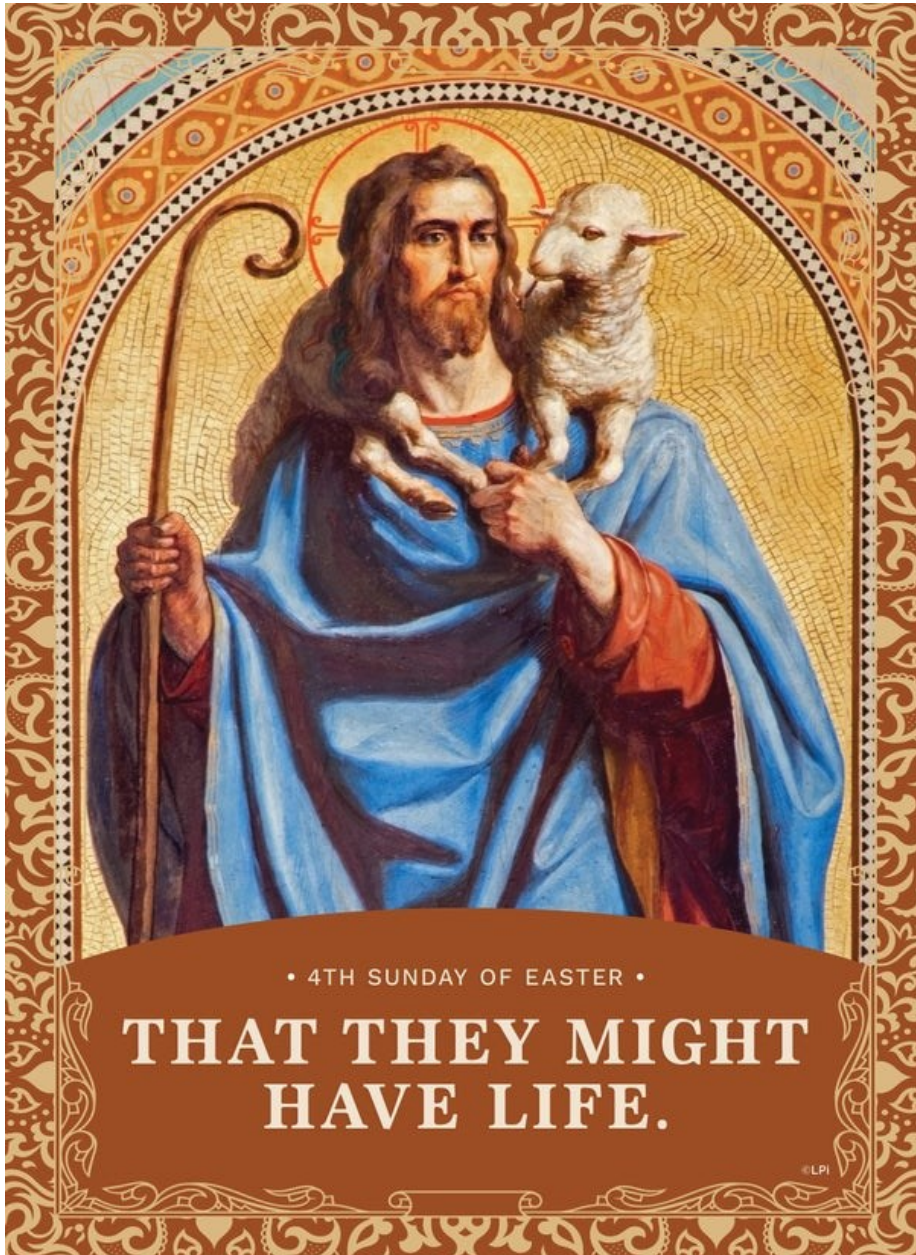


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APRIL 26, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am
St. Joseph

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St. Joseph's
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
Or by appointment

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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
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (April 25)

George & Teddy Pifko by Carol & George Pifko
Susan Simeone by Roberta Doblewski

Sunday (April 26)

Peter G. Moran, Jr. by We Are Seven

Monday (April 27) Parish Family of SJ

Friday (May 1) Parish Family of SJ

Saturday (May 2)

Dr. Peter Bluvass by Roberta Doblewski

Sunday (May 3)

Parish Family of SJ

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The intention and donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin. The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20. Please call the office for scheduling requests.



ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (April 26)

Evie Adams by St. Francis Parish

Richard Paul Henriques

by Amelia Henriques

Tuesday (April 21)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Thursday (April 23)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Sunday (May 3)

Kimberly Koval by Rick Koval

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: Today we hear Jesus make a wonderful promise to us and all those who follow Him. He promises that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." This is why he came, He tells the crowds. Since we know now that Jesus came to bring salvation to the world, we realize he was speaking of eternal life with God as the more abundant life we can have. Let us listen for the call of the Good Shepherd so we might follow him to the verdant pastures of abundance.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind."

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



World Day of Prayer for Vocations: In our politically charged society, I imagine many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not one likes the politics of the author of that quote, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community. For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20). We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete. *Let us pray... God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart. We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead. Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

St. Joseph

Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them.

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518-883-3774

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) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Each Wednesday—SF 2 pm—Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall
April 24/25 & May 1-3— SF Northville Garage Sale
Month of May—SJ Pray the Rosary before weekend Mass
May 3—First Communion at St. Francis and St. Joseph's
May 3—SF Fundraiser Dinner from Sport Island Pub
July 16, 17, 18—SJ Annual Summer Festival

St. Francis

Mass Intentions: Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may stop in or call the office. St. Joseph's 518-883-3774 St. Francis' 518-863-4736.

Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing, and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

Please join in praying the Rosary for World Peace, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, this Friday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.



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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF ARIANNA LANZI

Tickets: \$15
Diners' pickup May 3rd
Between Noon & 4 p.m.
Sport Island Pub

Proceeds of the fundraiser are for the building repairs.

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St. Joseph's Closet Thrift Store hours:

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

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Diocesan Appeal

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



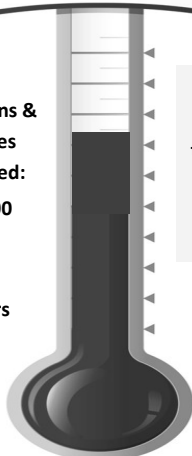
Northville Village Wide garage sale will be held **this weekend and next weekend**, May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Donations of household items may be dropped off at the garage..

SJ Diocesan Appeal \$14,243

Donations & Pledges Received:
\$8,300

49 Donors

Balance needed to reach goal
\$5,943



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

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SF text 12134 to 73256

or online at

<https://onrealm.org/StJosephsBoadalbin/Give>
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April 5 Attendance	SJ 4:00 / 10:30 74 / 196	SF 8:30 139
Contribution	\$767.00 / \$2,954.00	\$1,766.00
3/30—4/3 E-Giving	\$187.80	\$ 228.85
Poor & Votive		\$ 29.00

SF Diocesan Appeal \$23,715

Balance needed to reach goal
\$14,507

Donations & Pledges Received:
\$9,208
40 Donors



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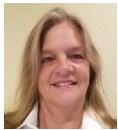
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