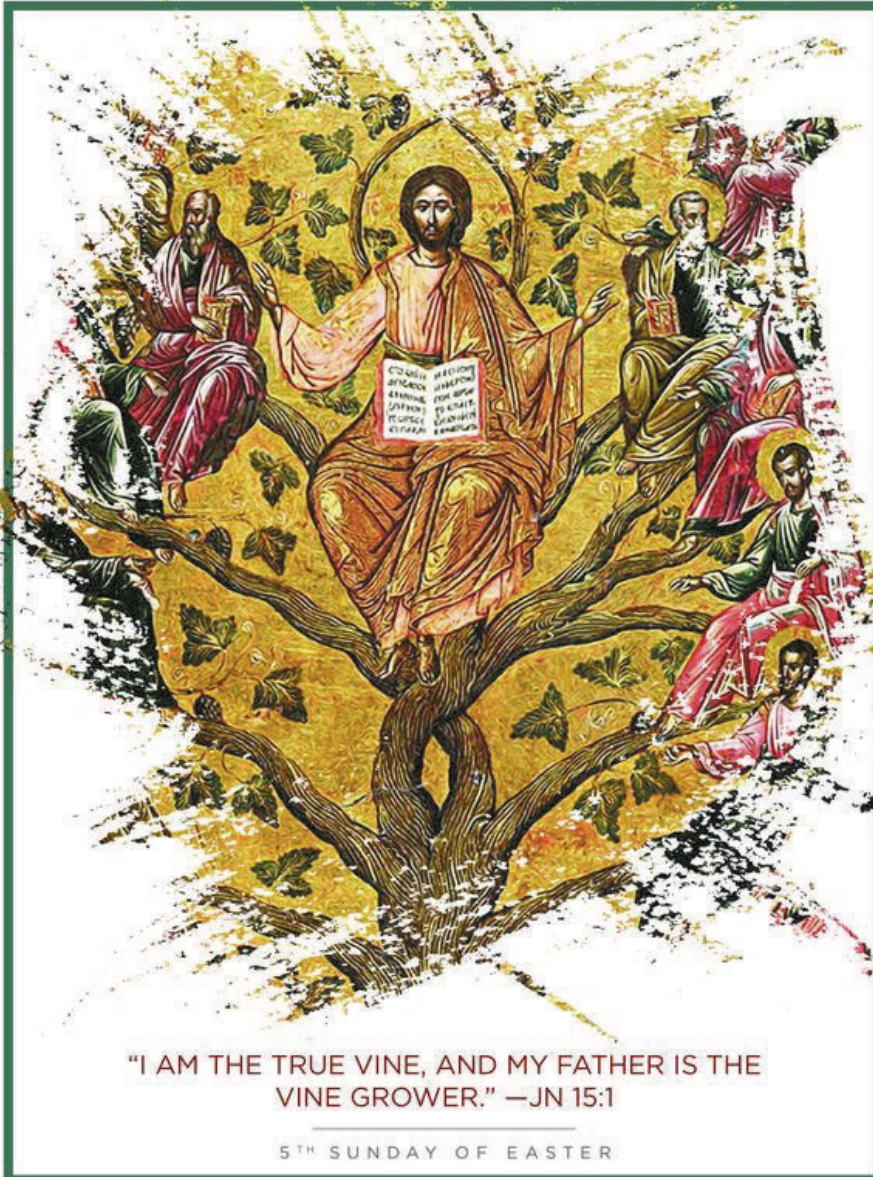


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# ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24)  
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis  
10:30 am St Joseph's

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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### Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

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## St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

### Saturday (27) 4 pm

James Cole + Pat Cardone

### Sun (28) 10:30 am

Healing of John Davidson + SJ Pastoral Care Team

### Mon (29) 8:30 am

Rev. Edward a Thornton, Rev. Herman Joseph Offergeld, Rev. Michael W Zakens, Dcn. Robert W Weiss

### Friday (3) 8:30 am

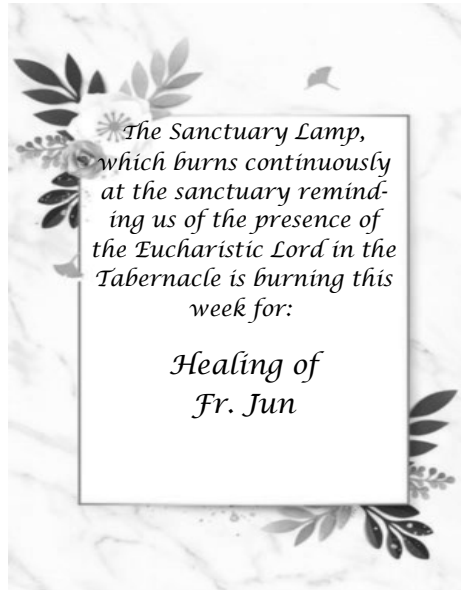
Rev. Henry A Miller, Dcn. Sam P Salamone

### Saturday (4) 4 pm

Patricia Slezak + Joseph & Maryann Bogdan

### Sun (5) 10:30 am

Healing of Gary & Pat Herba + SJ Pastoral Care Team



## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### Sun (28) 8:30 am

Kimberly Koval + Rick Koval

### Tuesday (30) 8:30 am

Rev. John Early, Rev. Michael F Mooney, Rev. James G Ryan, Rev. Sylvester R Benson

