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2024

# ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



BUT WHO DO  
YOU SAY THAT  
**I AM?**

MARK 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"CATECHISTS ARE  
PEOPLE WHO KEEP  
THE MEMORY  
OF GOD ALIVE;  
THEY KEEP IT ALIVE  
IN THEMSELVES  
AND THEY ARE  
ABLE TO REVIVE  
IT IN OTHERS."

- POPE FRANCIS

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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

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**St. Joseph's Mass Intentions**

**Saturday (14) 4 pm**

George Lockyer + MaryLou Lockyer

**Sun (15) 10:30 am**

Perla Santiago + Myrna Lyons  
Mario Bono + Knights of Columbus 7629

**Mon (16) 8:30 am**

No Mass today

**Friday (20) 8:30 am**

Catherine & Vincenzo Vallone & deceased family. + Mary Pisanti

**Saturday (21) 4 pm**

Our parish family

**Sun (22) 10:30 am**

Barbara, John & Henry Rosenzweig + The Palmers

**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

**Sun (15) 8:30 am**

Michael Chvilicek + Rick Koval  
Living intention for Sue MacGregor + Theresa Cumming

**Tuesday (17) 8:30 am**

No Mass today

**Thursday (19) 8:30 am**

No Mass today

**Sun (22) 8:30 am**

Sidney Junquera + Jackie & family  
Linda Rispoli + Rick Koval



**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY** ~ Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. That's quite a mouthful, but it means that by dying on the cross, which he willingly accepted, Jesus was exalted. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides in his disciples for the first time that he would be persecuted and killed. Then turning to the entire crowd, he tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives they can save them. Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine (99) righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)\*." \*NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

**(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your ordinary moments** By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~ **Take Up Your Cross** ~ When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

*"I called and you listened."*

*"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"*

*"What were you thinking?"*

*"Your service made things better."*

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job! You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24*

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ "Take up your cross and follow me," Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as he loves us. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2024** ~ Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35; Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10; Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17; Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35; Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50; Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3; Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13; Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16 - 4:3/Mk 9:30-37

SJ Lector	9/21/24	J Raven	SF Lector	
	9/22/24	Students	9/22/24	L Griesemer

# St. Joseph's

## SJ Religious Education

Grades 1-5: Classes begin this weekend on 9/15/2024.

Find Ms. Bonnie Aldi after Masses to sign up.

# 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 15 - SJ 9 am Gr 1-5 Religious Education Classes begin
- Sept 16 ~ SF 5:30 pm ~ Gr 1-5 Religious Education sign up
- Oct 4 ~ SJ 6 pm ~ Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration & Benediction
- Oct ~ 5 & 6 Birthright Baby Bottle Boomerang
- Oct 12 ~ SF 9-3 ~ Columbus Day Craft Fair in John Paul II Hall
- Oct 10 ~ Finance Council Meeting ~ SF 4pm ~ SJ 7pm
- Oct 24 ~ 7pm ~ Joint Pastoral Council Meeting

# St. Francis'

2024-25 SF Religious Education Class sign up Monday, 9/16/24 @ 5:30 in the John Paul II Hall

### Diocesan Women's Conference

Where: St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Speakers: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger and Laura Phelps (National Catholic Speaker, Author, Walking with Purpose Content Creation Manager, and Podcaster)

Register: [www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove](http://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove)

Conference includes: Three Presentations, Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, Mass, lunch, and beverages.



## Religious Education

### We need 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 children 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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## Health Care Professionals and Respect Life Month

Mass w/ Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger ~ Please join us to celebrate healthcare workers & Respect Life Month. This Mass celebrates & supports healthcare workers and fulfills the Sunday Mass obligation. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists & all health care professionals are invited to attend as we ask God's blessing for our work. Family, friends & the public are encouraged to attend to help pray for, support & celebrate our health care community. This Mass gathers healthcare professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask for God's blessings on doctors, nurses, patients & caregivers alike.

In anticipation of Respect Life Month, this Mass provides Catholics across the diocese the opportunity to come together to witness to the inherent equality & transcendent value of every human being. During the Mass, we give thanks to God for the gift of human life, and pray for His guidance and blessings on our efforts to defend the most vulnerable members of the human family.

Saturday, September 28, 2024 4 PM at the Parish of Mater

Christi, 40 Hopewell St. Albany, NY 12208 For more information, please email [mary.fay@rcda.org](mailto:mary.fay@rcda.org)



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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. Pet food is also appreciated.

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



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

Matthew 6:21

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

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8/25/24	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 6 / 8:30
Attendance	93 / 103	42 / 164
Contribution	\$1,098.60 / \$817	\$303 / \$2,587
July e-giving	\$919.15	\$1,364.25
Poor & Votive	n/a	\$55
Cath. Home Mission	\$178.65 / 375	\$ 87 / \$478

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

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