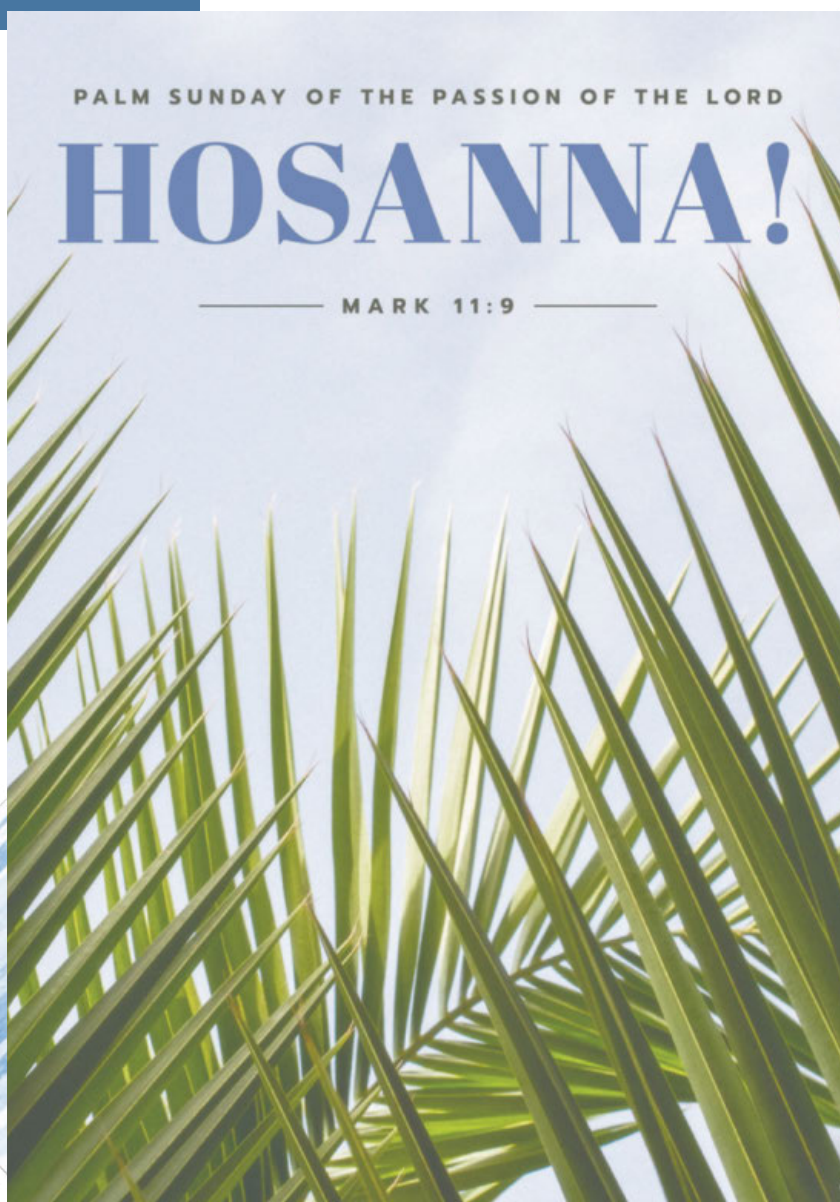


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ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

PALM SUNDAY



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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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.

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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Saturday (23) 4 pm

Patricia Slezak + Theresa Ferguson
AJ Smullen + Jim & Diane Jankowski

Sun (24) 8:30 am

George Lee + DelliVeneri family

Mon (25) 8:30 am

Rev. William Stanton DeLee, Rev. Jonas Ruokis

Holy Thursday (28) 7 pm

For both parishes

Good Friday (29) 7 pm

For both parishes

Holy Saturday (30) 8 pm

Joe Cardone, Jr & Glen & Helen Cole + Pat Cardone

Sun (31) 10:30 am

Vito & Tony Ottati + Pat Ottati

Jon DuBois,

Addie & Paul Gallacchi + Ron & Paula Cornell

Patrick James Collins * Collins family & Grandma

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (24) 8:30 am

Genevieve Koval + Rick Koval
Peter Veltri + Ann Veltri

Tuesday (26) 8:30 am

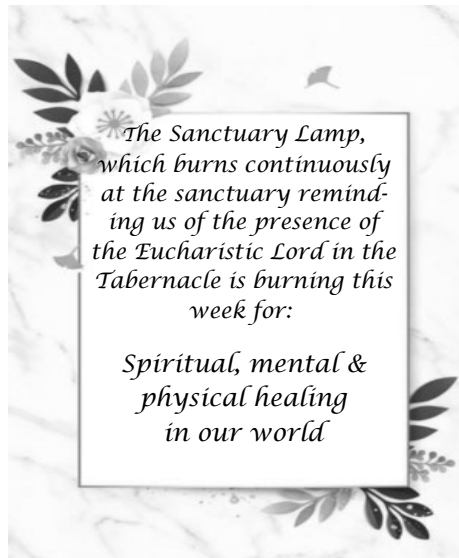
Rev. John B P Lefebvre, Rev. William F Lenahan,
Rev. Frederick H Duffy, Rev. Joseph E Keyrouze

