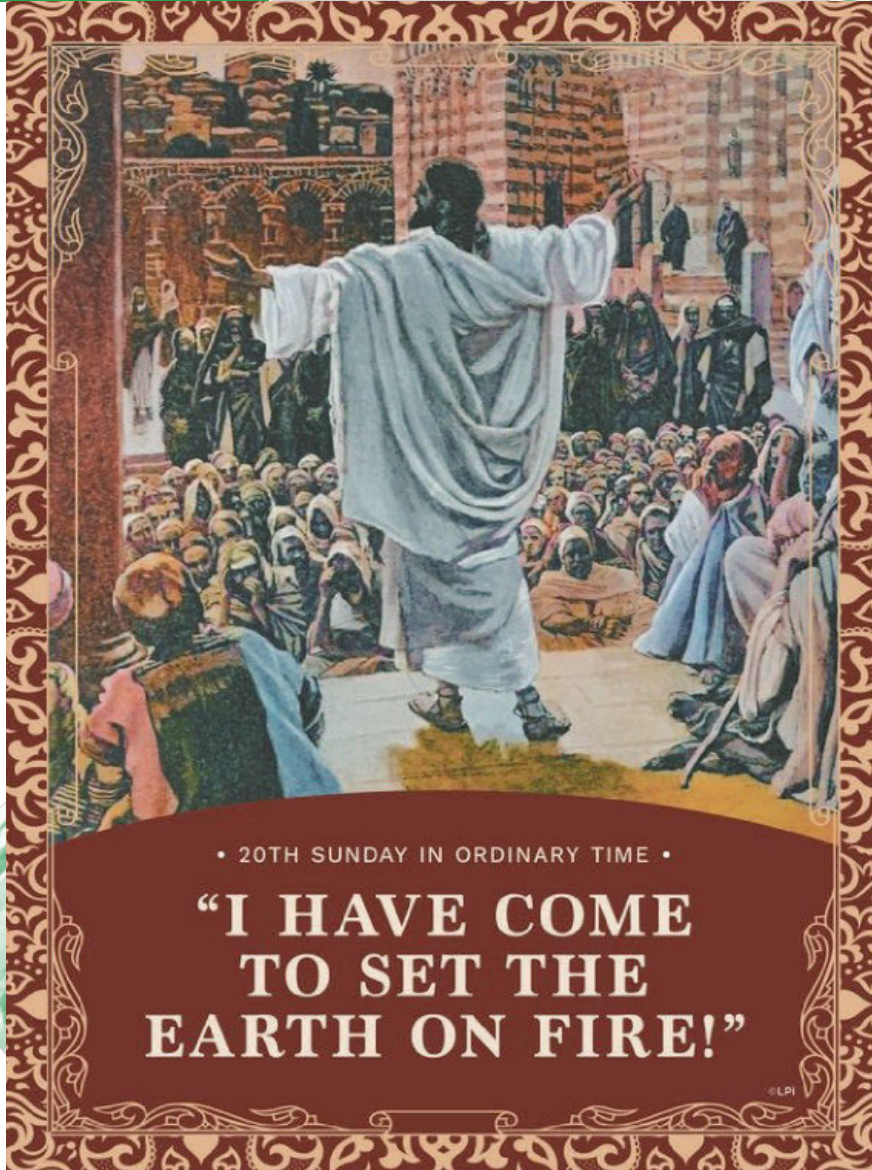


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MASS SCHEDULE

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 (7/5/25 - 8/30/25)
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 (16) 4 pm

Carmie Repka + Roberta Doblewski
Verna Downs + Tom & Mary Ellen Downs

Sunday (17) 10:30 am

Kitty Tate + Roberta Doblewski
Ed Mosconi + Penny Szumowski
Jennifer Mossey + Casey family

Monday (18) 8:30 am

Rev. John J Dillon, Rev. Arthur Carroll,
Msgr. Stanislaus M Gospodarek, Rev. Marc Touchette

Friday (22) 8:30 am

Rev. John F Riley

Saturday (23) 4 pm

Victor Passino + George & Carol Pifko

Sunday (24) 10:30 am

Kitty Tate + Joan Raven

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either 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

Saturday (16) 6 pm

Our parish family

Sunday (17) 8:30 am

In Thanksgiving + Sue MacGregor

Tuesday (19) 8:30 am

Msgr. Wm A Browne, Rev. Theodore J Themm, Rev. Francis S Hicks, Most Rev. Howard Hubbard

