

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

MAY 3, 2026

“ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ”



Our First Communicants

From St. Francis: *Lillian St. Onge*
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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

PASTORAL STAFF

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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	Judy Morrison
Carm Greco	William D. Saksen III

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (May 2)

Dr. Peter Bluvast by Roberta Dombleski

Sunday (May 3)

Parish Family of SJ & The Souls in Purgatory

Monday (May 4) Parish Family of SJ

Friday (May 8) Parish Family of SJ

Saturday (May 9)

Chrissy Masone by Ron & Miky Masone

Sunday (May 10)

Parish Family of SJ & The Souls in Purgatory



ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (May 3)

Kimberly Koval by Rick Koval

Tuesday (May 5)

Julia Skifo by Todd & Julie Whitney

Thursday (May 7)

Rev. John Van Leeuwen

Sunday (May 10)

Birthday of May Frances Subade
Special Intention of
Michael Crowley

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: On the night before he died, Jesus assured his disciples that “in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places...I am going to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2). Jesus knew that their faith would be severely tested and their hope would be dashed in the coming days. Our faith and hope waver as well. May the words of our Lord in today’s Gospel reassure us through our doubts and despair about our future. God’s house has a place for each of us.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it. It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful? But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life. Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive. The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

WITNESSES FOR JESUS—This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking. What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can’t make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God’s hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen. —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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 St. Francis' office
 518-863-4736
 St. Joseph's office
 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
Month of May—SJ Pray the Rosary before weekend Mass
 May 3—SF Fundraiser Dinner from Sport Island Pub
 May 3—First Holy Communion at both parishes
 May 14 Thursday—Ascension of the Lord, Mass 8:30 am SF
 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.

BIRTHRIGHT of Ballston Spa – will be offering fresh carnations after all Masses next weekend, Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10, in celebration of Mother's Day. At SF, The Knights of Columbus purchase the Carnations and distribute them to the Mothers in the congregation. At SJ's, the carnations are available for a \$1 donation. The proceeds from this sale will benefit women who need support through a crisis pregnancy. Your support is truly appreciated.



Thursday,
 May 14,
 8:30 a.m.
 Mass at
 St. Francis
 Of Assisi

Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Albany on May 24, 2026 at Christ Our Light - RC Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY at 1:30 pm Praise, Worship and Mass. Presider: The Most Reverend Mark O'Connell, Bishop of Albany. Reception afterwards in parish hall. Sign up is necessary for the count for caterers. Call 518-459-6635

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF ARIANNA LANZI
 Tickets: \$15
 Pickup Dinners May 3rd Between Noon & 4 p.m. at Sport Island Pub
 Proceeds of the fundraiser are for SF building repairs.

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July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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

Northville Village Wide garage sale **ends this weekend**. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped out, and supported our sale.



SJ Diocesan Appeal \$14,243



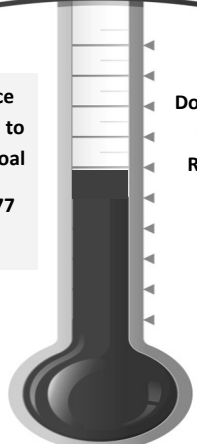
Donations & Pledges Received: **\$8,500**
 49 Donors
 Balance needed to reach goal: **\$5,743**

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SJ text 12025 to 73256 SF text 12134 to 73256
 or online at
<https://onrealm.org/StJosephsBoadalbin/Give>
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April 12 Attendance	SJ 4:00 / 10:30 54 / 110	SF 8:30 86
Contribution	\$928.00 / \$963.00	\$1,880.00
4/6—4/10 E-Giving	\$227.80	\$ 252.10
Poor & Votive	35.00	\$ 13.00

SF Diocesan Appeal \$23,715



Balance needed to reach goal: **\$14,377**
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 Donations & Pledges Received: **\$9,338**

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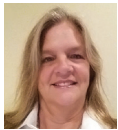


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