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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

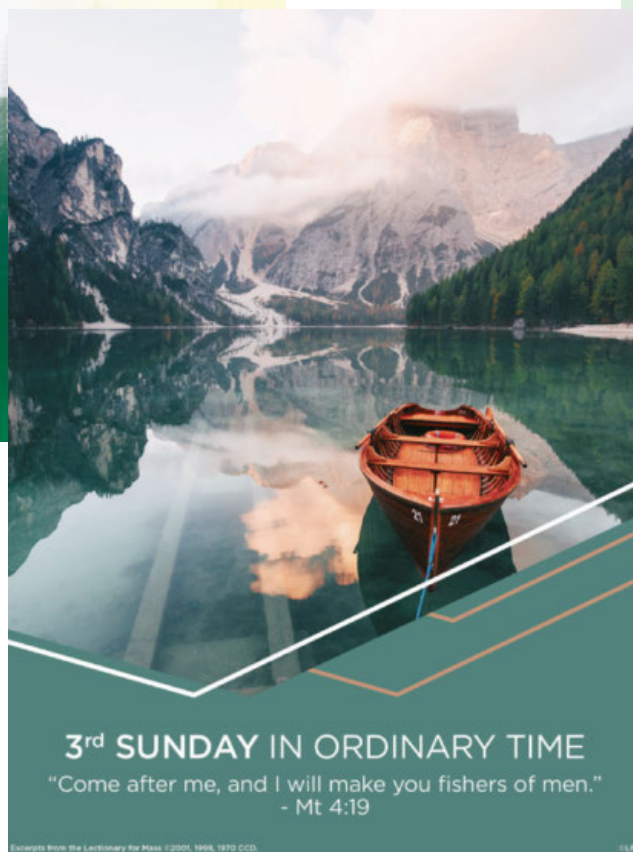
## WEEK OF PRAYER *for Christian Unity*

"I pray not only for them, but also for those  
who will believe in me through their word, so  
that they may all be one."

JOHN 17:20-21

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of the oppressed,  
Open our eyes to the  
harm that continues to  
be inflicted on our  
sisters and brothers in  
Christ. May your Spirit  
give us the courage to  
sing in unison, and raise  
our voices with those  
whose suffering is  
unheard. We pray in  
Jesus' name. Amen.  
(USCCB)



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"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19

Excerpts from the Labyrinth for Mass 1/2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

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## Welcome!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph  
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  
(July 1 - Labor Day)  
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis  
10:30 am St Joseph's

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 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 (21) 4 pm**

George Prokop + John Davidczuk  
Francis Motyl, Jr + Pat, Evelyn & Margaret  
Ken Kovis + George & Carol Pifko

### **Sun (22) 10:30 am**

Eileen Gibbons + Marilyn Gibbons

### **Mon (23) 8:30 am**

No daily Mass until February

### **Fri (27) 8:30 am**

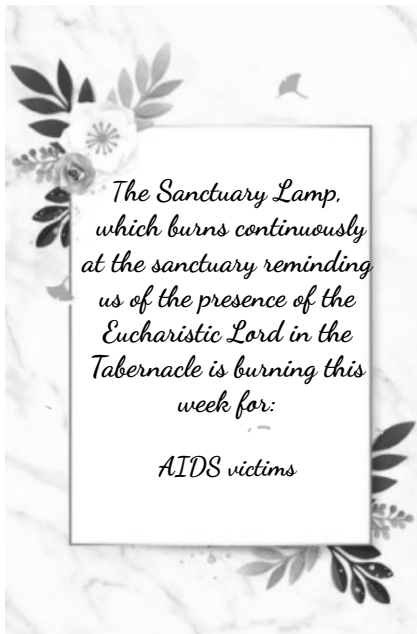
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### **Sat (28) 4 pm**

Deceased Rosenzweig family members  
+ Rick & Cheryl Palmer

### **Sun (29) 10:30 am**

For the health of Rose Bazan  
+ Fred & Wanda Smith



## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### **Sun (22) 8:30 am**

William & Myrtle Quinn + Dick & Elizabeth Barlow  
Patrick Kerrigan + Jerry & Roseann Fitzgerald  
Samuel Bardales + Myrna Lyons

