

**DEC
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2023**

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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 (7/6/23-9/1/24)
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
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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Sat (2) 4 pm

Kristin Bradt

+ Laura Lee Bradt

Sun (3) 10:30 am

Daniel Mochrie

Joseph Miller

+ Lois Munnelly

+ Ann Frasier

Mon (4) 8:30 am

Rev. PO Renaud

Fri (8) 8:30 am Feast of the Immaculate Conception

For our parish family

Saturday (9) 4 pm

Concetta & Thomas Zeppieri

Michael & Ellen Brady

+ Tony & Teresa Russell

+ Brady family

Sun (10) 10:30 am

Deceased Rosenzweig & Palmer family members

+ Rick & Cheryl Palmer

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (3) 8:30 am

Jane Locke

Marianne Bianco

+ Jim & Katy Ryan

+ family & friends

Tuesday (5) 8:30 am

Rev. James W Shaughnessy, Rev. Harold McKeon

Thursday (7) 8:30 am

Rev. Francis Valitutti, Rev. William Pape

Sun (10) 8:30 am

Jane Locke

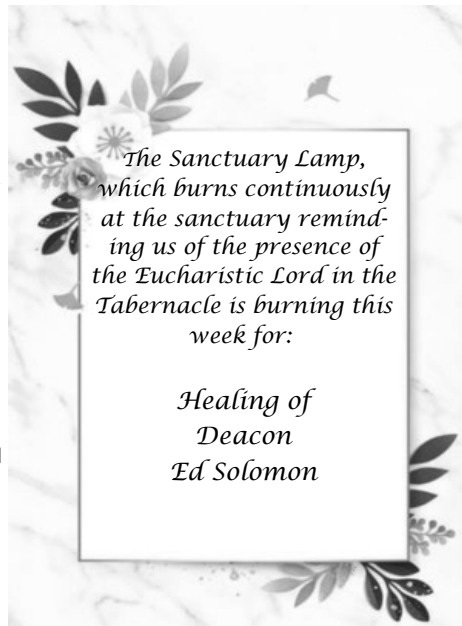
Richard Paul Henriques

Manolito Cadiz Algerio

+ Rick Koval

+ Amelia Henriques

+ Amelia Henriques



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Bombarded with Christmas decorations and music for weeks now, we are undoubtedly already anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. But today we are reminded that Christ's coming was not a single, one-time-only event. In the Gospel Jesus warns us that he will come again when we least expect. He is referring to the end of the world, but in truth he can also come to us in our hearts at any time: during a traumatic event, in a chance encounter with a stranger, or even through someone who's prematurely spreading the Christmas spirit. May we remain vigilant for our Lord's coming in whatever way or whatever time it may happen.

WORD OF LIFE ~ The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too. Father John Muir ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023: Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37; Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11; Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24; Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37; Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27; Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38; Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8; Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

SJ Lector		SF Lector	
12/9/23	D Walendziak		
12/10/23	Students	12/10/23	J Morrison

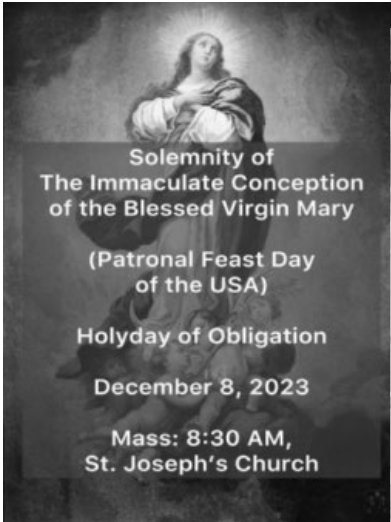
St. Joseph's



The Broadalbin Ecu-
menical Food Pantry is
asking for donations of
pancake syrup, fla-
vored gelatin, & pudding mix.

St. Joseph's has been asked
this year with providing turkey
gravy &/or \$25 gift certificates
from Target or Walmart for the
Christmas food baskets which
the food pantry provides to eligi-
ble families.

Please drop off all donations in
the vestibule or the church
office. As always, only food that
has not expired will be accepted.



THE SJ CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
went up on Nov. 25. Please
choose a tag & complete the
sign-in sheet. Return the
wrapped gift with the tag by
Sunday, Dec 12th & confirm on
the sheet that you've dropped
off the gift. Thank you for your
Christmas generosity.

St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:

Tuesday: 4-7 pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1 pm

Saturday: 9 am - noon

Our reorganization is almost
complete. We now have
Christmas items available.

Thank you for your
support and for
your patronage.

