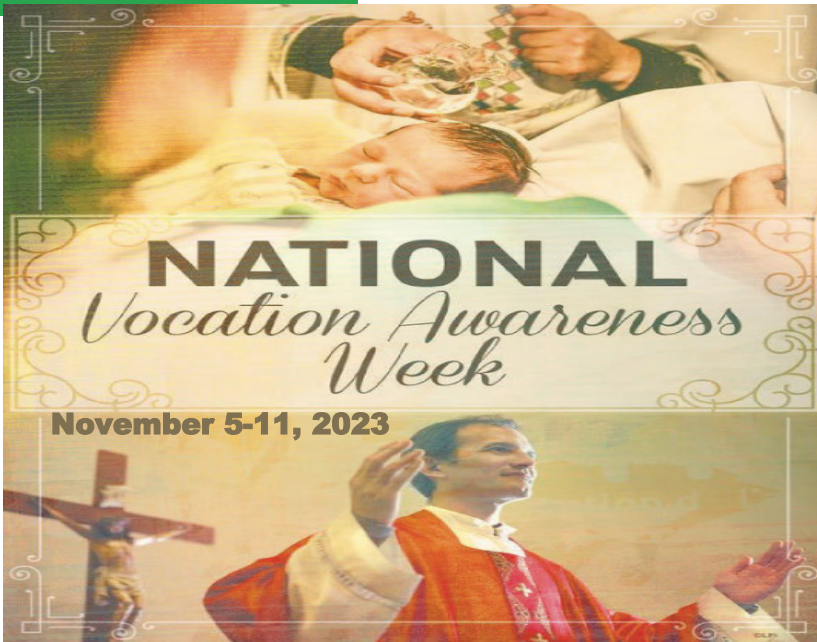


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ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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 (7/1/23-9/2/23)
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 Hospi-
tality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service
to others.

St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sat (4) 4 pm

Virginia Krajewski + Barb Jones
 Healing of Dorothy Horstkotte + St. Joseph's Closet Staff

Sun (5) 10:30 am

Kerry Thurston Bradt + Laura Lee Bradt
 John Gibbons + Marilyn Gibbons
 Healing of Meg McKee + Roxy Aery

Mon (6) 8:30 am

Dulce Colon + Myrna Lyons

Fri (10) 8:30 am

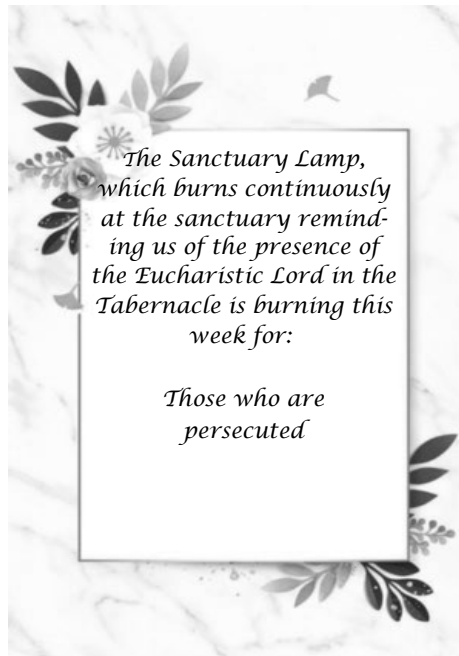
Rev. Bernard McDonough, Msgr. John G Hart, Rev. John F Mallon

Saturday (11) 4 pm

Jennifer MacLean + Marylou Lockyer
 Alfred Ferguson + Ann Sargalis
 Jim Raven + Joan Raven

Sun (12) 10:30 am

Michael Herba (60th anniv of death) + Herba family
 Patrick James Collins + Grandma



Sun (5) 8:30 am

Special living Intention of Sue MacGregor + a friend
 John Atherton + Cathy Atherton
 Healing of Beverly Vertucci + a friend

Tuesday (7) 8:30 am

Rev. Felix McGinn, Msgr. John F Glavin, Rev. Roland Petit, Rev. John P Whalen

Thursday (9) 8:30 am

Bill Bogle + Jim & Katy Ryan

Sun (12) 8:30 am

McDonald family + Cathy & Fr. Jay Atherton
 Richard Paul Henriques + Amelia Henriques
 Manolita Cadiz Algenio + Amelia Henriques

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ We come together today, as we do each Sunday, to praise and thank God and to celebrate the Eucharist as Jesus called us to do. We do all this in a spirit of humility, aware that all that we are and all that we have comes ultimately from God & that the Eucharist is Christ's own Body & Blood, which he offered to us so that we could have eternal life. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is proper to humble ourselves before the Lord, for we are called to serve, not to be served.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?'" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad?'" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.
 - Father John Muir ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK: Christ turns the way of the world upside down: the great become the small and the honored ones become humble. Be small, and you will feel his greatness. Be humble, and you will know the honor of Heaven ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023: Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12; Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14; Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24; Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33; Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22; Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8; Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15; Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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11/5/23

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SF Lector

11/12/23

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St. Joseph's

Memorial Mass
Monday, November 6
6:30 pm

To honor those who
passed away during
the past year.

All are Welcome

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
11/6 - SJ - 6:30 pm Memorial Mass
11/9 - SF - 6 pm Memorial Mass
11/23 - Thanksgiving - SF 8:30 Mass SJ 10:30 Mass
12/3 - Advent begins
12/8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12/24 - SF 8:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent
SJ 10:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent
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

St. Francis'

Memorial Mass
Thursday, November 9
6 pm

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Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men & women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons & consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

ST. JOSEPH'S SNOW SHOVELING GROUP needs volunteers to help clear the sidewalks this year. If you can help, please call the office at 518-883-3774 or Lou Mannion at 518-883-3195



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Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will be November 5-19. Items for a Thanksgiving dinner are needed for local residents. Canned vegetables, instant Mashed potatoes, stuffing mix and canned fruit are especially needed. Leave food in the St. Francis vestibule. Thank you



The Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry is asking for donations of pancake syrup, flavored gelatin, & pudding mix.

St. Joseph's has been asked this year with providing turkey gravy for the food baskets which the food pantry provides to eligible families.

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

St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:

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10/22/23	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	82 / 99	110
Contribution	\$1,164.5 / \$818.85	\$2,127
Sept e-giving	\$627.80	\$1,402.90
Poor & Votive	\$28	\$12
Mission Sunday	\$346 / \$314	\$410

~ St. Francis' Library ~

NOVEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

November is such a rich month. We begin with celebrating All Saints on November 1st. There are some short overviews & books that detail the Saints' lives. ALL SOULS DAY we commemorate the faithful departed. Grief support books are available for those who have lost loved ones. The end of the month we take time to give thanks (11/23) and on 12/3 we begin Advent. Meditation, reflection & prayer books will be available during Advent they will help us as we journey & prepare our hearts for Christmas.

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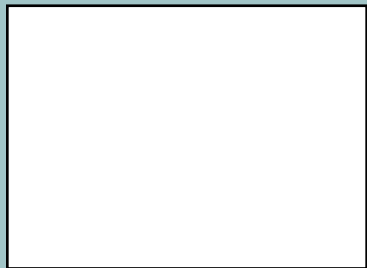
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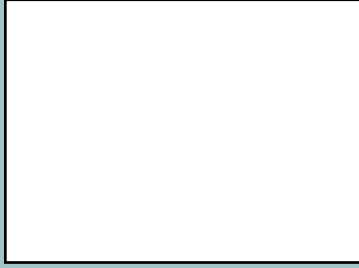


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