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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

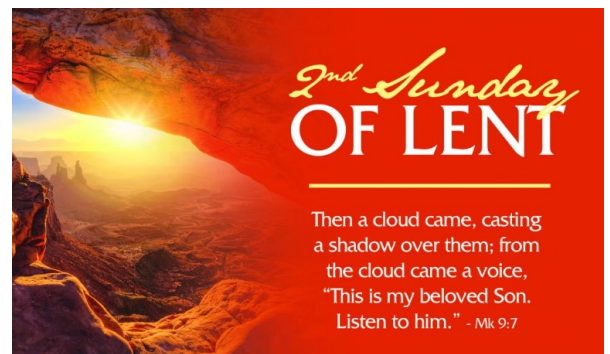
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

#### 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,

From God's Little Instruction Book, Volumes I, II and III.

"Jesus is a friend who knows all your faults and still loves you anyway."

But God commands His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

This is something that we need to know during this Lenten Season. Jesus knows all our faults and He still loves us anyway. Jesus died for each of us, and everything is forgiven. Just pray to Jesus, for all we've done in our past and He will not remember a thing we have done in our past and He will forgive us wholeheartedly. Jesus died for our sins...

God Bless you all through this Lenten Season,

Fr. Tom

## 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.

## 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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## 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.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS				
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat	02/24	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Kitty & Tony Chromczak +ROMANA SALVAGNI, by Pasqualina Crescenzi +SUSAN MAYNARD, by Julie and Al Bashant FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF REVEREND TOM HOLMES, by Jack, Brian, and Sheila Millea
Sun	02/25	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+NORBERT WILSON, by Susan and Mark Carey +LOUISE LLOYD, Birthday Remembrance, by Ken Lloyd and Children
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Alisha and Joe Siligato
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+FOR THE KOIS, O'TOOLE & FARRELL FAMILIES, by Jim and Terry Kois +VINCE SANTILLI, by the Praise Band
Mon	02/26			<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	02/27	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Wed	02/28	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+REVEREND FRANCIS V. BENSON
Thu	02/29			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri	03/01			<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	03/02	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Victor and Ronnie Barresi +SHARON POOLE-SAUER, by the Danz Family +SUSAN MAYNARD, by Mollie Shook
Sun	03/03	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+FATHER DAVID R. LEFORT, by Stephanie Petrone
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JOHN BADI, by Wayne and Dale Felt
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+JOAN DWYER, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by her Family +ELWOOD FILMER, by Jerrie Rock +VINCENT SANTILLI, by Frances Girzone

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
FEBRUARY 17TH & FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024 COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	CSM	<i>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"</i>
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$15,058.50	\$8,067.00	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$470.06	\$2,360.00	
<b>Total Offertory received from last week</b>	\$15,528.56	\$10,427.00	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00	
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	+\$10,283.56	+\$3,792.00	
Black & Native American Collection	\$483.00	\$1,206.00	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$131,149.91	\$236,108.00	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$173,085.00	\$235,590.00	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$41,935.09	+\$518.00	

## 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>**



FAITH FORMATION

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

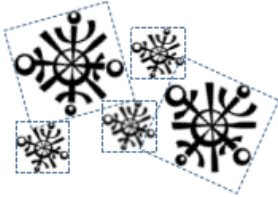
- 17th Session, Sunday, 03/03/24; 9:30am - 10:45am
- 18th Session, Sunday, 03/10/24; 9:30am - 10:45am

#### **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)**

- 9th Session, Monday, 03/04/24; 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- 10th Session, Monday, 03/18/24 ; 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).

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.

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



All Middle School and High School youth that would like to be any part of the Stations, including music, song, enactors or behind the scenes, we could really use your help.

If you are interested, please contact Maureen Billa via email at [maureenbilla@stmaryny.org](mailto:maureenbilla@stmaryny.org) . We will rehearse following the 11:00am masses on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. A lunch is provided for all the youth involved on those days. We pray the Stations on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:05PM.

