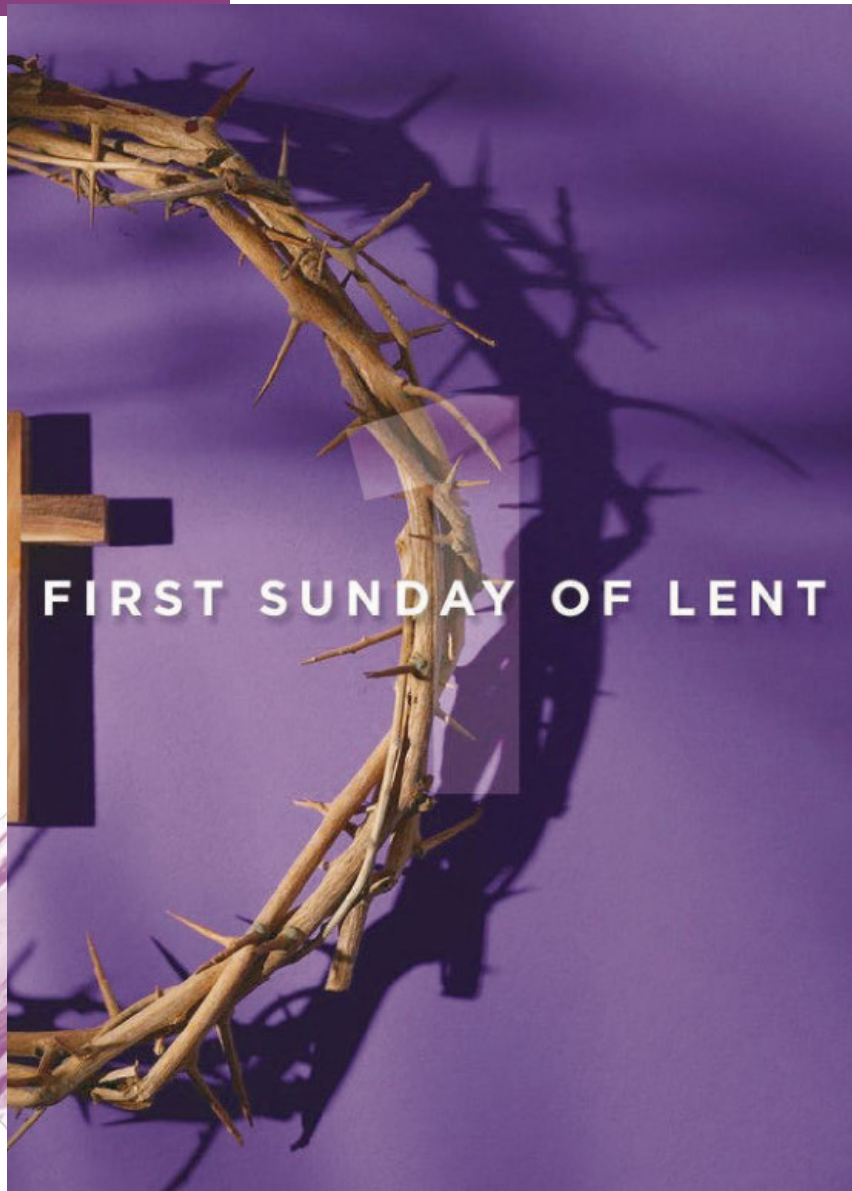


**FEB
18
2024**

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24)
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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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Sat (17) 4 pm

Alfred Ferguson + Carm & Maria Greco
Daniel Facinelli + Ron & Micky Masone

Sun (18) 10:30 am

Vito Ottati + Pat Ottati
Erma Blackwood + Norma Stellato

Mon (19) 8:30 am

Rev. John L Smith, Rev. Francis Woods, Rev. Mitchell Nejame, O Carm, Rev. Michael Fufferd

Fri (23) 8:30 am

Kristopher Nutting + Jennifer Gilston

Saturday (24) 4 pm

Kathy Snocker Mueller + MaryEllen Downs

Sun (25) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood + Pat Ottati

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (18) 8:30 am

Healing of Dcn Ed Solomon + Capobianco family
Marianne Bianco + Joe & Cathy Capobianco
Kimberly Snyder + Terry Frank