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

12/5 - SF - 6 pm Advent Communal Penance Service

12/8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12/19 - **SF ~ 5 pm** Christmas Potluck dinner

12/21 - Finance Council Meeting **SF ~ 4 pm**

SJ ~ 7 pm

12/22 - **SJ ~ 5 pm** Christmas Potluck Dinner

12/24 - 4th Sunday of Advent **SF ~ 8:30 am** **SJ ~ 10:30 am**

SJ ~ 4 pm Nativity of the Lord at the Vigil Mass (Children's Mass)

SF ~ 9 pm Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the Night

12/25 - Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the day SF ~ 8:30 am

SJ ~ 10:30 pm

12/28 - Joint Pastoral Council Meeting

1/1/2024 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God SF ~ 8:30 am

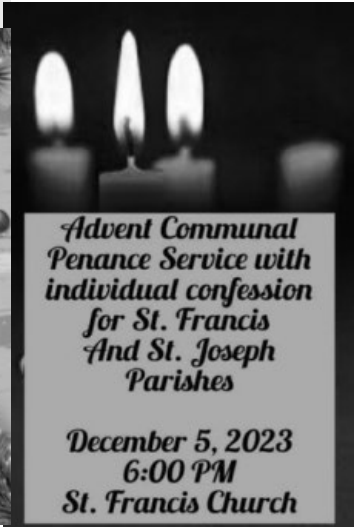
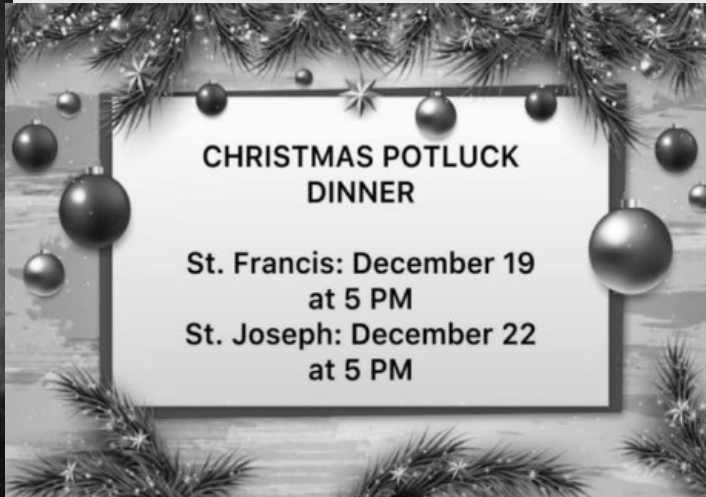
SJ ~ 10:30 am

St. Francis'

Our Christmas Giving Tree

will be set up on Dec. 3.
Please choose a tag & fill in
the sign in sheet. Return the
wrapped gift with the tag
attached by Sunday, Dec.
17. Thank you brightening
someone's Christmas.

St. Francis' prayer group
meets each Wednesday at
2pm in St. Francis' John Paul
II Hall. All are always wel-
come. We are happy to lift
your intention in prayer. Feel
free to join us.



Those wishing to honor a loved on during
the celebration of Mass may do so by calling
the office. Mass cards are available for the
living, deceased & for healing; Masses pro-
vide opportunities for prayerful remem-
brance of special occasions.

Our Giving:

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

Matthew 6:21

ONLINE GIVING (E GIVING)

SJ text 12025 to 73256

SF text 12134 to 73256

or online at

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

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11/19/23	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	54 / 83	n/a
Contribution	\$837 / \$885	n/a
Oct e-giving	\$764.15	\$1,159.25
Poor & Votive	\$8	n/a
Human Development	\$260 / \$344	n/a

~St. Francis' Library~

The month of December is
filled with expectation and
celebration. Preparation is
the key word for the first 24
days of December. Everyone
is getting ready for Christmas
- shopping and decorating,
baking and cleaning. Too
often, however, we are so
busy with the material prep-
arations that we lose sight of
the real reason for our activi-
ty.


Christmas is a Christian
feast - and we must reclaim
it as such! In the same way
that a family eagerly pre-
pares for a baby, so in Ad-
vent should we prepare for
the coming of the Christ
Child.

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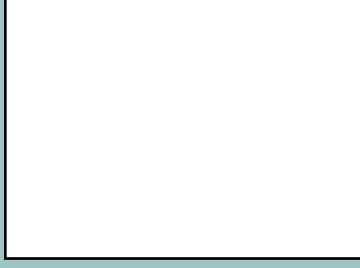
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