

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

“TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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.

Trustees

SJ
Sheila Bleyl
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SF
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Sept. 19)

Mildred and Joseph Floria

by George & Carol Pifko

Theresa Ferguson by Bernie Brooks

Sunday (Sept. 20)

Lucy Wilcox by Steve & Kita Murray

Malcolm Bowler by SJ Altar Rosary Society

Daphne Bolibaugh by The Munnely,
Crowther, and Aldi Families

Monday (Sept. 21) Special Intention
for Loida Ganaden by Myrna Lyons

Friday (Sept. 25)
Parish Family of St. Joseph

Saturday (Sept. 26)

Francis Motyl by The Family
Theresa Ferguson by Ann Sargalis

Sunday (Sept. 27)

Lucy Wilcox by Pat Cardone
Dee Cyr by My Paw Place
Healing for the Bolibaugh Family
by The Szumowski Family



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 (Sept. 20))

Sidney Junquera by Jackie & Family

Tuesday (Sept. 22)

Rev. Joseph Derezewski

Thurs. (Sept. 24)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Sunday (Sept. 27)

Parish Family of St. Francis

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: This Sunday we begin a series of three Gospels set in vineyards. Today's Gospel tells of a generous landowner, willing to pay a full daily wage even to those who worked only the final hour of the day. They are very happy, of course, but the folks who labored all day in the hot sun resent the owner's extreme generosity. This, Jesus tells his disciples, can be compared to the kingdom of heaven, where "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Let us praise and thank God for inviting us all—first, last, and in-between—to the joyful kingdom.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Stand for Life - Join the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil: The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign starts on Wednesday, September 23 and ends on Sunday, November 1. We are committed to being a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Schenectady's Planned Parenthood at 1040 State Street from 7 am to 7 pm throughout the campaign. We seek to bring help and hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies or those seeking healing from past abortions. Won't you join us for an hour? Please email Connie at sch40days@gmail.com and/or check our website, 40daysforlife.com/schenectady to join in and get involved. We will update the website calendar throughout the campaign with prayer gatherings and events. Thank you.

St Pius of Pietrelcina Feast Day Wed., Sept. 23

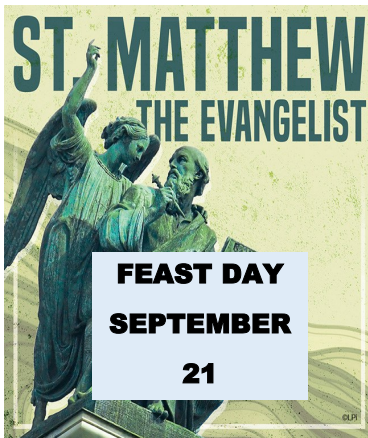
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, known as **Padre Pio**, was born Francesco Forgione in Italy in 1887. A Capuchin Franciscan priest, he was marked by illness, deep prayer, and the stigmata. Serving in San Giovanni Rotondo, he devoted long days to Mass, confession, and blessing the sick. He inspired the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza hospital and was canonized in 2002.



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 combined **Youth Ministry Classes** for Fulton County Youth in Grades 7—10 will begin next Sunday, Sept. 27, at Holy Spirit Church in Gloversville from 6:00-7:30 pm in the gym. This will be an open house style class where students and parents can register for the upcoming year, meet the team and visit our space.



Undie Sunday, Sept. 27: Please join us in collecting NEW underwear, socks, & undershirts for men, women, and children in foster care, domestic violence programs and the American Red Cross.

St. Joseph's Thrift Store Hours

Tues.: 4—7 pm;
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Saturday: 10 —1
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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 - Sun., Sept. 20, Faith Formation Classes Begin
Sun., Sept. 27 Fulton County Youth Ministry Classes Begin
Undie Sunday, Sept. 27— New Underwear/socks collected
Sun., Oct. 4—SF, Raffle drawing
Oct. 8—Finance Council meeting: 4 PM SF; 7 PM SJ
Oct. 15— Joint Pastoral Council Meeting 7 PM
Sat., Oct. 10, SF—Annual Craft Fair
* Save the Dates* - July 16, 17, 18, 2027 St. Joseph Festival

Blessing for Faith Formation Class

Dear God, Bless our classroom and each of us gathered here. May every moment we spend together be one of grace. Be with the Catechists who prepares and presents — giving them the right words to convey Your truth. Be with the students, opening their hearts and minds to learn Your will. Amen. ©LPi

2026-2027 Faith Formation Class Schedule for Grades 1 through 6

September 20, 27	October 4, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	December 6, 13, 20
January 3, 10, 24, 31	February 7, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21	April 4, 11, 18, 25

Questions? Call Bonnie Aldi at the office or email her at religion.sfnsjb@yahoo.com

Greetings RCDA Family. You asked us to broadcast Live the Charismatic Mass. We would love to broadcast the second Wednesday of the Month on YouTube but we need YOUR help! We need 50 subscribers on our YouTube account so we can broadcast live. You can subscribe here: <https://youtube.com/@ccr-redacharismaticrenewal>

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

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Aug. 30	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 6:00/8:30
Attendance	64/125	37/180
Contribution	\$653.00 / \$1,510.00	\$470.00 / \$2,941.00
8/24—8/28 E-Giving	\$227.80	\$102.10
Votive Candles	\$ 14.00	\$ 58.00

St. Francis

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.

St. Francis of Assisi: Raffle tickets are being sold after both Masses. \$2,000 in prizes will be given away. Drawing will be held Oct. 4.



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.

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. St. Francis' office, 863-4736 St. Joseph's office, 883-3774

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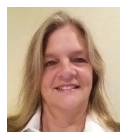
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