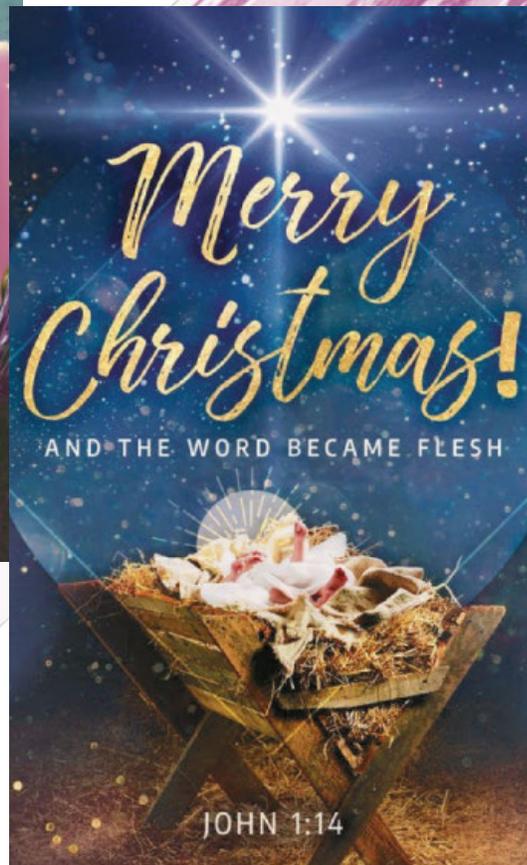
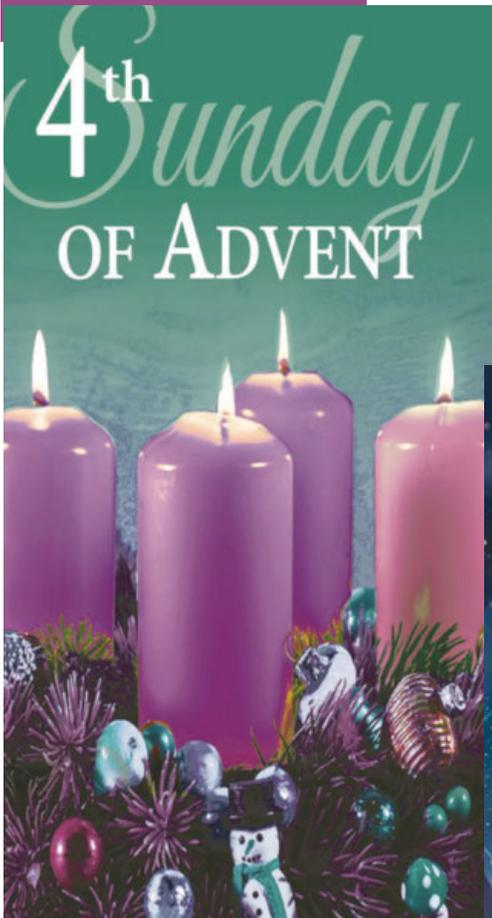


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# ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24)  
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

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## St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

### Sat (23) 4 pm

Susan Flores + Myrna Lyons  
 Jon DuBois + Ron & Paula Cornell  
 Kristen & Kerry Thurston Bradt + Laura Lee Bradt

### Sun (24) 10:30 am

K & J Weafer, C & R Russell + Tony & Teresa Russell  
 Sandy Peros (living birthday) + Mary Pisanti

### Sun (24) 4 pm

Joe Cardone, Jr & Helen Cole + Pat Cardone  
 Vito & Tony Ottati + Pat Ottati

### Mon (25) 10:30 am

Helen Pawling + Ann Sargalis  
 Kristin & Kerry Thurston Bradt + Laura Lee Bradt  
 Gregory Wittmeyer & Joseph Furman + Barb & Joe Furman

### Fri (29) 8:30 am

No Mass today

### Saturday (30) 4 pm

Our parish family

### Sun (31) 10:30 am

Healing of John Davidczuk + St. Joseph's parish family  
 Healing of Rose Bazan + St. Joseph's parish family

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### Sun (24) 8:30 am

Roy & Esther Edwards + Cynthia & Bill Cromie

### Sun (24) 9 pm

Lucille Javino Lambreau & deceased Howell family members + Margaret Howell  
 Deceased Galligan family members + Norm & Betty Richardson

