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

**Trustees**

SJ	SF
Sheila Bleyl	Alesha Hoffman
Carm Greco	Judy Morrison

**St. Joseph's Mass Intentions**

**Saturday (14) 4 pm**

Ann Smart + Joan Raven  
Bill Herba + Herba Family  
Jeanne Wilkinson + Pat Cardone

**Sun (15) 10:30 am**

Eleanor & Michael Guadagno + Joan Raven  
Frances Meek + Penny Szumowski  
Johanne Burkhart + Barb & Joe Trimarchi

**Mon (16) 8:30 am**

Msgr. Michael English, Rev. Gerald F. Millett, Rev. Paul Pulcher

**Friday (20) 8:30 am**

Rev. Michael Glen, Rev. Victor O'Brien

**Saturday (21) 4 pm**

George Lockyer + MaryLou Lockyer  
Jon DuBois + Ron & Paula Cornell  
Helen Pawling + Ann Sargalis

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

Vito & Tony Ottati + Pat Ottati  
Theresa Ritz + Ritz family  
Healing of Donald J Ritz + Ritz family

**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

**Sun (15) 8:30 am**

Our parish family

**Tuesday (17) 8:30 am**

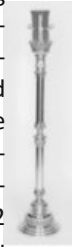
Rev. Miles Spinella, O.F.M.Conv.

**Thursday (19) 8:30 am**

Rev. Michael Glen, Rev. Victor O'Brien

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

Deceased Galligan family members + Betty Richardson  
Maureen & Kimberly Koval + Rick Koval



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.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY** ~ We will hear it at least a few times over the next two weeks: "It's better to give than to receive." We recognize this when we see the expressions of joy in a child's face or tears of appreciation from a parent or spouse when they open a gift we've given them. Jesus himself said the same words to his disciples, though in a context more like the one we hear today with John the Baptist preaching to the crowds to share what they have with those who have less. As we prepare for the Lord's coming, let us share from the bounty the Lord has blessed us with and give to those in need. In our hearts, may we continually relearn the blessings of giving.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

*USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"*

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

**Asking the Question**

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question - right away, no doubts or hesitations - there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" that his reply was *not* going to be: "Keep doing exactly what you're doing."

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That's a hard thing to do, and I don't do it enough. Too often, I'm afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024** ~ Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18; Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27; Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17; Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25 ; Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25; Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38; Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45; Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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# St. Joseph's

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

DECEMBER 20, 2024  
5:00 PM  
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# 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 20 ~ SJ 5 pm SJ Parish Christmas Party  
 Dec 24 ~ SJ 4 pm Children's Christmas Pageant during Mass  
 SF 9 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
 Dec 25 ~ SF 8:30 am Mass  
 SJ 10:30 am Mass  
 Dec 26-Jan 1 ~ offices closed; no daily Mass  
 Jan 1, 2025 ~ SF 8:30 am Mass  
 SJ 10:30 am Mass

# St. Francis'

Thank you to the organizers  
and everyone  
who attended our  
Christmas Potluck Dinner  
last night.  
The food & fellowship were  
perfect for the season.

Many thanks to Kris Herschenroder, Bob Jones, Walter Kozach & David Nally for adding to the curb appeal of the church property by keeping the lawn neat & mowed during the summer & early fall. Thank you to Nancy Jones for her handiwork with flowers & plants.

In 2025, the universal Church will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council of the Church, held May-July, 325. The great gift of the council was the Nicene Creed, professed by Christians every Sunday



Thank you to everyone in both churches who chose to help the children that had tags on our Christmas Giving Trees this year. Once again, children who are in need will have a merry Christmas because of your generosity.

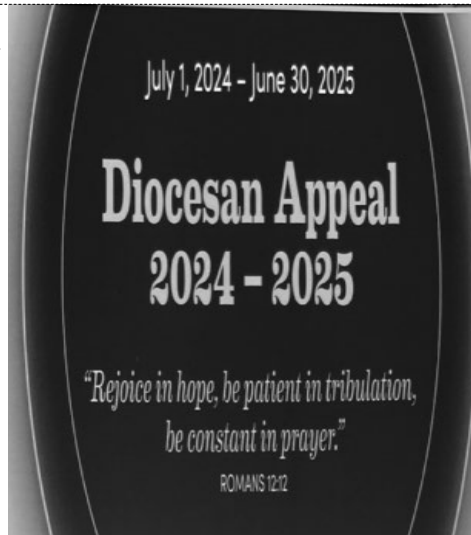


Congratulations to the Clarke & Garzon families on the baptisms of their children on Saturday, December 30th at St. Joseph's Church.

Let's delve a little deeper into the history of the Diocesan Appeal & list specifics of how the money is spent.

In 1954, as a post-war boom was happening in America, the Catholic Church in upstate New York was undergoing tremendous growth. Churches and schools needed to be built. Vocations grew as well as the mission of the Church. And all this had to be funded.

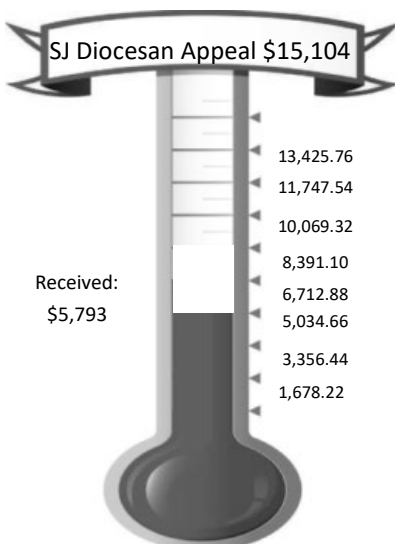
Bishop William A. Scully came up with the idea to support the burgeoning Church with a diocesan-wide capital campaign called the Bishop's Development Fund for Religion and Education. The goal of this one-time campaign was to raise \$500,000.



The Fund was so successful, however, that the Diocese decided to run the campaign every year. During that time, the Diocese of Albany funded the building of 13 parishes, 21 elementary schools, six high schools as well as Maria College.

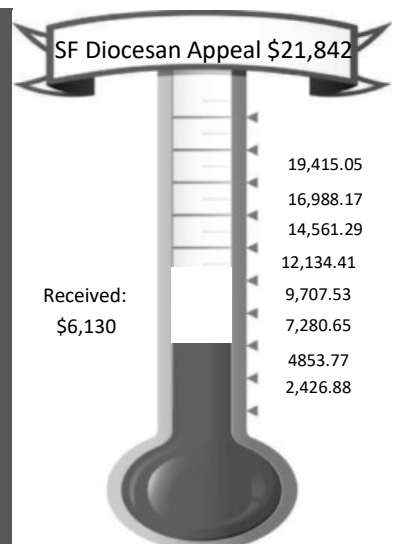
Although the Fund has changed names - the Bishop's Development Fund was renamed the Diocesan Development Fund, better known as the DDP, then was changed to the Bishop's Appeal under Bishop Howard J. Hubbard and is now called the Diocesan Appeal - for the past 70 years it has been an integral part in funding the diocesan mission.

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



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

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<b>12/1/24</b>	<b>SJ 4 / 10:30</b>	<b>SF 8:30</b>
Attendance	62 / n/a	108
Contribution	\$792 / \$1,145	\$2,470
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