

**DEC
8
2024**

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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 Munnelly & 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, Munnelly & Trimarchi family members + Palmer family



The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at Saint Joseph Parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin. The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20. All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.



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 ~ "Make straight his paths," we hear John the Baptist proclaim today. How do we do so? John's primary message throughout the whole region answers that question: We must repent of our sins. Our sins are the obstacles that block the path of the Lord, that make it more difficult for him to enter our hearts. True repentance allows for God's forgiveness to clear those obstacles, to make straight the Lord's path into our heart. Let us resolve today to repent of our failings and seek God's forgiveness.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~ **The Straight Path**

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. *You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine.* Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path. ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart. ©LPI

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024 ~ 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; Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38; Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14; Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30; Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47; Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19; Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13; Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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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 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 SJ 10:30 am Mass
 Dec 26-Jan 1 ~ offices closed; no daily 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.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

DECEMBER 20, 2024
 5:00 PM
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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 OF ASSISI PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

DECEMBER 14, 2024
 6:00 PM
 JOHN PAUL II HALL

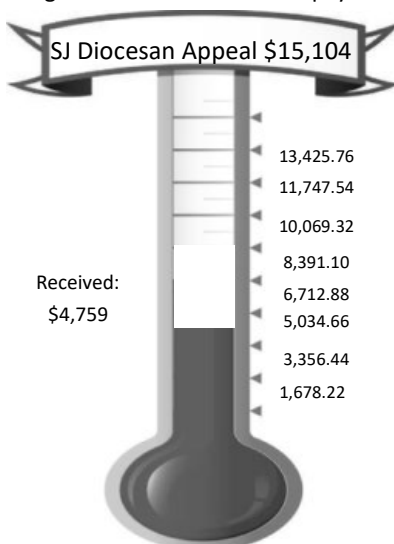
Birthright thanks all parishioners who participated in our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Your support enables us to continue assisting pregnant women and families in need of help. We are also making an urgent plea to all parishioners who still have baby bottles. There are still 6 outstanding bottles 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."

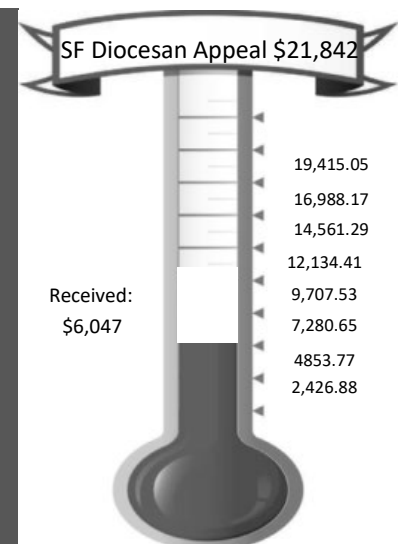


"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."
 Matthew 6:21

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 SF text 12134 to 73256 or online at <https://onrealm.org/StFrancisAssisNorthville/Give>

	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
11/17/24 Attendance	64 / 127	97
Contribution	\$756 / \$1,012	\$1,496
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