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MOTHER'S DAY
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

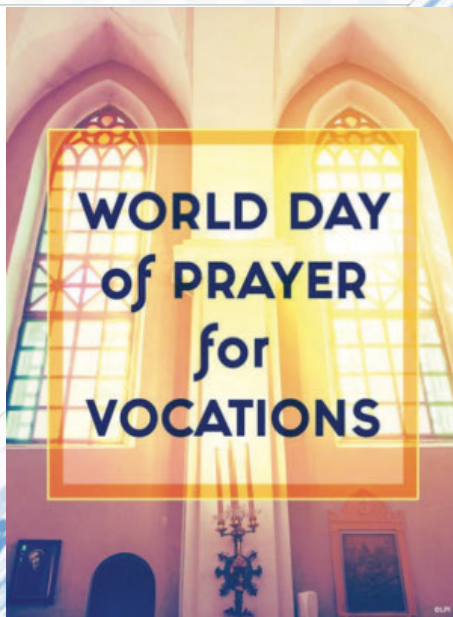
**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!**

MARY IS
THE MOTHER
WHO WATCHES
OVER US,
HER CHILDREN,
ON OUR
JOURNEY
THROUGH LIFE,
OFTEN WEARY
AND IN NEED,
ANXIOUS THAT
THE LIGHT OF
HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48



**WORLD DAY
of PRAYER
for
VOCATIONS**



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 (summer only)
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
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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 (10) 4 pm

Thomas Bryk + Barbara Jones
John Davidczuk + Knights of Columbus #7629
Stephanie Pischel + Evelyn Motyl & Pat Van Deusen

Sunday (11) 10:30 am

Our parish family

Monday (12) 8:30 am

Rev. Joseph H Fitzgerald, Msgr. James A Nolan, Rev. Michael Mahoney, Rev. James Brennock, Rev. Arthur G Kehoe, S.J., Rev. Romaeus Cooney

Friday (16) 8:30 am

Rev. Matthew K Merns, Dcn. William G Stalter

Saturday (17) 4 pm

Pasquale & Teresa Iovino + Tony & Terry Russell
George & MaryLou Lockyer + Christine Lockyer

Sunday (18) 10:30 am

Stephanie Pischal + St. Joseph's Altar Rosary Society
John & Barbara Rosenzweig + Richard & Cheryl Palmer
MaryLou Lockyer + Sandra Smarup

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (11) 8:30 am

Our parish family

Tuesday (13) 8:30 am

Mary Lewek + David & Yolanda Gifford

Thursday (15) 8:30 am

Rev. FX Lavaille, Rev. Joseph J Szarek, Rev. Francis E Hussellbeck

Sunday (18) 8:30 am

Robert Junquera + Marlene Junquera
Genevieve Koval + Rick Koval
Andrew Galligan + Betty Richardson

*The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns
continuously at the sanc-
tuary
reminding us of the
presence of the
Eucharistic Lord in the
Tabernacle is burning this
week for:*

Our mothers

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ How appropriate it is to celebrate Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday on the same day! Many of us are fortunate to have mothers who have cared for us, comforted us, and protected us, much as shepherds do for their flocks. A mothers' love is an example of the Good Shepherd's love for each of us. Let us give thanks for all those who have mothered us and shepherded us throughout our lives.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. "Why is this happening? Where are you taking me? What comes next?" But the beautiful thing is, I don't actually need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.

We Don't Follow Strangers ~ I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled "What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair" or "Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile At You." Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all — I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you *do* know, but that's another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they're older).

If someone says, "Hey, follow me," and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. "Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"

But if someone we know and love and trust says, "Hey, follow me," we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better? ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025 ~ Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30; Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10; Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30; Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17; Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20; Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6; Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14; Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SJ Lector 5/17/25 ~ C Pifko 5/18/25 ~ K Murray
SF Lector 5/18/25 ~ J Ferguson

St. Joseph's

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Save the dates!

July 17, 18 & 19, 2025

Volunteer today - forms are in the vestibule..



Calling all raffle basket creators ~ We are accepting baskets for the Annual Summer Festival's Basket Raffle in the office.

St. Joseph's Closet Thrift Store hours:

Tues: 4-7 pm

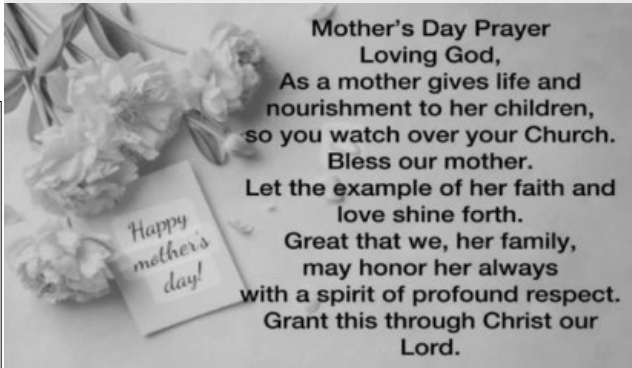
Wed: 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm

