

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

“TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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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
Carm Greco

SF
Judy Morrison
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday (Sept. 28) Rev. Joseph Honan

Friday (Oct. 2) Parish Family of St. Joseph

Saturday (Oct 3)

Anna Bidanset by Anne Frasier
Theresa Ferguson by Carm & Maria Greco
5th Anniversary of Baptism of
Anthony Joseph Pisanti by Mary Pisanti

Sunday (Oct. 4)

Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
Living & Deceased Members of the SJ Altar
Rosary Society by the Altar Rosary Society
Brenda Billa by the Ed, Dan & Matthew Popp
families & the Steve & Kris Mraz families



*The red Sanctuary Lamp
which burns continuously
in the sanctuary
reminding us of the
Presence of Jesus in
the Tabernacle can
be memorialized for
your loved one.*



*This week, the candle
is burning for
The Recovery of
James Huebner
by Diana Horton*

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (Sept. 27)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Tuesday (Sept. 29)

Rev. Paul J. Antos

Thurs. (Oct 1)

Christine Wilson by Julie Whitney

Sunday (Oct. 4)

Emmie Pilch by The Family

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us give God thanks for second chances. All of us fail sometimes, maybe quite often. But this does not mean that we are condemned forever, unable to overcome our faults and past sins. We are constantly invited to repent, seek forgiveness, and change our behavior. Saint Paul, who knew a thing or two about doing all this, calls upon us to reject selfishness and instead look out for the interests of others. Let us pray today for a change of heart that will lead us to more closely follow the road to God's kingdom.

GOSPEL MEDITATION — This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Stand for Life - Join the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil:

The Campaign starts on Wednesday, Sept. 23 and ends on Sunday, Nov/ 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.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower," and has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church. After her death, Therese became known globally through her spiritual memoir, *The Story of a Soul*, which explains her theology of the "Little Way". Her feast day is Oct. 1.



St. Joseph

In celebration of Respect Life Month, Birthright will conduct its annual **Baby Bottle Boom-erang** after all Masses next weekend, Oct. 3 & 4. Birthright offers hope, encouragement, and compassion to pregnant women in difficult situations, as well as formula, diapers, clothes, and layettes with newborn necessities. *Baby bottles will be distributed for you to take home and fill with coins, cash, or a check. Bottles should be brought back to church the following weekend and placed in the designated Birthright box. Your gift can be made in honor of a special person, whose name and address you list on the insert in the bottle. Birthright will then mail a card to the person being honored. Thank you for your continued support.*

Volunteers needed for our Bereavement Ministry: If you possess strong empathy, listening skills, and a heart to serve, you can help families plan the funeral Mass with readings and music; setup the Mass for the funeral; or greet people smiling and handing out programs. You can choose any of the above or all of them. If interested, call Wanda Smith at 518-883-5069.

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, Friday, Oct. 2.



O Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

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. 27 Fulton County Youth Ministry Classes Begin
Undie Sunday, Sept. 27—New Underwear/socks collected
Sun., Oct. 4—SF, Raffle drawing
Thursday, Oct. 8—Finance Council Meeting, 4 PM SF, 7 PM SJ
Sat., Oct. 10, SF—Annual Craft Fair
Thursday, Oct. 15—Joint Pastoral Council Meeting 7 PM

**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT
TRANSITUS (Commemorates the-
death) of Saint Francis with Evening
Prayer Service
October 3 at 6:00 PM**

Mass: October 4 at 8:30 AM

Blessing of Animals:

**Oct. 4 at 2:00 PM, followed by an
ice cream social with homemade
cookies and coffee and drawing of
the raffle tickets**



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



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September 6	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 6:00/8:30
Attendance	88/118	73/243
Contribution	\$1,336.00 / \$1,727..00	\$568.00 / \$3,163.00
8/31—9/04 E-Giving	Amount Not received	\$ 229.60
Votive Candles	\$ -	\$ 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 next Sunday!

CRAFT FAIR

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.

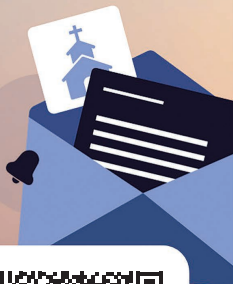
The Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael Gabriel Raphael

is celebrated Tues., Sept. 29. This day honors the only three archangels specifically named in Sacred Scripture, recognizing their distinct roles as protectors, messengers, and healers of God.

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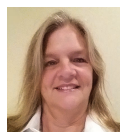
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