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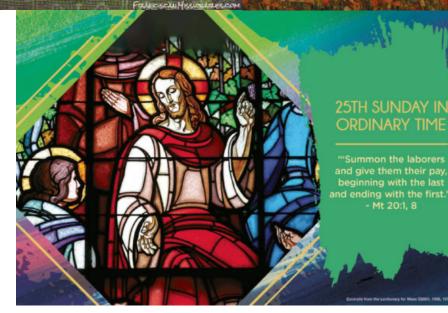
ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and it's part of our Parish tradition to bless our furry friends. Blessings of your pet will be on October 1st, Sunday at 3:00 PM



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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

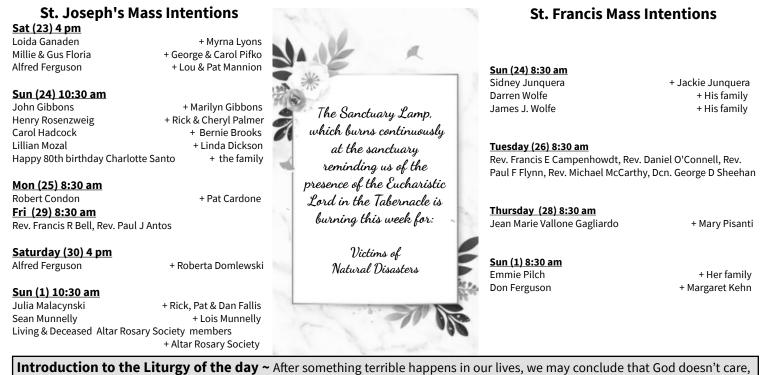
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Rev Jun Segura, Pastor Dcn. Gregg Wilbur, Deacon **Bonnie Aldi** religion.sfnsjb@yahoo.com **Coordinator of Faith Formation** Linda Quant, Bookkeeper Jim Ryan, Facilities Manager Ann Marie Simonson, Director, Youth Ministry Amy Slezak-Nelson, Music Director Lisa Seabolt.

Pastoral Associate for Administration

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.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the day ~ After something terrible happens in our lives, we may conclude that God doesn't care, that God has abandoned us, or that there is no God. This is natural, for we cannot see our world as God sees our world. Isaiah tries to impress upon his listeners that God's thoughts and actions are so far above our own that we will never understand them. As Christians, we believe that God so loves us that God sent the Son, who suffered and died to save us. We trust that no matter what, God is with us. May we be reassured by that truth as we gather today in God's name.

Word of Life ~ "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Suicide is Tragic"

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK: Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who does not count the hours of our labor or measure the amount of our output. ©LPi

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023: Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a; Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18; Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21; Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6; Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9; Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51; Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45; Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

SJ Lector		SF Lector			
9/30/23 10/1/23	J Raven D Jankowski		10/1/23	J Ferguson	



The <u>religious education program</u> for grades 1-5 for **St. Joseph's** began on Sept 17. The <u>religious education program</u> for grades 1-5 for **St. Francis of Assisi** began on Sept 18. <u>We need volunteers to share our beliefs with our children through our religious education program</u>. If interested, please see Bonnie. If your child attended last year, just sign up for this year, no re-registering needed. The fee will be \$30 for one child, \$50 for 2 children, & \$70 for 3 or more children.

The next Joint Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 pm via Zoom

The Church has consistently taught that the consecrated Host is the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Jesus Christ. And yet <u>69% of Catholics today do not believe</u>. This spiritual disaster is addressed in this slim but powerful call to action & renewal. Discover here the true beauty of Christ's words in John 6, "This is my Body, take and eat." We are charging \$2/book for this important publication.

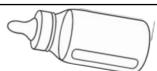
<u>NYS Eucharistic Congress</u> ~ Catholics from across New York State will be coming together at **Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in** Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, 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.

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting edge research in multiple fields. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. It will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project, a University initiative jump started by philanthropy which aims to help bishops, priests, and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Through research, new academic programs, and dialogue, the project brings together the clergy and lay leaders to develop solutions to the issues facing our Church and bring about reforms. Thank you for your generosity. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

Fuel & Heat



Calling all crafters - Save this date -<u>October 7, 2023</u> for our Craft Fair. We are in need of volunteers to help with this event. Please call Marlene Junquera (518-863-4032) if interested in helping or donating a craft item, jewelry or new items. or basket, feel free to bring donations to the office on Tuesday & Thursday from 8 - 3, or leave items on the front porch. No clothing or flea market items.



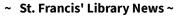
Baby Bottle Boomerang Birthright will once again conduct it's Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser during Respect Life Weekend, September 30th & October 1st. We will have baby bottles in baskets by each door to take home and insert a check, cash or coin.

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SJ text 12025 to 73	xt 12134 to 73256					
or online at						
https://onrealm.org/StJosephsBroadalbin/Give						
https://onrealm.org/StFrancisAssisNorthville/Give						
9/10/23	SJ 4/10:30	SF 8:30				
Attendance	60 / 117	120				
Contribution	\$769 / \$1,769	\$3,435				
Aug e-giving	\$809.75	\$1,489.25				
Poor & Votive	\$178	\$39.50				

\$446/\$548

\$794

Our Giving: <u>"Remember w</u>here your treasure is, your heart is also."





During this time we will highlight books on St. Francis. There are books for all ages on our patron Saint. Come learn more about this outstanding man of God.

