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2024

ST. JOSEPH'S AND
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First 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 (summer only)
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.

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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Saturday (30) 4 pm

Sophie Motyl + The family
Angela Fusco + Dorothy Kwiatowski

Sun (1) 10:30 am

Angela Fusco + Corey & Charlotte Santo
Johanna Burkhart + Lois Munnely & family
Cynthia Cary + Jim & Diane Jankowski

Mon (2) 8:30 am

Kristen Bradt + her parents

Friday (6) 8:30 am

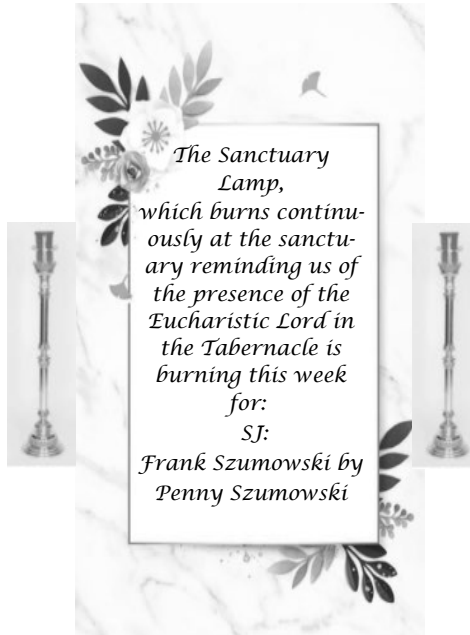
Msgr. William Slavin, Deacon William B. Fitzgerald

Saturday (7) 4 pm

Linda Calderone + Carm & Maria Greco
Vincent Cerra + Carm & Maria Greco

Sun (8) 10:30 am

Michael & Ellen Brady + Mary Doviak
Angela Fusco + Jim & Diane Jankowski
Living & Deceased Rosenzweig, Palmer, Munnely & Trimarchi family members + Palmer family



St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (1) 8:30 am

Lucille Javino Lambreau & deceased members of the Howell family + Margaret Howell

Tuesday (3) 8:30 am

Rev. Thomas Loghlin, Rev. Owen Shanley
Rev. Joseph Kuchanski, O.F.M.Conv.,

Thursday (5) 8:30 am Thanksgiving Day

Rev. James W. Shaughnessy, Rev. Harold McKeon

Sun (8) 8:30 am

Alma St. Peter

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ On this first day of December, this first day of the season of Advent, and this first day of a new liturgical year, we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew. Even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as an infant on Christmas night, we can also make this season an opportunity to receive him more deeply into our hearts and make him more central to the way we live our lives. Let us resolve to give Jesus a new birth in our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of his birth into the world.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty & malnutrition to murder & war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning & end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs & 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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~ **Remembering Advent** It always makes the laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole.

Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There's nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I overgift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. "The anxieties of daily life," as Jesus describes in today's Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My *spiritual* Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door *and* the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

(Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.) ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus tells us to "be vigilant at all times." Advent is a time of watchfulness. Things are moving and shifting and changing - in our souls, in heaven, on earth. It's a time of great consequence. Great trial. Great hope. So, look to Jesus. He is coming.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024 ~ Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36; 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; Wed: 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: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31; 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: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

SJ Lector	12/7/24	J Raven	SF Lector	
	12/8/24	M Doyle		
			12/8/24	B Flynn

St. Joseph's



THE SJ CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE will be up on Nov. 30th. Please choose a tag & complete the sheet. Return the wrapped gift with the tag by Sunday, December 15th & please confirm on the sheet that you've dropped off the wrapped gift. Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities of Fulton & Montgomery Counties and their clients this Christmas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
 1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am 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
 Dec 6 ~ SJ 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
 Dec 12 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Dec 13 ~ SF 6 pm Advent Communal Reconciliation
 Dec 14 ~ SF 6 pm SF Parish Christmas Party
 Dec 20 ~ SJ 5 pm SJ Parish Christmas Party
 Dec 24 ~ SJ 4 pm Children's Christmas Pageant followed by Mass
 Dec 25 ~ SF 8:30 am Mass

St. Francis's



Please help us make someone's Christmas a little brighter. Our Christmas Tag Tree will be set up on December 1. Please choose a tag & fill in the sheet on the counter. Return the wrapped gift with the tag attached and place it under the tree by December 15th. Gift ideas & sizes will be on the tags to help you find a special present. Thank you in advance for your Christmas kindness.



Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
 with individual confession and absolution
 for St. Francis & St. Joseph's parishioners
 Friday, December 13th @ 6pm
 St. Francis of Assisi

ST. FRANCIS LIBRARY NEWS

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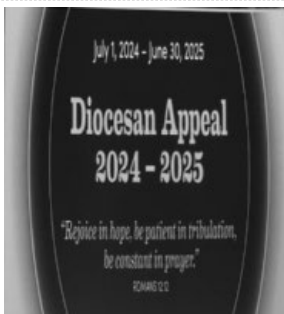


Birthright thanks all parishioners who participated in our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Your support enables us to continue assisting pregnant women and families in need of help. We are also making an urgent plea to all parishioners who still have baby bottles. There are still 6 outstanding bottles at SF & 10 at SJ. These bottles are needed for future fundraising efforts. Even if the bottles are empty, please return them to the designated box, bring them to the Birthright office at 1490 Saratoga Road, PO Box 661, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, or mail them to the Birthright office (our address is on the bottom of each bottle). Thank You.

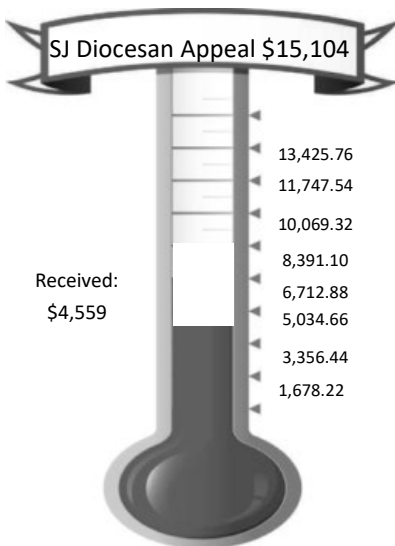


Pastoral Care: If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so we can have a pastoral minister visit them.

The Diocesan Appeal - which began on July 1 and will run until June 30, 2025 - has the goal of raising \$6.1 million. That money funds 74 percent of the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Albany, with the remaining money coming from legacies and bequests, interest and dividends from investments, bookkeeping and accounting fees, registration and counseling fees. The Diocese must use 100 percent of the money from the Appeal as the donor intended it for, as with all charitable gifts. It **cannot** be used to pay for Child Victims Act



settlements or to pay legal fees during a bankruptcy process. Money used so far to settle lawsuits has come from the diocesan self-insurance fund. "The annual diocesan budget is set based on expected needs. The allocations for each parish is then based on that budget," said Father David LeFort, Vicar General for the Diocese of Albany. "The funds received in the annual appeal are received based on that budget & allocations. Thus the funds received are restricted to those needs."



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

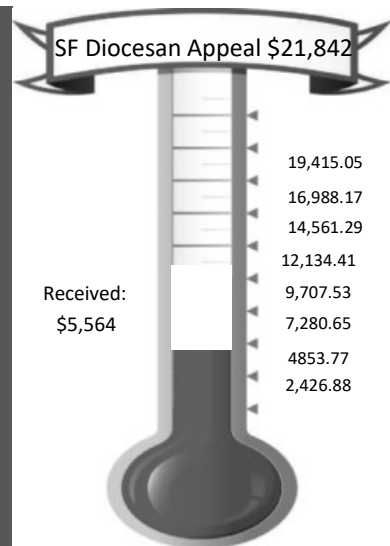
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11/17/24		
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