### **Tuesday (24) 8:30 am**

No daily Mass until February

### **Thurs (26) 8:30 am**

No daily Mass until February

### **Sun (29) 8:30 am**

Kenneth, Hazel, Joseph & Bud Barlow  
+ Dick & Elizabeth Barlow  
MaryAnn Grega + Peter & Beth Junquera  
George St. Peter + David & Yolanda Gifford

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the day** ~ Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, recognizing the centrality of God's word in the life of the Church. Saint Jerome, who translated most of the Bible into Latin in the fourth century, wrote, "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Every time we come to Mass we listen to the words of scripture, conscious that God's word is a living word, speaking to us in our age as powerfully and relevantly as when it was written. Let us resolve to make God's word a guiding force in our lives.

**Word of Life** ~ "There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB

**Gospel Meditation** ~ When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir

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**Live the Liturgy** ~ When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left "at once" to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ. ©LPI

**Readings for the week of January 22, 2023:** Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 ; Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30 ; Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35; Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 ; Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25; Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34 ; Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41; Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

SJ Lector

1/28/23 P Cardone  
1/29/23 K Tate

SF Lector

1/29/23 J Ferguson



Please bring your blessed palms from last year and put them in the basket in the vestibule.

Fr. Jun will be burning them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## 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  
 Jan 18-25 - Week of prayer for Christian Unity  
 Jan 23 - Day of prayer for the legal protection of Unborn children  
 Feb 2 - SF 6pm Mass ~ Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
 Feb 3 - SJ 8:30 am Mass ~ Memorial of St. Blaise  
 Feb 11 - SJ 4pm Mass ~ Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick after 4pm Mass.  
 Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday SF 8:30 am; SJ 6 pm

## Winter is upon us!

Once again this year, we are asking if anyone is available to be **paid** for the **snow removal** at St. Francis of Assisi.

If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact the office at 518-863-4736.

**Fr. Jun will return by February 1st. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels & a good visit.**

## Mark your calendar

**February 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** ~ There will be blessing of candles. Please bring the candles to be blessed. **Mass** will be at **St. Francis of Assisi Church** at **6 pm**. February 2nd is also observed as **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of evangelical counsels" as well as "'to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (St. John Paul II, 1997)

**February 3: Memorial of St. Blaise** ~ In memory of St. Blaise, there will be blessings of throats at **St. Joseph's** at **8:30 am**.

**February 11: Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes** ~ Pope John Paul II designated 11 February as **World Day of the Sick**, "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising achieved the salvation of humankind" (*Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick*, 13 May 1992, 3). There will be **Anointing of the Sick** after the 4 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church.

## February 22: Ash Wednesday ~ SF 8:30 am; SJ 6 pm

The Diocesan Appeal has begun! Why should you contribute?

- Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few.
- Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself - rather it is a key mission and logistics partner/resource for our parish allowing us to focus on ministry.
- It's the expectation that the church is here to serve you and your family in your everyday and milestone moments. Unfortunately, there are costs associated with that, but if we ALL share the costs, the individual burden is less AND we are more likely to be able to

## Diocesan Appeal 2022-23



fund the church beyond its needs and toward our wants.

- It is gratifying to know that support of the Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes in the Diocese - that is powerful!

The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the impact on society is evident. It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us, Who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life.

Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church - support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal goal!

The **Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** is in need of cereal, juice, peanut butter & canned items, as well as basic hygiene items. Donations can be left in the entrance of the church or in the office. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

## St. Joseph's Closet Thrift Store

Tuesday 4-7pm  
 Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm  
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Thank you for your donations and support!



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*Matthew 6:21*

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### 1/8/23

Attendance  
 Contribution  
 Dec e-giving  
 Poor & Votive

### SJ 4 / 10:30

40/95  
 \$1,695/ \$1,079.66  
 \$1,309.40  
 \$15

### SF 8:30

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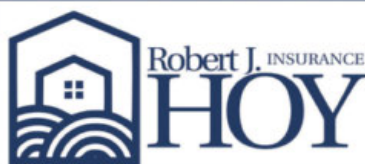
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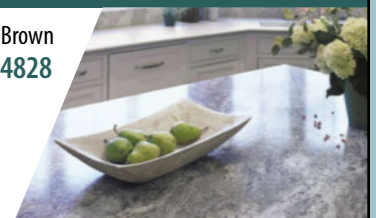
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