Tuesday (20) 8:30 am

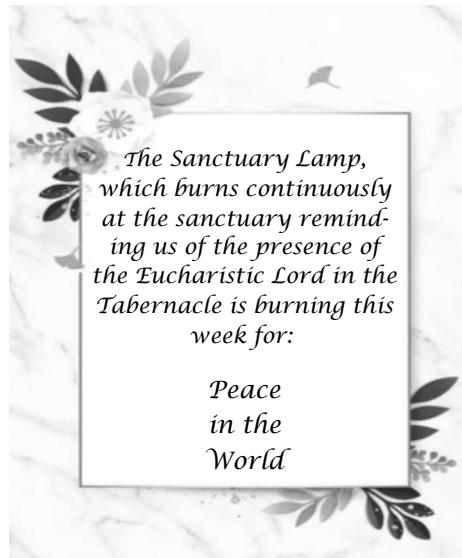
Msgr. William D Noonan, Msgr. David Walsh, Rev. Walter Duffy, O.F.M.Conv., Rev. Joseph D Ciulik

Thursday (22) 8:30 am

Rev. Bartholomew Moleikajty, Rev. John J Dignan, Msgr. Joseph A Delaney, Rev. Anthony P Perrone

Sun (25) 8:30 am

Our parish family



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day ~ Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy, and ugly. Rainbows, on the other hand, are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter them both at the beginning of Lent this year. On Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. Today we hear that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, let us recognize both truths: we are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us. As ashes remind us to repent of our sins, may rainbows remind us of God's eternal forgiveness.

WORD OF LIFE ~ ""We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it *mean*?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine. ~ *Father John Muir* ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024 ~ Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15; Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46; Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15; Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32; Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19; Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26; Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48; Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

SJ Lector

2/24/24 A Sargalis

2/25/24 B Aldi

SF Lector

2/25/24

B Saksen

February 16 - March 22
12:00 Noon

Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph

Exposition and Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament

"Sacrificial Meal"

CRS Operation Rice Bowl

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
 February 19 - office closed in observance of President's Day
 March 10 - SJ - 10:30 Mass as a class grades 1-5
 March 28 - **Holy Thursday** - SJ - Potluck @ 5pm, Mass @ 7pm
 March 29 - **Good Friday** - SJ - 7 pm
 March 30 - **Holy Saturday** - SJ - 8PM
 March 31 - **Easter Sunday** - SF 8:30 am SJ 10:30 am
 April 21 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5

February 16 - March 22
6:00 PM

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Our Lenten Sacrificial meals begin on February 16th. We need people &/or ministries to volunteer to set up, bring soup & bread, and clean up on these dates:

Feb 23 March 1 March 8 March 15 March 22

Please contact the office with the date your ministry is sponsoring our Sacrificial Meals. **SJ @ 12:30 SF meals @ 6:30**

"God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken." Pope Francis

NYS Eucharistic Congress webpage ~ Powerful messages were shared at the NYS Eucharistic Congress at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville last October. We want to continue sharing those messages so we created a webpage that will allow you to watch all the talks, and the homilies shared that weekend <https://www.rcda.org/nysec2023>.

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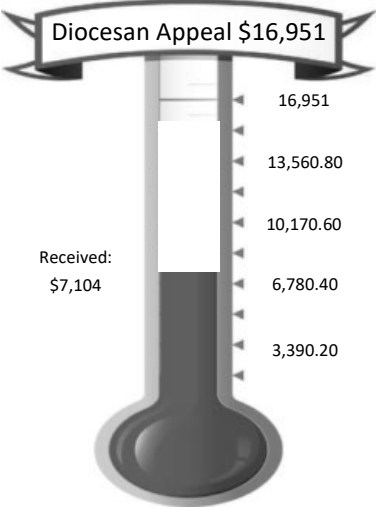
Faith Formation

Grades 1-5: **2/18/24** No Class - Winter break
2/25/24 Class
3/3/24 Class

Grades 6-10:
2/19/24 No classes - Winter break
2/26/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45
3/2/24 Confirmation Class 12:30-5 @ Holy Spirit in school building
3/4/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45

Library News ~ Looking for inspiration? Our shelves are full of books on many topics. Check out the shelves in the vestibule & on the cart in the John Paul II

St. Francis' prayer group meets each Wednesday at 2pm in St. Francis' St. John Paul II Hall. All are always welcome. We are happy to lift your intention in prayer. Feel free to join us.



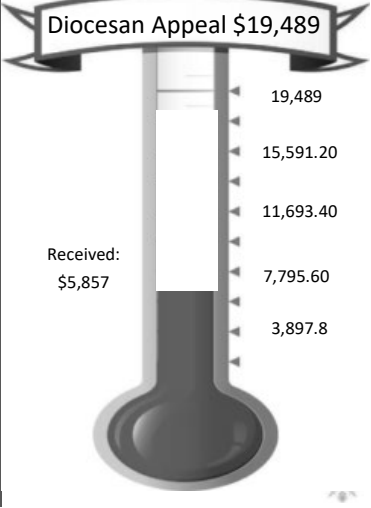
Our Giving:
 "Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."
 Matthew 6:21

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