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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**

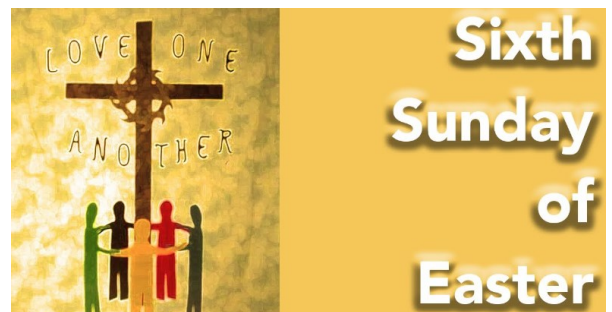
Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

**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.



## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat	05/04	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+ROMANA SALVAGNI, by the St. Anthony Society +CHRISTINE VANVORST, by Mike and Anne Cronin LIVING INTENTION FOR REVEREND THOMAS F. HOLMES, by Sandy Raus +CASEY FRANKOSKI, by Sue and Dan Shook +GERALDINE NARDACCI, by the Nardacci Family
Sun	05/05	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+CAROL A. SEIFFERT, by Ann Marie Pepin +DOROTHY M. TEATOR, by Dennis and Nora Leonard
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JOSEPH CRUMP, by the Kappes Family +MADELINE FORGEA, by the Kappes Family +FLORA & VALENTINO FIACCO AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FIACCO FAMILY +MARIA QUATTROCCHI AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUATTROCCHI FAMILY +FLORENCE PELLETIER AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PELLETIER FAMILY +MARGARET MARY BREARTON AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BREARTON FAMILY
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+EDGAR KNOX, Birthday Remembrance, by Mary Lou and Family +JACK CHENETTE, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by his Children +LISA ROSSELLO, Birthday Remembrance, by her Mom and Stepdad, Ginny and Paul Doherty +LOU SCARMOZZA, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Ed Thierbacker +JOSEPH PENNISI, by Ed Thierbacker
Mon	05/06			<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	05/07	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+DONALD YETMAN, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Ann Yetman
Wed	05/08	8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+MONSIGNOR THOMAS LENAHAN
<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>				
Wed	05/08	6:30 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Thu	05/09	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Fri	05/10			<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	05/11	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+JEAN O'DONNELL, by Carol and Barb O'Donnell +CAITLYN KAISER, by Dorothy Teator +FLORA FIACCO, by America Cardazzi and Family +JACK MILLEA, by Ann Ryan FOR THE LIVING INTENTION OF JACOB PRATT, by Mollie Shook
Sun	05/12	8:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+BINK AND PAUL COLLINS, by their Children +PAT ERKKILA, by Maria Pangilinan
		9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>SJESJ</i>	+BABY BOY WEISS, by Noah Smith and Family
		11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	<i>CSM</i>	+MAUREEN A. KELLY, by Mary Lou Knox and Eileen Grant +JACK MILLEA, by Frances Girzone THANK YOU TO FATHER TOM FOR HIS ENCOURAGEMENT, by Michael

## SAVE THE DATE

We will be having a farewell/retirement gathering for Father Tom on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> following the 4:00pm Mass at St. John/St. Joseph's and on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 11:00am Mass at the Church of St. Mary.

More details and additional information will be announced shortly.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

**Blair Anadio Green, Aria Nicole Anadolli and Malcolm Grant Warner**

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



## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Church of St. Mary is seeking a parishioner to fill a vacant spot on the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is to function as an advisory body for the leaders, who are thus informed by the wisdom, experience, discernment, and prudent judgement of the lay members. The Council is a consultative body.

The Pastoral Council meets monthly. During this period of transition, it is important to keep the momentum within the Church moving forward.

If after thoughtful consideration, you think this is a way for you to support the Church of St. Mary, please submit your name to the Parish Office by calling 518-449-2232. If you have question, you can speak with your current Pastoral Council members, Patricia Conway or Catherine VanOrden or our Trustees, Donna Fitzgerald, or Kate Dorgan.

