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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.



## REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners of St. John's/St. Joseph's and St. Mary's,

Just a little reflection... At the time of today's first reading, people were ignorant about the cause and cure of leprosy, but they did know one thing and that was the devastating impact the disease had on society. It is for this reason that the Levites (who were the lawgivers of the people) applied such harsh measures and ostracized those afflicted with this disease; they were afraid of these people and wanted nothing to do with them.

The story in today's Gospel takes place in the very first days of the ministry of Jesus. Jesus has just four named disciples at this point: Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Just imagine what the scene must have been like. Jesus and the four disciples (who were just entering adulthood) were walking along the road talking, joking, and filling the time and space with some aimless chatter. Sure, there probably was some serious questions and answers as well, but their conversation must have included their complaints about the work of being fishermen and how tough it was. Imagine Jesus looking for an opportunity to have them focus less on themselves and their problems and more on the needs of others especially those with serious issues. In the distance they hear clanging; immediately they know what this means. Next, they hear a voice crying out: "Unclean, unclean." The young men want to turn around and go the other way, but Jesus will not be deterred. The society in which these new disciples grew up made them prejudiced against the situation. Jesus sees an opportunity to teach His novice followers what He wants of them and all who come after them.

The five of them encounter the lone leper. At first the leper is as scared as the disciples are. He has been looking for Jesus, but he never thought he would see Him this soon and in this way. He had heard of the other miracles and became a person of hope on his way to becoming a believer. He did not know immediately that it was Jesus, but the leper reasoned that if this man had the courage not to run or avoid him, He must be Jesus, the one he sought. Tentatively the leper approaches and kneels saying in a faith-filled way: "If you want, you can heal me." The leper believes! This belief fills Jesus with pity, and with mercy. Jesus now does the most extraordinary thing – he reaches out to touch the leper. Picture the impetuous Peter screaming: NOOOOOOOOOO! DON'T TOUCH HIM! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? But before he could stop Jesus, the deed was done. Peter went from shock to amazement. Immediately the man was cured. What had he just witnessed? What had he and the other three disciples just learned?

The lesson for Peter, Andrew, James, and John is the lesson for us. We are probably not going to meet any physical lepers in our lives, but we are going to encounter many emotional, social, and economic lepers – the poor, the elderly, the unemployed, the homeless, the addicted, the social outcast, people of another race or religion. There is something about us that thinks they are unclean, but we are mistaken. In some ways we are as ignorant as the Levites who wrote today's first reading, and that ignorance stops us from doing what our call to discipleship demands of us. We are not living out our call to be followers of Jesus if we are indifferent to the pain and suffering of others; if we run the other way when we encounter people in need of healing. Many times, we make excuses to keep ourselves separate from these modern-day lepers.

We must have the courage of Jesus to reach out and touch those in need when and where we can.

As Valentine's Day approaches, we are called to love. Let's expand our circle and our world and reach out to touch those who need to feel love, compassion, reconciliation, and healing. We will be faithful to our calling to be disciples of Jesus if we do.

## 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	02/10	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<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 <sup>AM</sup>	<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 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+RITA ZENZEN, by Sonya Clay FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF FATHER TOM HOLMES, by Connie Welton
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+BILL THOMPSON, by Diane Cleveland +ROSEMARY VOGT, by Bob and Chris Lockwood +MICHAEL ROCK, 19 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Jerrie Rock
Mon	02/12			<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	02/13	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>		+DEACON CHRISTOPHER KEOUGH
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>				
Wed	02/14	8:30 <sup>AM</sup> 12:00 <sup>PM</sup> 12:00 <sup>PM</sup> 5:00 <sup>PM</sup> 6:30 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>CSM</i> <i>SJESJ</i> <i>CSM</i> <i>SJESJ</i> <i>CSM</i>	<i>Mass with ashes</i> <i>Mass with ashes</i> <i>Service with ashes</i> <i>Service with ashes</i> <i>Mass with ashes</i>
Thu	02/15			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri	02/16			<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	02/17	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by the Tobin Family +ROMANA SALVAGNI, by Rosa DeThomasis +SUSAN MAYNARD, by Sue and Dan Shook FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF AGATHA VERRELLI, 95 <sup>th</sup> Birthday, by Sandy Raus
Sun	02/18	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+CHRISTINE JOSEPH & MARNIE BLANCHARD, by Diane Cleveland
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+PETER EDDY, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by the Gentile Family
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+PAT ERKKILA, by Joanne Cimmea

## BLACK, NATIVE AMERICAN & LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects that are used to help catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs. The Black and Native American Mission Office provides grants for projects that promote Native American and Black evangelization efforts throughout North America, including programs in the Diocese of Albany. By contributing to next week's collection, you will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Black and Native American Missions of the United States and the Church in Latin America.

**Please help by giving to the collection on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your support and for helping to shed Christ's light upon the region by your support of the **2024 Black, Native American, and Latin American Mission Collection.**

## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### 2023/2024 Formation Year

**THERE IS NO FAITH FORMATION DURING PRESIDENT'S WEEK - FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

- 17th Session, Sunday, 03/03/24; 9:30am - 10:45am
- 18th Session, Sunday, 03/10/24; 9:30am - 10:45am



FAITH FORMATION

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

- 8th Session, Monday, 02/26/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- 9th Session, Monday, 03/11/24; 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](http://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).

## NEW LENTEN WEBSITE

**New Lenten Website** <https://www.rcda.org/lent> Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. So, do we have to fast? Fr. Anthony Barratt shares a beautiful response. The theme on the page this year is **Make It Personal**, sharing thoughts on how to build your personal relationship with God. You can also find a calendar of Lenten events around the Diocese and Meatless Meal recipes, even a few cooking videos featuring some of our clergy.

## 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 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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 12<sup>th</sup> - Chapel
- February 19<sup>th</sup> - Chapel



### Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>** - 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 11, 2024**

***Birthday Remembrance***

***Bill Fitzgerald***

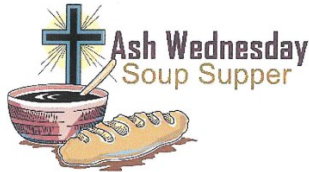
***By***

***Donna Fitzgerald***

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](mailto:office@stmaryny.org). The cost is \$30.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER



At the Church of St. Mary on **Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are pleased to welcome a new member to our parish family.

***Emma Rose Nopper***

She will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.  
May the Lord be gracious to her and her family and bless them always.



## 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](mailto:ben@stmaryny.org) (CSM).

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>FEBRUARY 3RD &amp; FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024 COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>SJESJ</b>	<b>CSM</b>	<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	\$2,967.50	\$3,963.00	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$435.06	\$2,360.00	
<b>Total Offertory received from last week</b>	<b>\$3,402.56</b>	<b>\$6,323.00</b>	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00	
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,842.44	-\$312.00	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$110,674.37	\$219,559.00	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$162,595.00	\$222,320.00	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$51,920.63	-\$2,761.00	

## 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.*

## 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..



## 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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