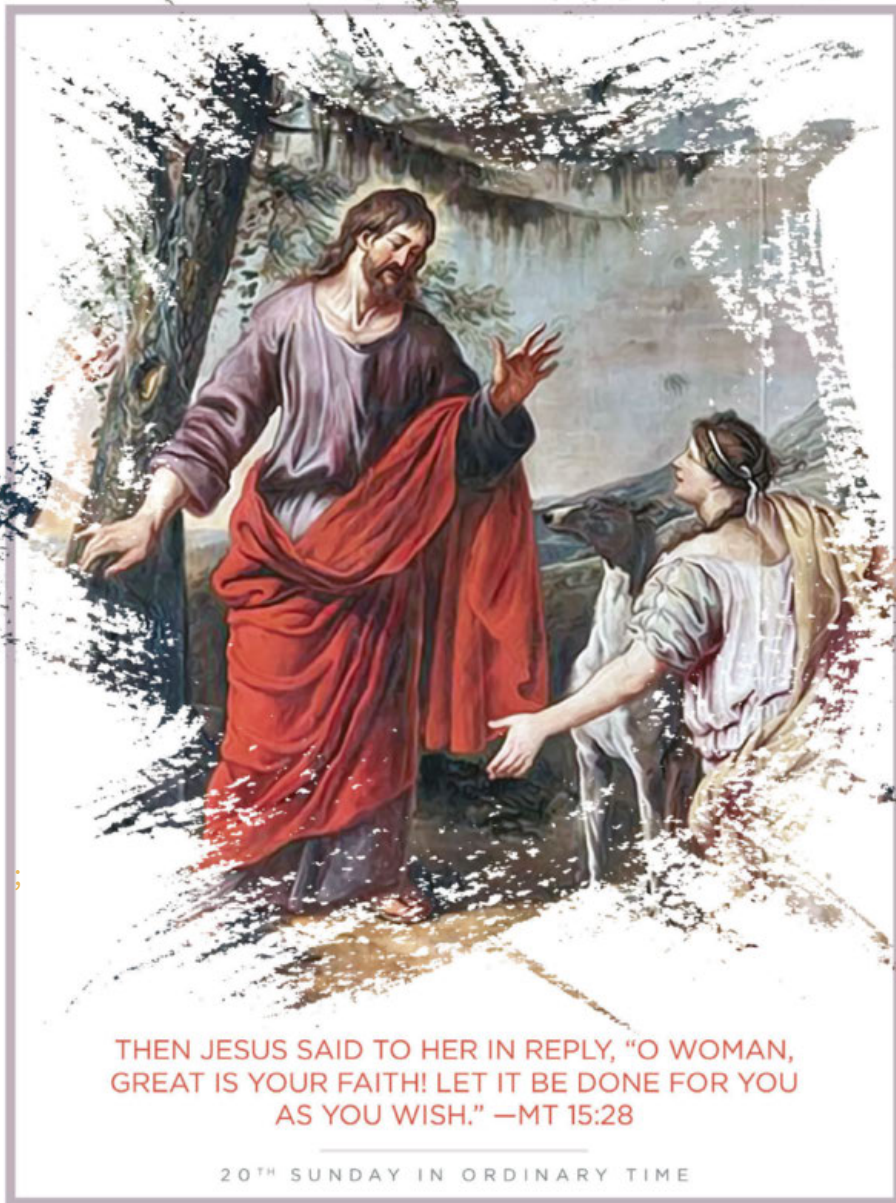


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ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY, "O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH." —MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Welcome!

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
(7/1/23-9/2/23)
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.

St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Sat (19) 4 pm

Theo Higgins + George & Carol Pifko
Al Ferguson + George & Carol Pifko

Sun (20) 10:30 am

Peggie & Maureen Russell + Teresa & Tony Russell
Mary Della Posta + Her family

Mon (21) 8:30 am

Mila Cole + Pat Cardone

Fri (25) 8:30 am

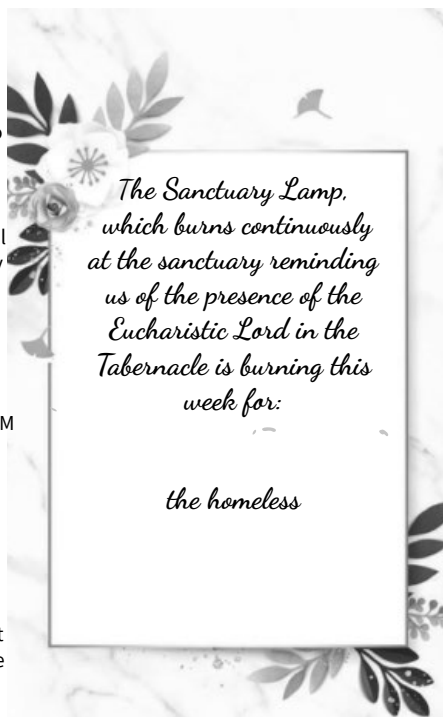
Rev. James Delaney, Rev. Patrick F Scully, Rev. John M Meally, Rev. Harry J Donaghy

