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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

PASTORAL STAFF

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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
Sheila Bleyl	Judy Morrison
Carm Greco	William D. Saksen III

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Oct. 31)
Fred Castler by Carm & Maria Greco
Hank & Helen Pawling by Ann Sargalis

Sunday (Nov. 1)
Michael O'Leary by Kevin O'Leary
Parish Family of St. Joseph

Monday (Nov. 2) For All Souls

Friday (Nov. 6)
Special Intention for Dulce Colon

Saturday (Nov. 7)
Theresa Ferguson
by Dave & Debbie Walendziak
Daphne Bolibaugh by Pat Cardone
Virginia Krajewski by Barbara Jones

Sunday (Nov. 8)
Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
John Gibbons by Marilyn Gibbons

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. *You can memorialize a candle for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention*. The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is $20. All submissions need to 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 (Nov. 1)
Stan Rogers by Todd & Julie Whitney

Tuesday (Nov. 3)
Richard Paul Henriques and
Manolita Cadiz Algenio
by Amelia Henriques

Patti St. Peter
by David & Yolanda Gifford

Thurs. (Nov. 5)
Rev. Joseph Halloran

Sunday (Nov. 8)
Parish Family of St. Francis

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: We set every Sunday aside to worship the Lord, but today we also remember the saints. These men and women served the Lord during their time on earth and continue to give witness to the Lord by the example of their lives. During this month at the end of autumn, when we give thanks for the abundance of the harvest for another year, we also give thanks to God, whose harvest of souls in heaven we recognize in all the saints. May we one day join them and reap the heavenly reward that our Lord has won for us.

GOSPEL MEDITATION — At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).** The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints. *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Feast Day: November 3
St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639) is the first Black saint of the Americas. He had a great love of the Eucharist and was known for caring equally for all regardless of race or status. He founded an orphanage and school and even cared for the mice and rats at his monastery.



Feast Day: November 4
St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) was an Italian bishop who helped lead the Church's reform during the Protestant Reformation. As a young cardinal, he played an important role in keeping the Council of Trent in session. Later, as Bishop of Milan, he devoted himself to serving the Church. He founded seminaries, colleges, and communities to better educate and prepare men for the priesthood.

St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: 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*.

The Altar Rosary Society at SJ and SF thanks you for joining them in praying the Rosary before each Mass during the month of October.

Youth Ministry Retreat Day for SJ & SF Grades 7-10, Sunday, Nov. 15, 11:30 am-5:30 pm. Begins with 11:30 am Mass at Holy Spirit Church in Gloversville. Parents and families are asked to join them at Mass. *No regular evening class that evening.*

Faith Formation youth in Grades 1-6: Mass as a class, Sunday, Nov, 15, 10:30 am, following classes. Youth from St. Francis are invited to join us.

Safe Environment: On Wed., Nov. 4, 6—8 pm at Siena Univ., Bishop O'Connell & committee will discuss what has been done, and where we go from here to protect all in our Diocese. No registration is required.

Volunteers needed for our Bereavement Ministry: If you would like to help families plan the funeral Mass, setup the Mass for the funeral, or greet people while handing out programs. please call Wanda Smith at 518-883-5069.

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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
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Each Wednesday-SF 2 pm Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall -
Mon., Nov. 2, —SJ—8:30 am Mass—All Souls Day
Fri., Nov. 13, - SJ—6:30 pm—Memorial Mass

ALL SOULS' DAY ©LPi



Monday, Nov. 2
8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's

Dear God, in Your mercy and through the passion of Your Son, erase from the souls in purgatory their sins and failings. Bring the souls in purgatory to Your peace and grant them eternal rest. Amen.

Bishop Mark O'Connell will preside at the **50th Anniversary Charismatic Mass & Healing Service** at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Sometimes the deeper healing begins the moment you stop striving and simply surrender to the Holy Spirit. You are invited to experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit at the Charismatic Mass!

National VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK ©LPi

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country, November 1-7, *2026. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."*

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

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October 11	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	56/103	126
Contribution	$1,088.00 / $1,131.00	$2,215.00
10/5—10/9 E-Giving	$ 196.90	$ 101.35
Faith Formation	$ 550.00	$ 471.00
Votive Candles	$ -	$ 69.00

St. Francis

SF Prayer Group will meet the first three weeks in November and December. They will not meet during January, February, or March.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED: St. **Francis** is seeking a dedicated and energetic part-time Church Custodian and Handyman to maintain the cleanliness, safety and overall appearance of our church facilities. Working hours are primarily 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are looking for an individual that is reliable, punctual, has strong adherence to schedule, and proactive communicator. Please apply in person during office hours, 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

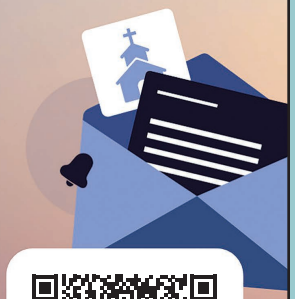
All Saints Day ©LPi

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits? the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?" ©LPi

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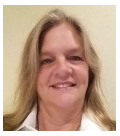


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