Thank you for your support & patronage

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
5/24 ~ Auriesville Shrine 10 - 3:30 ~ Padre Pio Relic exhibition
5/24 ~ SF 6pm ~ Mass (Summer Masses begin 7/5/25)
6/12 ~ Finance Council Meeting 4pm @ SF; 7pm @ SJ
6/26 ~ Joint Pastoral Council 7 pm
July 17, 18 & 19 SJ ~ Annual Summer Festival



Mother's Day Prayer
Loving God,
As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mother.
Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.
Great that we, her family, may honor her always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

St. Francis'

Fund raising news:

Our **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser** raised \$6,130. Thank you to the Lanzi's for hosting & sponsoring this annual event. The **Village Garage Sale** raised \$1,155. Thank you to everyone that donated & worked last weekend. Special thanks to the Saksens & Barlows.

ST. FRANCIS LIBRARY NEWS We are delighted to invite you to explore our Religious Book Library, located in the church vestibule & the cart in the hall. The library is a treasure trove of spiritual wisdom, offering a wide range of books that cater to all ages & interests. Whether you're seeking to deepen your faith, find inspiration, or simply enjoy a good read, our library has something for everyone. Let's grow together in faith & knowledge, one book at a time.



Congratulations to St. Joseph's children making their Confirmation:
Jayden Aldi, Jacob Orapello, Lucas Taylor, Paige Tyler, Kelsey Walter, Anthony Zierak
Congratulations to St. Francis of Assisi's children making their Confirmation:
Jenna Kemp & Justin Kemp

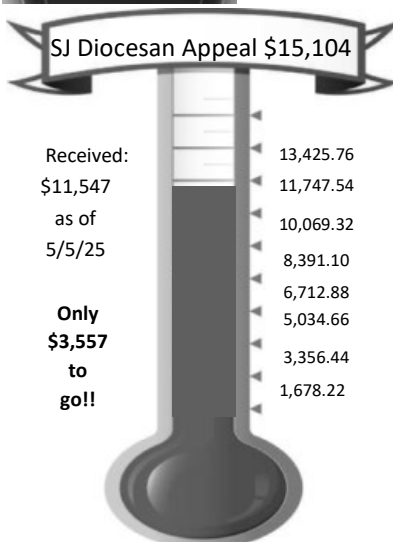


Blessing of the graduates: Fr. Jun will be offering a blessing for this year's graduating seniors on Sunday, 6/1 @ the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph's. Congratulations to all!

BIRTHRIGHT of Ballston Spa Mother's Day Carnations— Birthright of Ballston Spa is offering fresh carnations for a \$1 donation after all masses at **St. Joseph's** this weekend, in celebration of Mother's Day. At **St. Francis**, the Knights of Columbus purchased the carnations & hand them out to our mothers on Sunday. The proceeds from the sales will benefit women who need support through a crisis pregnancy. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

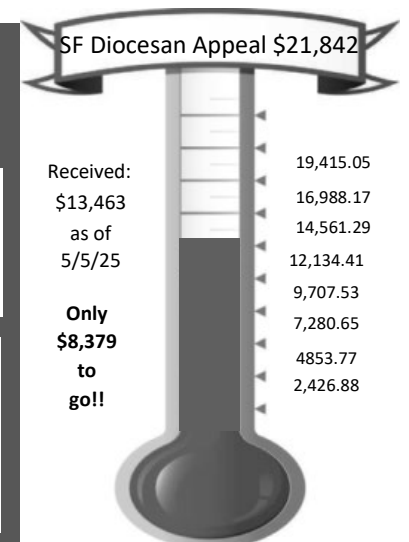


What happens if my parish falls short of the goal? The diocesan Stewardship & Development office partners closely with each parish to do our shared-best at reaching the Appeal goal to ensure continuation and introduction of new services, programs and ministries provided to each parish by the Diocesan Pastoral Center. New in 2020, the diocesan Stewardship & Development office has removed the logistical burdens that were previously put on parish staff/volunteers to manage the Diocesan Appeal program within the parish. If the parish does not reach their assessment amount by June 30th, they will be invoiced for the balance to ensure the funds needed to sustain these pastoral initiatives.



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

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4/20/25	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	220	148
Contribution	\$2,141	\$1,976
April e-giving	\$1,003.50	\$1,089.25
Poor & Votive	\$18	\$41
Easter Sunday	\$1,365.95	\$977



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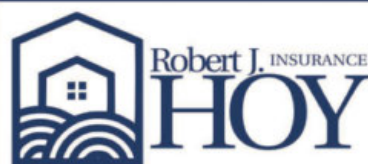
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