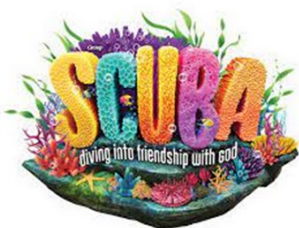
## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be offering Stations of the Cross.

Below are the dates, times, and locations:

- Friday, March 1, 2024 - 3:00pm - CSM
- Friday, March 8, 2024 - 3:00pm - SJESJ
- Friday, March 15, 2024 - 3:00pm - CSM
- Friday, March 22, 2024 - 3:00pm - SJESJ

## 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 ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. There are some new changes in VBC, including more Catholic ID and saint content, and a brand-new station where we will dive deep into Sacred Scripture.

## 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 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. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

## CSM NEWS

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Chapel
- March 4<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.

## HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

Join them at Holy Spirit School for an enriching journey through Pre-K to 5th Grade! Experience the transformative power of a faith-based education by scheduling a tour or Shadow Day today. Discover firsthand the difference that our nurturing environment, dedicated educators, and values-driven curriculum can make in your child's life. Full and Part-time Pre-k options, spaces available K-5. Call 518-477-5739 or email [KLeverone@hsseg.com](mailto:KLeverone@hsseg.com)

## 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.**



## 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!**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Why pray at Planned Parenthood? When women arrive at an abortion facility and see a public vigil, they know and understand, at that moment when they need it most, that someone is praying specifically for them. Your presence there is the last sign of hope before the abortion and the first sign of mercy after the abortion. Many of the moms who have chosen life - and even former abortion workers - say that the prayer presence outside the facility turned them away from abortion. They saw that someone was there, just for them.

Have you been thinking about praying outside of PP? Want to try it? If so, why not join Anne Cronin and Jen Corso-Yasus and others on the street in front of the Albany PP at 855 Central Avenue on Saturday morning, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:15am - 10:00am? Call, text email: Anne: 518-522-6057, [acronin922@gmail.com](mailto:acronin922@gmail.com) or Jen: 518-334-2066, [jennifercorso@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifercorso@yahoo.com) for questions/more information.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are pleased to welcome new members to our parish family.

**Sadie Jo Kyer, Baylee Paul Brozowski, & Emelia Florence Stasack**

They will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.  
May the Lord be gracious to them and their families and bless them always.



## REVERENCE OF LIFE MINISTRY



### Easter Baskets for Cate's Kids

**We will be collecting Easter baskets on Sundays, March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** to help assist Circles of Mercy in sponsoring Easter Baskets for needy children between the ages 1 to 12 years living in Rensselaer. Circles of Mercy is an out-reach center for poor and low-income families which is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community. More than twenty-years ago in 2002, Mercy Associates started for Circles what has become a yearly tradition, of providing Easter Baskets to children of our client families. This holiday program is known as **"Easter Baskets for Cate's Kids"**.

We are asking that the **clear cellophane wrapped Easter baskets** include the following items: **coloring books, crayons, color pencils, facial tissues, toothpaste and toothbrushes, dental floss, hair combs and brushes, age appropriate (1 to 12 years old) small stuffed animals, toys, small games, reading books, and of course different types of traditional candy.**

Bless you for your generosity!

## 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.

## 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).

## CALLED TO SERVE PODCAST

**Called to Serve Podcast:** WOPG Radio, a Catholic radio station in our diocese, offered the Diocesan Communications Office the opportunity to air content in the Fr. Mike Schmitz "Bible in a Year" and "Catechism in a Year" podcasts. So, we created a mini podcast, featuring people in our diocese who are answering God's call to serve. You can hear their stories on WOPG radio (89.9 FM / 1460 AM) at 3:30am and 10:30am and we are posting them all on a new webpage that we created on the diocesan website <https://www.rcda.org/calledtoservepodcast> (incl. link to WOPG livestream).



## 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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