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**The Mass schedule for the Ascension of the Lord is:**

- \* Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - 6:30pm - CSM
- \* Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 12:00pm - SJESJ

## MONTHLY DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, will have their Healing Mass on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Prayer and praise music by Joyful Heart starts at 7:00pm. Liturgy and healing service follows at 7:30pm. Presider is Rev. Kyle Gorenski, Pastoral Vicar (Church of the Blessed Sacrament - Albany). This is presented by Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Albany. For more information check out their website: [www.Albanyccr.org](http://www.Albanyccr.org)

## SISTERS OF LIFE



Come join us!  
Mass and lunch included

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

A list of their upcoming dates:

- \* 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.

## CSM SPRING CLEAN-UP



Please join with your fellow parishioners next Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00am for Spring Clean-Up. This annual "Help Out & Clean-Up" will make the place look beautiful for Mother's Day the next day! Bring your work gloves and your favorite gardening tools. All ages and skills are most welcome. If you can only help for one hour or for the full event (usually around 3-4 hours), please come and help us spruce up our grounds for the season. Coffee, juice, water, and doughnuts will be supplied.

## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### 2023/2024 Formation Year

Registration forms for the 2024/2025 Formation Year will be going out in the mail soon. Check your mailboxes.

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

- No more classes this year.

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

- No more classes this year.

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

- No more classes this year.



FAITH FORMATION

## CONGRATULATIONS - FIRST COMMUNICANTS

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*Zoey Barnes  
Cruz Baron  
Vincent Fasano  
Nino Fiacco  
Ashlyn Hart*

*Chase Myers  
Cole Myers  
Avery Pierson  
Aundrea Voss*



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP



### LET'S DIVE IN!!

VBS is August 5-9, 2024, from 9:00am to 12:00pm daily. Some volunteer opportunities are also available for pre-VBC. All opportunities are listed below. Crew and Station leaders will also meet for an orientation and training prior to VBC; date and time TBD. Although it is most helpful for volunteers to commit to the whole week, some opportunities can be done with a partial week commitment. Contact Maureen Billa at [maureenbilla@stmaryny.org](mailto:maureenbilla@stmaryny.org) with questions.

- \* **Small Group Leader:** Lead kids through large group opening and closing activities each day, including songs, dance, crafts, and object lessons.
- \* **Bible Adventures Leader:** Make scripture stick in a memorable way for the campers, as you help the campers dive into the Bible through an interactive experience.
- \* **Sticky Scripture Leader:** Lead the campers, in a video, scripture search and have a life-application discussion all built around the theme of the day.
- \* **Imagination Station Leader:** Lead interactive science activities for campers with eye-popping experiments that really make the Bible Point stick.
- \* **Life Rec Station Leader:** Lead outdoor activities (weather permitting) for the campers, built around the theme of the day.
- \* **Tidal Treats Leader:** Prepare daily snacks for the campers that are themed based on the Bible story of the day.
- \* **Crazy Creation Day:** With our Scuba, diving into friendship with God, as our theme, all ideas are welcomed. We will have a great time transforming the parish hall into an ocean of fun for the campers. Painting, designing, and decorating for the big week is creative and a lot of fun. The parish will provide lunch for all volunteers. Please wear your work clothes.

## ALS AWARENESS MONTH



ALS Awareness Month is May. During the entire month of May, starting this weekend, we will have ribbons available for a donation. All donations will go to Father Tom. This is at all Masses and both Churches to support Father Tom in his fight against ALS. There will be a table at the entrance of Church.



## SJESJ NEWS

### Honored for the Month of May

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: **Mondays, May 13<sup>th</sup> & May 27<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.

## CIRCLES OF MERCY - BABY BLESSINGS CLOSET COLLECTION



In conjunction with the Walking with Moms in Need program, St. John Evangelist/St. Joseph will sponsor our second month-long baby shower for the Circles of Mercy Baby Blessings Closet.

Circles of Mercy offers support to all those in need, but especially to underprivileged mothers with small children. A list of needed items appears below. Over the next month, please bring unwrapped items to church and deposit them in the wooden container in the back.



Diapers: sizes 5,6,7 and Pullups, baby wipes, large (9 oz.) baby bottles, Vaseline/petroleum jelly, baby lotion, baby oil, baby powder made with cornstarch (no talcum), pacifiers, pacifier clips, crib sheets, and clothes: daytime outfits for infants and toddlers, any season. Also shoes for same.