### Monday, (25) 8:30 am

Our parish family

### Tuesday (26) 8:30 am

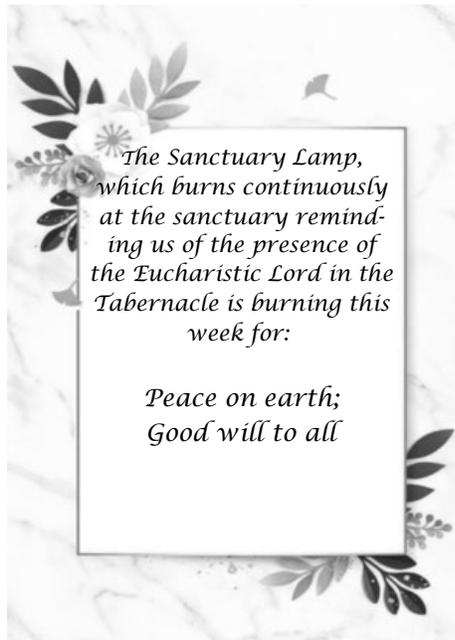
No Mass today

### Thursday (28) 8:30 am

No Mass today

### Sun (31) 8:30 am

George Marion, Jr. + Julie & Todd Whitney  
 Kimberly Snyder + St. Francis' Prayer Group



**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY** ~ Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate God's greatest gift: Jesus Christ. He did not come into this world in a grand and spectacular way; no, he was born to an unassuming woman, in a humble stable, in an unfamiliar town, after a long and difficult journey. But soon the skies filled with angels from heaven, announcing the glad tidings to the shepherds in the fields. We are those shepherds now, coming together in joy and wonder and expectation to worship our newborn king.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity))

**WHAT IS YOUR FIAT?** ~ Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!" or "No worries!" or "Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not *exactly* disingenuous - it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all of the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved - and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

**Let it be done.**

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

**"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."** — Luke 1:38 ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" - and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023:** Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38; Monday: *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14; Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22; Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22; Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8; Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18; Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35; Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40; Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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	12/30/23	P Cardone	12/25/23	R Koval
	12/31/23	D Jankowski	12/31/23	B Saksen
	1/1/24	J Raven	1/1/24	Y Gifford

# St. Joseph's



**THE SJ CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** ~ Thank you for your generosity in filling children's wishes purchasing gifts from the Christmas giving tree. Catholic Charities thanks you for your giving spirit, as well.

**St. Joseph's Altar Rosary Society** thanks everyone who supported their **Annual Christmas Cookie Sale** last weekend!



## Grades 1-5

1/7/24 Classes resume & Mass as a Class

1/14/24 No class in observance of MLK day

## Grades 6-10

**12/29** Friday Night Lock-In grade 9-10 at Holy Spirit (7:30pm Fri - 9am Sat)

**1/8/24** Classes resume 6:45-7:45 pm grades 6-10

1/14/24 Grade 6-8 Retreat day 2:30-7pm @ Holy Trinity

The **Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** is always looking for non-perishable food for local eligible families. Non food items are also welcome - toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers & personal hygienic items. Please drop off all donations in the vestibule or the church office.



## St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:

Tuesday: 4-7 pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1 pm

Saturday: 9 am - noon

Our reorganization is almost complete. We now have Christmas items available. Thank you for your support and for your patronage.

## Upcoming Events

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary

1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary

1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 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

12/24 - 4th Sunday of Advent **SF ~ 8:30 am SJ ~ 10:30 am**

**SJ ~ 4 pm** Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the Night (Children's Mass)

**SF ~ 9 pm** Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the Night

12/25 - Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the day **SF ~ 8:30 am**

**SJ ~ 10:30 pm**

12/28 - Joint Pastoral Council Meeting

1/1/2024 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God **SF ~ 8:30 am**

**SJ ~ 10:30 am**

# St. Francis'

Thank you for your generosity in filling children's wishes purchasing gifts from the Christmas giving tree. Thank you brightening someone's Christmas.



**St. Francis' prayer group** meets each Wednesday at 2pm in St. Francis' John Paul II Hall. All are welcome. We meet again on 1/3/24.

## Schedule of Masses for December 24 & 25, 2023

### 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am St. Francis of Assisi

10:30 am St. Joseph's

### The Nativity of the Lord

#### (Christmas):

### at the Mass During the Night

4 pm St Joseph's

9 pm St. Francis of Assisi

### The Nativity of the Lord

#### (Christmas):

8:30 am St. Francis of Assisi

10:30 am St Joseph's

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### Our Giving:

"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."

Matthew 6:21

### ONLINE GIVING (E GIVING)

SJ text 12025 to 73256

SF text 12134 to 73256

or online at

<https://onrealm.org/StJosephsBroadalbin/Give>

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12/10/23	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	n/a / 107	103
Contribution	\$1,651 / \$1,270	\$2,612
Nov e-giving	\$648.40	\$1,427.90
Poor & Votive	\$9	\$48

## ~St. Francis' Library~

Rest & refresh with a book on prayer and spirituality. Find a book on a favorite Saint and learn more about them. Our shelves are full of books on different topics. Check out the shelves in the vestibule and on the cart in the John Paul II Hall.

*Snow is falling and books are calling...*

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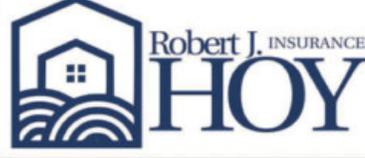


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