### Thursday (2) 8:30 am

Rev. Lionel Guillaume, Rev. Mathew Cyvas, Rev. John Waldron, Rev. Michael Schmitt

### Sun (5) 8:30 am

Gary Malacynski + Rick, Pat & Dan Fallis  
William Walsh + Richard & Mary Szczepanski

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day** ~ "I am the vine, you are the branches," we hear Jesus tell his disciples in today's Gospel. We are those branches now. Connected to the vine that is the Lord, we are expected to bear fruit. What fruit do we bear? Let us contemplate that question as we prepare to celebrate Mass today. May listening to God's word and sharing in the Eucharist nourish us as we strive to bear good fruit for the Lord.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024** ~ Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8; Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26; Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a; Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8; Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11; Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14; Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21; Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

SJ Lector

5/4/24

C Pifko

5/5/24

J Fenzl

SF Lector

5/5/24

G Bubniak

# St. Joseph's

The **Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** is always looking for non-perishable food for local eligible families. Non food items are also welcome - toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers & personal hygienic items. Please drop all donations in the vestibule or the church office.

Pantry distribution is Monday @ 3:30-5 pm & Thursday @ 9:30-11 am.



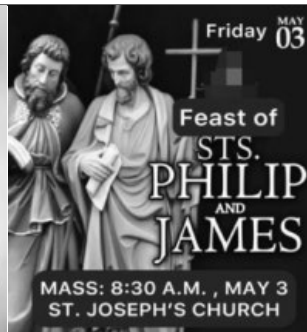
# Upcoming Events

- Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
- 1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am pray the Rosary
- 1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
- 1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting
- Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
- 2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- April 28 - SF Pasta Dinner fund raiser 12-4 Sport Island Pub  
SJ 6-8pm Teen Mass/Social
- May 3 - SJ 8:30 am Feast of Sts. Philip & James
- May 4 - SF Village wide garage sale
- May 5 - SF & SJ First Holy Communion
- May 9 - SF 8:30 am Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- May 23 - SJ - 7pm Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
- June 9 - SJ - Mass as a class grades 1-5
- July 18, 19 & 20 ~ SJ Festival

# St. Francis's



**What happens if my parish falls short of the goal?** The diocesan Stewardship & Development office partners closely with each parish to do our shared-best at reaching the Appeal goal to ensure continuation and introduction of new services, programs and ministries provided to each parish by the Diocesan Pastoral Center. New in 2020, the diocesan Stewardship & Development office has removed the logistical burdens that were previously put on parish staff/volunteers to manage the Diocesan Appeal program within the parish. If the parish does not reach their assessment amount by June 30th, they will be invoiced for the balance to ensure the funds needed to sustain these pastoral initiatives.

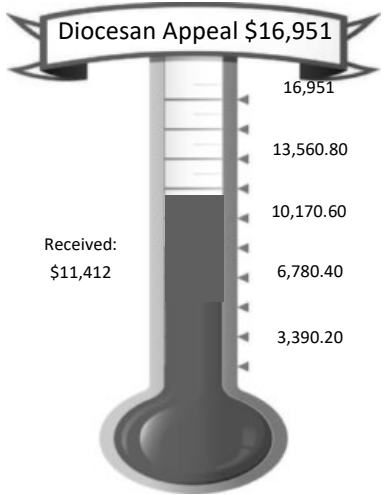


**Garage Sale** - The Northville Village Wide Garage Sale is **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. We need people to volunteer to work this fundraiser. Also, if you have saleable household items to donate (NO CLOTHING), please bring them to the garage. Call Debbie Saksen @ 518-863-8021 with questions.

**St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:**  
Tues: 4-7 pm  
Wed: 10 am - 1 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - noon  
Thank you for your support and for your patronage.

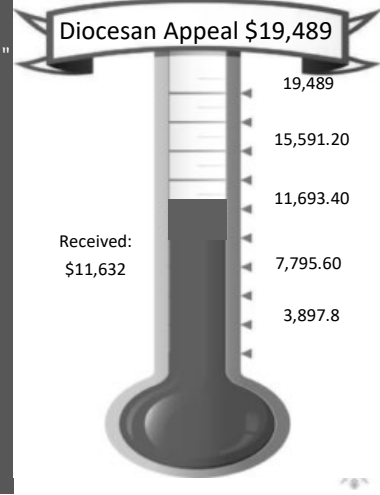
**Faith Formation**  
Grades 1-5: **4/28/24** Class  
**5/5/24** First Holy Communion  
**5/12/24** Class  
**5/19/24** Class  
Grades 6-10:  
**4/28/24** 6-8pm Teen Mass/Social & last night of class  
See you in the fall!

**SF Library News** ~ Going forward from Resurrection to Pentecost we focus on the life giving words of Scripture and the guidance of the Spirit.  
Our shelves will highlight books on Scripture, the Acts of the Apostles, Meditations & the Holy Spirit.



*Our Giving:*  
"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."  
Matthew 6:21

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4/7/24	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	63 / 92	91
Contribution	\$823 / \$961	\$1,441
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