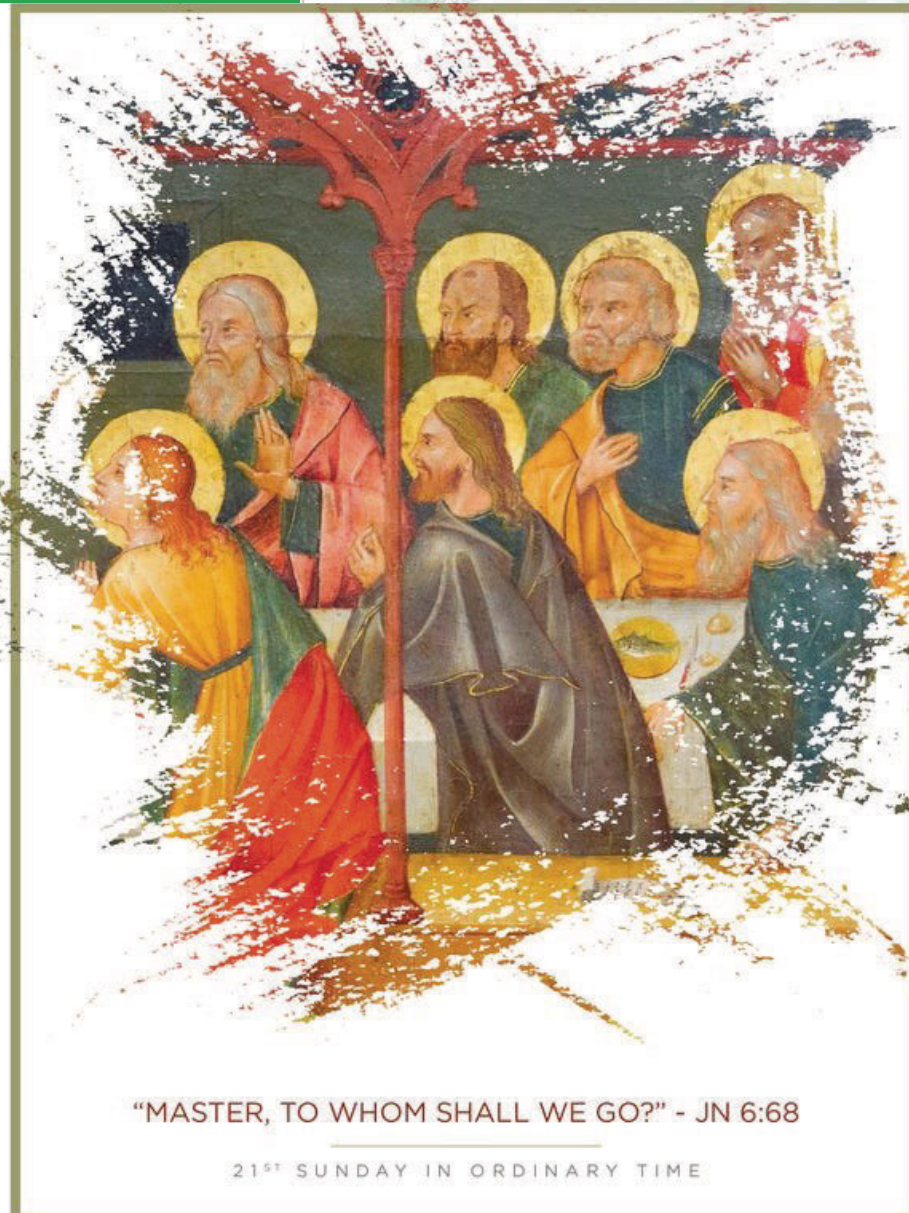


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"MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?" - JN 6:68

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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 (7/7- 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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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	Alesha Hoffman
Carm Greco	Judy Morrison

St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Saturday (24) 4 pm

James Yeager + Robert & Susan Zurlo

Sun (25) 10:30 am

Glenn Aery + Roxanne Aery
Geraldine King + Her daughter, Penny Szumowski

Mon (26) 8:30 am

Rev. George McKeon

Friday (30) 8:30 am

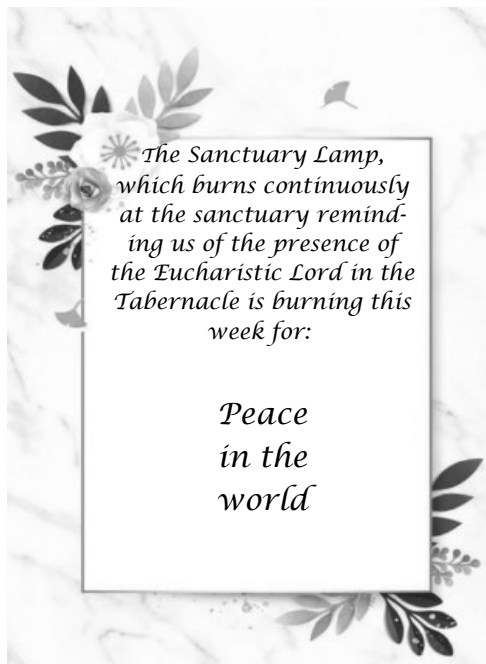
Annette Pugliese & Michael Malloy + Mary Pisanti
Patrick James Collins (1st anniv of death) + The family