Saturday (26) 4 pm

Alfred Ferguson + Herba family
Carol Hadcock + SJ Altar Rosary Society

Sun (27) 10:30 am

Carol Hadcock + Staff of St. Joseph's Closet
Alfred Ferguson + Pat Cardone



St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sat (19) 6 pm

Our parish family

Sun (20) 8:30 am

Roy & Esther Edwards + Cynthia & Bill Cromie
Richard Paul Henriques + Amelia Henriques
Manolita Cadiz Algenio + Amelia Henriques

Tuesday (22) 8:30 am

Rev. John F Riley, Dcn. John E Glennon

Thursday (24) 8:30 am

Rev. Francis Gunn (13 years) + The parish family
Lenny Forgette + Tom & Judy Black

Sat (26) 6 pm

Bernadette Nendza + Cathy Olds & Carol Schery

Sun (27) 8:30 am

Lenny Forgette + Tom & Judy Black

Introduction to the Liturgy of the day ~ In today's first reading, we hear God tell Isaiah, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." We are gathered here today in a house of prayer, and so we welcome all people who have come here today to join together to pray to God in praise, in petition, and in thanksgiving. Let us lift up our voices in prayer to our God.

Word of Life ~ "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities How to Build a Culture of Life

Gospel Meditation ~ The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

Father John Muir

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK: "O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered. ©LPi

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023: Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28; Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22; Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30; Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16; Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51; Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40; Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12; Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

SJ Lector

8/26/23

J Naple

8/27/23

D Jankowski

SF Lector

8/26/23

Y Gifford

8/27/23

A Frank



Thank you all for your generosity to the 8/6/23 collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. **Together, our churches collected \$1,897.70.** St. Francis of Assisi parishioners donated \$881, while St. Joseph's parishioners donated \$1,013.70.

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

9/2 - SF - 6 pm Last Saturday Mass of the summer season
 9/7 - SF - 7pm Fall Fashion Show
 10/4 - SF - Feast of St. Francis Mass
 Potluck dinner & raffle drawing
 10/7 - SF - Annual Fall Craft Fair
 10/20-22 - Auriesville Shrine - NYS Eucharistic Congress
 11/23 - Thanksgiving - SF 8:30 Mass
 SJ 10:30 Mass
 12/3 - Advent begins



Calling all crafters - Save this date - October 7, 2023 for our Craft Fair. We are in need of craft items and volunteers to help with this event. Please call Marlene Junquera (518-863-4032) if interested in helping or donating a craft item or basket, feel free to bring donations to the office on Tuesday & Thursday from 8 - 3, or leave items on the front porch.

NYS Eucharistic Congress

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharist adoration, opportunities for confession, inspiring music and more.

For details and to register, log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>.

If you do not have a computer, please call the office & we will register you for this once in a lifetime event.

Fall Fashion Show

September 8th @ 7 pm

\$7 admission

We will have refreshments, a Basket Raffle and the latest fall fashions by Just Because Boutique.



Strengthening the Church at Home

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States & its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day Celebration Raffle

Tickets are \$5 each.

Grand prize \$1,000
 \$500 second prize
 \$250 (Two) third prizes

Winning tickets will be drawn on
 October 4, 2023
 during the Potluck dinner

All proceeds are for the benefit of St. Francis of Assisi Church's utilities & heating costs.

St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:

Tuesday: 4-7 pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1 pm

Saturday: 9 am - noon

Thank you for the items you donate, and for your patronage.

Our Giving:

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

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8/6/23	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 6 / 8:30
Attendance	76 / 133	40 / 190
Contribution	\$1,347.35 / \$1,553	\$364 / \$3,148
July e-giving	\$927.80	\$1,072.90
Poor & Votive	\$27	\$73
Prop. of the Faith	\$371 / \$642.70	\$148 / \$733

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