

# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

AUGUST 9, 2026

## “ NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”



### 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday & Thurs. 8:30 am St. Francis

#### **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday** | 4 pm St. Joseph's  
6:00 pm St. Francis - July 4—Labor Day  
**Sunday** | 8:30 am St. Francis  
10:30 am St. Joseph's

#### **Confession**

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8:00 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.

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## ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday (August 8)

Theresa Ferguson by SJ Altar Rosary Society

### Sunday (August 9)

Theresa Ferguson by Penny Szumowski  
Wanda Marie Daly by Joan Raven  
Malcolm Bowler by SJ Thrift Store Workers

### Monday (August 10)

Parish Family of St. Joseph

### Friday (August 14)

Rev. Francis Schatzlein

### Saturday (August 15)

Theresa Ferguson by Joan Raven

### Sunday (August 16)

Wanda Marie Daly by David & Debbie Walendziak  
Theresa Ferguson by Jim & Diane Jankowski  
Malcolm Bowler by Penny Szumowski



SJ parish community joyfully congratulates Dawson Michael Visco who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Aug. 1st. We rejoice with their parents, god-parents, and families as this precious child is welcomed into the family of God and the Church. May the grace of his Baptism continue to grow throughout his life, and may he always know the love of Christ.



## ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday (August 8)

Parish Family of St. Francis

### Sunday (August 9)

Parish Family of St. Francis

### Tuesday (August 11)

Deceased Members of the Whitney Family  
by Julie & Todd Whitney

### Thurs. (August 13)

Msgr. Edward O'Malley

### Saturday (August 15)

Parish Family of St. Francis

### Sunday (August 16)

Parish Family of St. Francis

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY:** How often do we cry out to God, wondering if we will be heard? How often do we look in vain for our Lord in the world? Well, we're not the only ones. In today's first reading, Elijah expected to sense the divine presence in strong winds, earthquakes, or fire, but God was not in any of them. In the Gospel, the disciples fail to recognize Jesus during a violent storm as he walks towards them across the churning waters. Let us take a moment and realize that God is with us right here and now as we worship together. God is with us whenever we celebrate the Mass. God is with us when we receive Christ in the Eucharist. We may not always be aware of it, but God is always near.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

### Meaning and Tradition of the Sanctuary Lamp



**Real Presence:** The glowing light tells believers that Jesus is present in the tabernacle, body, blood, soul and divinity.

**The Red Color:** The ruby glass or red flame represents the blood and love of Jesus.

**Biblical Roots:** The practice comes from old Jewish traditions where God told Moses to keep a lamp burning in the tabernacle from evening to morning.

**Triduum exception:** The lamp burns all year long, except from the evening of Holy Thursday until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, commemorating the time Jesus spent in the tomb.

**If you would like to have a candle burning for one week for your loved one, or for a special intention, call the parish office. The cost of the candle is \$20.00**

### Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,  
In this time of difficulty, be with me.  
When I don't feel Your presence or  
hear Your voice, sustain me.  
When I don't see the path ahead,  
guide me.  
When I don't know the next step,  
support me.  
In every day and in every moment, be  
my strength. Amen. ©LPi

## St. Joseph

### Pastoral Care:

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

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**Question:** What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

**Answer:** Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people." It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches. ©LPi

The Feast of the Assumption is still a holy day, but the obligation to attend Mass is lifted in 2026 because the feast falls on a Saturday.

### 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  
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
**Each Wednesday-SF 2 pm Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall**  
July 4 to Labor Day - SF Saturday Mass 6 pm  
Sat., August 15—Feast of the Assumption, not obligation this yr.  
Sun., August 16,- Bishop Mark O'Connell celebrates our Masses  
Fri., August 28, SF, Fashion Show, 7:00 pm  
Sat., Oct. 10, SF—Annual Craft Fair  
\* Save the Dates\* - July 16, 17, 18, 2027 St. Joseph Festival

**The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee** Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples marking any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or you may email [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org). **Deadline is September 20.**

St. Mary's Institute in Amsterdam is offering **the Constantino Scholarship which will be offered to 50 new community students in grades Kindergarten-8th grade and 50 children of Sticker Mule employees grades K-8 who would like to attend SMI.** To apply, send the student's most recent report card, along with a one hundred word essay on "Why I want to attend SMI" and email it to [apply@smik8.org](mailto:apply@smik8.org). Your application will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

*"Remember where your treasure is,  
your heart is also." Mathew 6:21*



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| July 19            | SJ 4:00 / 10:30       | SF 6:00/8:30          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Attendance         | 84 /125               | 35 /170               |
| Contribution       | \$622.00 / \$1,132.00 | \$221.00 / \$2,556.00 |
| 7/13—7/17 E-Giving | \$ 228.10             | \$ 352.10             |
| Votive Candles     | \$ 49.00              | \$ 63.00              |

## St. Francis

### Mass Intentions Needed:

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's or St. Francis of Assisi may do so by calling or stopping in to the parish office. *Mass cards are available for the living, deceased, healing, and special occasions.*

St. Francis of Assisi is selling raffle tickets after both



Masses. \$2,000 in prizes will be given away with one \$1,000, one \$500, and two \$250 prizes. Drawing will be held October 4.

**St. Francis' Prayer Group will not meet the last two Wednesdays in August.**

**Fashion Show:** 'Just Because Boutique' will be showing their fashions on Friday, August 28, at 7:00 pm in the John Paul II Hall.



Please keep *Saturday, Oct. 10*, open on your calendars for St. Francis' "Annual Craft Fair"! We need your help! We will need crafts, raffle baskets, and new, or like-new items to help raise money for our church. Please call Carmen Durkin (518) 213-3536 or text (518) 335-5472. We are also in need of helpers during the sale. Please consider volunteering an hour or two on that day. Thank you.

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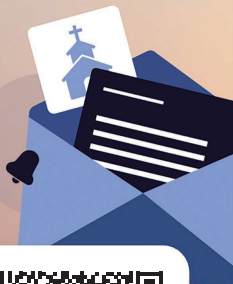
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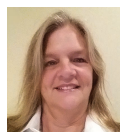
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