Saturday (31) 4 pm

Laura McDermott + Barb Jones

Sun (1) 10:30 am

Rev. Ronald Matulewicz + Staff of St. Joseph's



St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sat. (24) 6 pm

Our parish family

Sun (25) 8:30 am

Maria Nelson + Capobianco family
IMO Joan & Bill Rumpf's 73rd anniversary + Capobianco family

Tuesday (27) 8:30 am

Rev. Bartholomew Gratton, Rev. Peter Driscoll, Rev. William Skelton, Rev. William Jillsky, Rev. Brian M Cronin

Thursday (29) 8:30 am

Rev. James J Payton, Rev. Michael Gaudio, Rev. William W Crandall, Rev. James Fitzmaurice

Sat. (31) 6 pm

Our parish family

Sun (1) 8:30 am

James J Wolfe + His family
Brian Scott + The Bauseweins
Living intention of Brianna Blackburn + Her family

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Life is difficult. We struggle each day as we try to balance our check books, our time, & our obligations. We come here to worship each week when we could be somewhere else, doing something else. Our faith, our sense of what God is calling us to do, and the Holy Spirit draws us here instead. But each Sunday it is ultimately our decision. We have made the decision to give this hour to the Lord. We are not the first to have to make this decision. The readings we hear today remind us that each of the Chosen People and each of Jesus' disciples were faced with the same decision. May their response inspire us.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple *remained* at the foot of the Cross." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "[The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice](#)"

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "**This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?**" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "**Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him**" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either. ~ *Father John Muir* ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Many followers of Jesus could not accept his teachings. To those that remained, he posed a simple question: "Do you also want to leave?" He asks us the same, every moment of every day. Let us answer with confidence, in all that we do: "Only you have the words of eternal life." ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024 ~ Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69; Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22; Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26; Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32; Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29; Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13; Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30; Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SJ Lector	8/31/24	P Cardone	SF Lector	8/31/24	B Saksen
	9/1/24	D Jankowski		9/1/24	A Frank

St. Joseph's

The **Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** is always looking for non-perishable food for local eligible families. Tuna, pudding & jello have been requested at this time.



Non food items are also welcome - toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers & personal hygienic items. Please drop all donations in the vestibule or the church office.

Pantry distribution is Monday @ 3:30-5pm & Thursday 9:30-11am.

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) 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
 Sept 2 ~ No Mass today. Offices closed in observance of Labor Day
 Sept 6 - SF 6 pm Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration & Benediction
 Sept 15 - SJ 9 am Gr 1-5 Religious Education Classes begin
 Sept 16 ~ SF 5:30 pm ~ Gr 1-5 Religious Education sign up
 October 4 - SJ 6 pm ~ Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration & Benediction

"Kindness Matters" ~ Kindness is contagious! Go out and love others the way you would like to be loved. Go out and be kind to everyone you encounter. Why? Because kindness matters.

St. Francis'

St. Francis' Annual Feast Day Raffle tickets have been distributed & mailed. Please make sure you return the ticket stubs & payment via the return addressed envelope in the mail or collection basket.

Prizes are:
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Support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the US & it's territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training & other programs that build vibrant faith communities here in the US.



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

SJ Religious Education

Grades 1-5: Classes begin on September 15, 2024.

Look for Ms. Bonnie Aldi after Masses soon to sign up.



Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

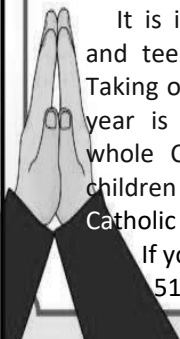
Religious Education

In need of Catechists

In addition to introducing students to the Church and helping them understand the importance of faith in life, Catholic education also extends an invitation to young people to follow Jesus Christ.

It is incredibly beneficial to guide our kids and teens through their religious education. Taking on volunteer work during the academic year is a rewarding endeavor. It takes the whole Christian community to train today's children and teenagers to become tomorrow's Catholic adults.

If you have any further questions, contact: 518-863-4736 (SF) or 518-883-3774 (SJ).



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

Matthew 6:21

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8/4/24	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 6 / 8:30
Attendance	78 / 140	48 / 151
Contribution	\$1,235 / \$1,615	\$336 / \$2,016
July e-giving	\$919.15	\$1,364.25
Poor & Votive	\$10	\$90

St. Joseph's Closet

Thrift Store hours:

Tues: 4-7 pm

Wed: 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday: 9 am - noon

Thank you for your support and for your patronage.

2024-25 SF Religious Education Class sign up

Monday, 9/16/24 @ 5:30 in the John Paul II Hall

St. Francis' Rosary Society

presents our annual

Fall Fashion Show

August 30th @ 7pm

\$7 admission

We'll have refreshments, a Basket Raffle & fashions by

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Proceeds to benefit the Rosary Society

St. Francis' prayer group meets each Wednesday at 2 pm in St. Francis' St. John Paul II Hall.

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