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First Sunday of **ADVENT**



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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am
St. Joseph

Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30
St Francis

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
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
Or by appointment

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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.

Trustees

| SJ | SF |
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| Sheila Bleyl | William D. Saksen III |
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday (29)**

Sophie Motyl +Evelyn Motyl

Sunday (30)

Parish Family of SJ

Monday (Dec. 1)

Rev. John J. McCann; Rev. Philip Barrett

Friday (Dec. 5)

Rev. James W. Shaughnessy; Rev. Harold McKeon

Saturday (Dec. 6)

Robert M. Halgas & Debra Cechnicki

+Debbie & David Walendziak

Sunday (Dec. 7)

Frank T. Szumowski +Penny Szumowski

Living & Deceased members of Rosenzweig, Munnely,

Trimachi family +Cheryl & Richard Palmer

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin.

The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20.

All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday (30)**

Lucille Javino Lambreau

By Margaret Howell

Tuesday (Dec. 2)

Rev. William H. White; Dcn. Herbert Howley;

Rev. Cabell Murbury; Rev. Theodore Gerken;

Rev. George G. St. John

Thursday (Dec. 4)

Thelma Misko

+Bonnie Preston

Sunday (Dec. 7)

Teresita J. Segura

+St. Francis Parish

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world—and our hearts—throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today:

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE:

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive. That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candle-light and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue. Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Observances for the week of Nov. 30, 2025

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Joseph

Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 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
November 27 Thanksgiving Service : SF 8:30nAM; SJ 10:30 AM
Dec. 5, 2025, Feb. 6, 2026—Adoration at SJ Church at 6:00 PM
Jan. 2, 2026, Mar. 6, 2026: Adoration, SF at 6:00 PM
Jan.31 ~ Filipinos Sponsored Gathering: Mass 11am,
pot luck to follow.
July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

Fr. Jun will be in Rome for a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage from Nov. 24th to Dec. 4th (there will be no weekday Masses).

St. Francis

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will be accepting non-perishable food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive from Nov. 2-16. Items for a Thanksgiving dinner are needed for local residents. Canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, and canned fruit are specially needed. Drop food off in the vestibule.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry is asking Saint Joseph Church to donate 90 cans of cranberry sauce for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be on Nov. 25 at 7:00 PM at the United Methodist Church.



Diocesan Appeal

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

"With the light and strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love that proclaims the word and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

"Pope Leo XIV, Inaugural Mass May 18, 2025

Youth Ministry Teen Mass will be on Nov. 30, 2025, 6:00 PM at Holy Trinity Church in Johnstown.

Mass Intentions:

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

This week we hear that ominous Gospel passage where Jesus tells us about people being taken from where they are and what they are doing when they least expect it, while others remain. This has been distorted by some for support into a spectacular idea of rapture, leading to many books and movies. A profitable genre has been created that sometimes preys on people's fears.

But in following Jesus Christ, there is no fear. What we are called to do is live each day as it were our last. Be mindful of all the opportunities around you to share love and the gifts God has given you. We will all be held accountable in the end, but it is not what we have done that will save us. Our salvation lies in the grace freely given to us by Jesus. When we choose to receive that gift and intentionally follow him, we are led to giving over our entire being totally to him. ©LPi

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Matthew 6:21

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| | SJ 4 / 10:30 | SF 8:30 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 11/15 & 11/16 Attendance | 55/ 109 | 107 |
| Contribution | \$ 694.00/ \$1,158.00 | \$1,646.00 |
| October e-giving | \$972.10 | \$1,132.25 |
| Poor & Votive | NA | \$47.00 |

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ADVENT (1st Sunday of Advent: Nov. 30)
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