As always, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

## CSM NEWS

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

- May 6<sup>th</sup> - Chapel
- May 13<sup>th</sup> - Chapel



### Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm**, at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27TH & APRIL 28TH, 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	\$3,288.00	\$4,383.00	
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$401.34	\$2,350.00	
<b>Total Offertory received from last week</b>	<b>\$3,689.34</b>	<b>\$6,733.00</b>	
Budgeted Weekly Need from Offertory	\$5,245.00	\$6,635.00	
Last Week's Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$1,555.66	+\$98.00	
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$167,693.08	\$315,073.00	
Year to Date Budgeted Offertory	\$225,535.00	\$301,940.00	
Year to Date Difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$57,841.92	+\$13,133.00	

## JOSHUA RETREAT



Open Your Door To God's Love - Saturday, June 1, 2024 - 10:00am - 3:00pm at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Avenue, Albany. Retreat is co-directed by Deacon Gary Riggi and Sr. Dorothy Ederer. Freewill donation - register by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Retreat includes lunch. You can also pre-reserve a copy of Sr. Dorothy's book, Open Your Door to God's Love. To register go to: [www.joshuamountainministries.org/events2](http://www.joshuamountainministries.org/events2).

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

Circles of Mercy is seeking a part time administrative assistant. Duties include but are not limited to answering the phone, taking messages, generating correspondence using WORD, its Mail Merge function, and assisting clients with various needs. Please contact Richard Zazycki via email @ [circlesofmercy@nycap.rr.com](mailto:circlesofmercy@nycap.rr.com) or by calling (518)462-0899.

## BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Melvin Roads American Legion Riders Annual Blessing of the Bikes - Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the parking lot of the Church of St. Mary. All are welcome to attend this annual blessing of the bikes. Bring your motorcycle, car, or bicycle for the blessing.



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## THE CHOSEN



Have you been watching The Chosen?

Here is your chance to experience this groundbreaking series!

This week we will be gathering to view Season 1, Episode 5. Each week we will watch one episode and then break into small groups for discussion.

The small groups will meet each Thursday through May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St. Mary in the Parish Hall, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. If you were unable to attend the previous discussion, you are still able to attend.

To register, please contact Ben or Gina at either 518-465-0482 or 518-449-2232.

We hope to see you there!

## PENTECOST CELEBRATION



Charismatic Renewal invites you to join them for a Pentecost celebration on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St., Albany. Reverend Martin Fisher will be the Presider. Prayer and Praise will start at 4:30pm with music by "Joyful Heart". At 5:00pm there will be a Mass followed by Healing Prayer.



## CONSERNS-U

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO CoNSERNs-U.** Their pantry needs this week are: coffee, canned spinach, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, and mayo. 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 Allen	Rosemarie Cipperley	Cheryl Fisher	Robert Jenkins	Tina Milone	Peggy Petitmermet	Brady Sullivan
John Amedio	John Conte	Scarlett McLeod Friot	Erica Kirsch	Michael Mann	Jacob Pratt	Michael Swahlan
Joseph Bradley	Nicholas Conte	Tiffany Gamache	Donald Kolb	Madison Chester Mann	Tommy Raus	Mark Welcome
Tom Brownell	Jeremiah Coonley	Sharon Griffith	Linda Kolb	Roxanne Nicolla	Chip Rausch	Margaret Waterbury
Patricia Bruso	Mary Corvino	Randy Grodner	Christine Krenzer	Steven Ogaard	Joan Roher	Mabel Whitcomb
Denise Buono	Tasha D'Alessandro	Buddy Gutkaiss	Kassidy Krenzer	Richelle Olm	Bev Ryan	Kathleen White
Lynn Burdick	Judy Davis	Robert Guynup	Carol Laderas	Ralph Orciuoli	Mallorey Schaller	Kathy Winner
William Burt	Bernadette Dawson	Ray Hannan	Edgar MacGregor	Natalie Paige	Gene Schultz	Harold Wright
John R. Casey	Barbara Farrell	George Harrienger	Helen Mertz	Devon Paigo	Marge Secor	Joanne Zalucki
Rosa Camaj	Carole Farrell	Carol Hinkelman	Don Miller	Inga Pepoy	Myranda Stevens	Michael Zenzen
Mary Beth Centrella	Jack Farrell					

**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



**May - For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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