Thursday (21) 8:30 am

Rev. James B Hayden, Msgr. Arthur J Reilly,
Most Rev. Edward Maginn, Rev. Robert Hart, Rev. William Bauer, Rev. Anthony D Gully

Saturday (23) 6 pm

Our parish family

Sunday (24) 8:30 am

Barbara Gilmore + Patti Gilmore



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Today's second reading speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, perhaps referring to the large number of Christians who gave witness to their faith through their words and actions. Baptized in the Lord, we are those witnesses now. Looking around and seeing our faith community gathered here today, let us think of ourselves as a "great cloud of witnesses," assured of each other's support and encouragement as we live out our discipleship to the Lord.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "God's love — individual, real, unchanging — is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini reflection: If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

The Fire ~ This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames. © LPI

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025 ~ Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53; Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22; Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30; Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16; Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14; Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40; Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12; Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

SJ	8/23 ~	P Cardone (L) C Pifko* & D Walendziak, J Silvernail	8/24 ~	M Doyle (L), M Doyle*, L Spencer, S Cheney
SF	8/23 ~	L Greisemer (L) L Greisemer, <u>Volunteer</u>	8/24 ~	C Lott (L) M Frank, F Frank, J Morrison, R Koval, M Martone

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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) 1 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
SF 6 PM Saturday Mass resumes 7/5/25 through 8/30/25
9/5 ~ SF Rosary Society's Annual Fashion Show(fashions by Just Because)
9/7 ~ 1st day of Religious Education
Oct 4 & 5 is Birthright's Baby Bottle Boomerang

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**Religious Education Classes begin next month!**  
Please contact the office & fill out a registration form if you are new to our program. If your kids have attended in past years, please let us know that they will be returning. Call Bonnie at 518-883-3774 with any questions.

**FAITH** **FORMATION**

## St. Francis'

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ANNUAL FASHION SHOW



Saint Francis' Rosary  
Society Annual Fashion  
Show Fundraiser will  
be on Friday,  
September 5th.  
More details coming  
soon! Proceeds to  
benefit St. Francis'  
(Sanctuary Candles).

### Pilgrims of Hope – Disciples on Mission: A Diocesan Jubilee Gathering Saturday, September 20th, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, NY.

As the Jubilee Year 20205 draws to a close, and as our diocese embarks on the "ReMade for Mission" initiative, we will gather as fellow pilgrims and disciples to pray together, and to fan the flame of hope through inspiring presentations by Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C., director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Frank will help us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope & disciples on mission in today's Church & world and offer us some practical ways such a vision can be implemented in parishes, pastoral networks, & the wider community. This Jubilee Gathering will include morning refreshments, a festive morning prayer, two talks by Fr. Donio, lunch, a synodal listening session and sharing. **There is no cost to attend. However, advance registration is required.**

To register go to <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>. For further info, please visit <https://www.rcda.org/offices/office-discipleship-formation> or call the Office for Discipleship Formation (518) 453-6670.

2025 Catholic Home Missions Appeal - August 23/24, 2025 ~ Strengthening the Church at Home ~ Our second collection next week will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

**ST. FRANCIS LIBRARY NEWS** We are delighted to invite you to explore our Religious Book Library, located in the church vestibule & the cart in the hall.

You can take a book anywhere! Relax under a tree or at the lake with a book from our lending library. Rest & refresh with a book on prayer & mediation. Find a book on a favorite saint or saints of the area. Our shelves have many books that might interest you.

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at 3:00 PM**, at **Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville**. Couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love & strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. **Deadline is September 7.** Please register in the vestibule or you may email [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

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

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

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| 8/3/25        | SJ 4 / 10:30      | SF 6 / 8:30     |
| Attendance    | 82 / 146          | 37 / 188        |
| Contribution  | \$1,035 / \$1,712 | \$579 / \$2,617 |
| July e-giving | \$1,238           | \$1,093.50      |
| Poor & Votive | n/a               | \$76            |

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**Thank you everyone for the
generous contribution to the
Society of the Propagation of
the Faith last weekend!**

St. Francis' prayer group We will not meet the last 2 weeks of August, however we will continue to pray for your intentions.

CRAFT FAIR

St. Francis parishioners, please keep Saturday, October 11, 2025 open on your calendar! We are having our annual Craft Fair. We need crafts, raffle baskets and new or like-new items, as well as help from our church community. While it is early, we want everyone to be involved. Please call Carmen Durkin to sign up to help. 518-335-5472 (text) or 518-213-3536.

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