1, 2024)**. It will be at 3:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St.

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

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

- February 5th - Chapel
- February 12th - Chapel



Grief Support

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

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Parish Families of Immaculate Conception, Glenville, Our Lady of Grace, Ballston Lake, and St. Joseph, Scotia is presenting the **Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** with 1st class relics of both Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia.

The **Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** will be on display at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, [400 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY](https://www.icglenville.com/), from Thursday, Feb. 15 - Tuesday, Feb. 20. Information on the times of the Exhibit and the *Schedule of Prayer* can be found at <https://www.icglenville.com/>. The Exhibit is hosted by the Parish Families of Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's. All are welcome! Parents, please bring your children. For more info, contact Maryann Haskell, 518-331-6706.

"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." - Blessed Carlo Acutis

ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on **Saturday, March 16** from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY. **Tickets: \$30.00; PayPal - \$32; Clergy & Religious – Comp.** Our Witness Speaker is **Fran Karpiej, OSF**, from Fairfield, CT, and professed in the Secular Franciscan Order. For over 40 yrs., she has been involved in Healing Prayer Ministry and a leader in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. She is the founding Coordinator of the THMI Magnificat Chapter in the Bridgeport Diocese. With her vibrant faith and sense of humor, Fran shares a message of peace, hope, healing & conversion believing Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Register by Wednesday, March 6th - send a check for **\$30** payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, c/o Bonnie Hause, 74 Meadow Rue Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Please include your name, address, phone #, and email address. Online registration: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/> Questions, call Kathleen @ 518-930-8380. **ALL LADIES AGE 15 AND OLDER ARE INVITED!**

ALTAR FLOWERS - CSM



February 4, 2024

In Loving Memory

of

Santos & Mary Pangilinan

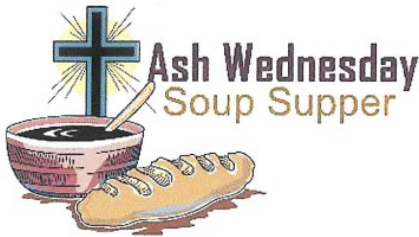
By

Maria Pangilinan

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.). We do not do flowers during Advent or Lent.

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. There will be no flowers during lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER.



At the Church of St. Mary on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, we will be having our "Simple Soup and Bread Supper" from 4:45pm - 6:15pm in the Parish Hall. Mass with Ashes will be in the Church at 6:30pm. **Please bring containers to take home some extra soup.**

OLD PALM FRONDS



The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. We invite parishioners to bring in their palms on February 10th and 11th. We will convert these palms into ashes. Loose palms may be left in the Church vestibule in the labeled container. Please do not place plastic bags, rubber bands, twist ties, etc. in the container. Thank you.

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

JANUARY 27TH & JANUARY 28TH, 2024 COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM	<p><i>Thanks to all who demonstrate such generous care for our parishes!</i></p> <p><i>Please remember our parishes in your will...we are:</i></p> <p><i>"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY"</i></p> <p><i>or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist/ St. Joseph"</i></p>
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$4,027.00	\$6,194.00	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$438.19	\$2,335.00	
Total Offertory received from last week	\$4,465.19	\$8,529.00	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00	
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$779.81	+\$1,894.00	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$107,271.81	\$213,236.00	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$157,350.00	\$215,685.00	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$50,078.19	-\$2,449.00	

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

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

For Our Soldiers

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


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.

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.

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