Thursday (28) 8:30 am

No morning Mass today

Sun (24) 8:30 am

Lucille Javino Lambreau & deceased members of the
Howell family + Margaret Howell
Doug Chamberlain + DelliVeneri family



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day ~ We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling down God's blessing upon the symbol that today's feast is named for: the palm branches that were used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem. "Hosanna!" the crowds accompanying him cried out, praising the Son of Man as he rode into the holy city. "Hosanna!" the residents called out, eager to witness firsthand what this miracle worker would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the holiest week of the year, the week when we recall Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (The Gospel of Life 95).

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister & her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "**looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve**" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter & "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024 ~ Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39; Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11; Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38; Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25; Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15; Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42; Saturday: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7; Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

SJ Lector

3/28/24 (at SJ) B Aldi, R Koval

3/30/24 (at SJ) J Ferguson, M Doyle, B Saksen, P Cardone, J Naple

3/31/24 (10:30 @ SJ) B Aldi

SF Lector

3/29/24 (at SJ) D Walendziak, Y Gifford

3/31/24 (8:30 @ SF) C Lott

St. Joseph's



Named for the Most Reverend John McCloskey, 1st bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany (1847), the McCloskey Society offers a special way to invest in the work of the Bishop & his team in serving the spiritual, educational, and charitable needs of our families across 14 counties. Members support the Diocesan Appeal with an annual leadership gift of \$1,000 or more, providing a transformational impact on sustaining & growing a vital, vibrant & life-giving community of faith. (NOTE: Gifts to the Diocesan Appeal are NOT used for the settlement of legal cases as they must be utilized to fund the operating budgets of those Diocesan departments to the Diocesan Appeal per your intent as a donor.)

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
- March 26 - SF - 8:30 am Morning Prayers - Liturgy of the Hours
- March 27 - SF - 8:30 am - Mass w/ confession after Mass
- March 28 - **Holy Thursday** -SJ- Potluck Seder @ 5:30 pm, Mass @ 7pm
SJ - Vigil - Adoration until 11 pm
- March 29 - **Good Friday** - SF - 9 am Morning Prayer
SJ - 7 pm
- March 30 - **Holy Saturday** - SF - 9am Morning Prayer
SJ - 8PM
- March 31 - **Easter Sunday** - SF 8:30 am SJ 10:30 am
- April 21 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5
- May 5 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5
- May 23 - SJ - 7pm Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
- July 18, 19 & 20 ~ SJ Festival

St. Francis's



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Please make a generous donation today and join us in praying that we may grow closer to God by serving one another this Lent.



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the pontifical **Good Friday Collection**, which helps **Christians in the Holy Land**. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools & offer religious education, It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:

Tues: 4-7 pm
Wed: 10 am - 1 pm
Saturday: 9 am - noon

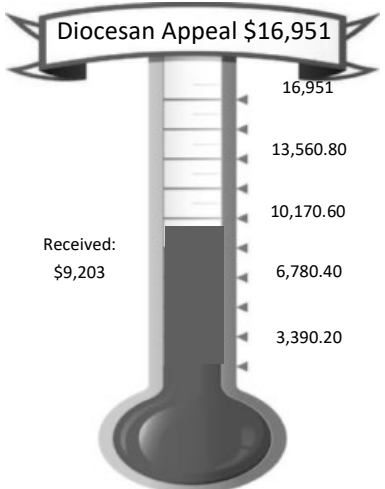
Thank you for your support and for your patronage.

Faith Formation

Grades 1-5: **3/24/24** Class
3/31/24 No Class, Easter Sunday
4/7/24 Class

Grades 6-10:
3/25/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45
4/1/24 No Class, Easter/Spring Break
4/8/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45

The Village Wide Garage Sale is May 4th. We need people to volunteer to work at this fundraiser. Also, if you have saleable household items to donate (NO CLOTHING), please bring them to the garage. Call Debbie Saksen @ 518-863-8021 with questions.



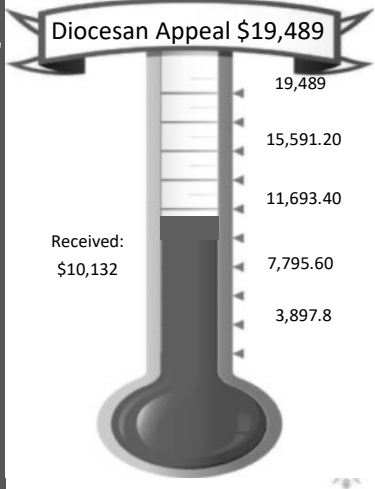
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"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."
Matthew 6:21

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	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	60 / 81	44
Contribution	\$1,168/ \$650.75	\$1,126
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