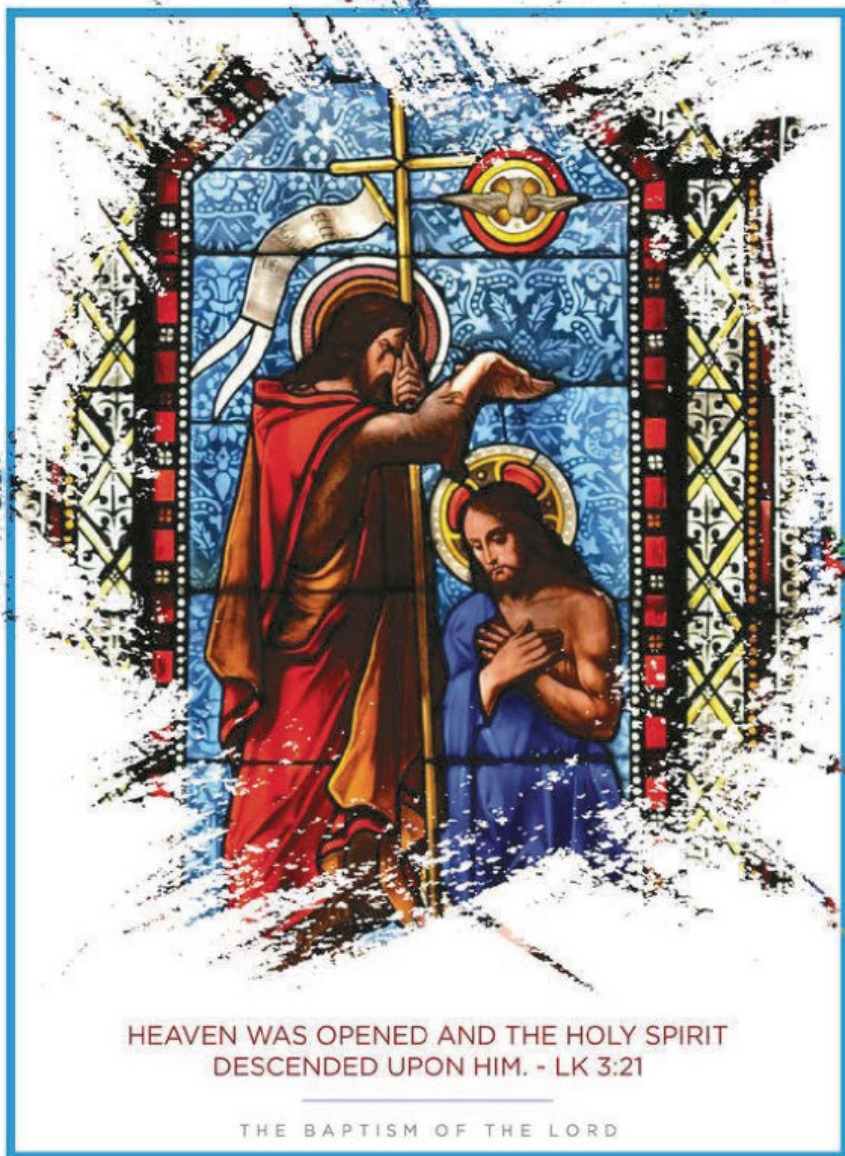


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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 (11) 4 pm

Jeanne Wilkinson + Roberta Dombleski
Happy Birthday, Audrey Dupuy + Grandma & Grandpa

Sun (12) 10:30 am

Eladia Austria + SJ parish family

Mon (13) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Friday (17) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Saturday (18) 4 pm

Our parish family

Sun (19) 10:30 am

Sean Munnely, John & Barbara Rosenzweig + Lois Munnely
Living intention for Rose Bazan + St Joseph's Pastoral Care

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sun (12) 8:30 am

Ted Szal + Rob & Judy Morrison

Tues (14) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Thursday (16) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Sun (19) 8:30 am

Ryan James Agtarap VillaJuan + SF Parish 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Over the Christmas season, which ends today, the Gospel passages have told how God's Son was made manifest to the world. The angels told the shepherds that a savior had been born in Bethlehem. The magi followed the star to give homage to the newborn Messiah. The youth Jesus amazed the teachers in the temple. Today we hear that at Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the Father's voice could be heard saying, "You are my beloved Son." We rejoice today, for the Son of God is continually revealed to us.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

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

Mini Reflection: It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

Beneath the Surface:

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ "The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2024 ~ Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22; Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20; Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28; Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39; Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45; Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12; Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17; Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

SJ Lector **1/18/25** ~ D Walendziak

1/19 ~ K Murray

SF Lector **1/19/25** ~ G Bubniak

St. Joseph's

The **Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** supplies food to those who in need all year 'round. It is important that food donated is still in date.

Please drop all donations this weekend in the vestibule or the church office.

Pantry distribution is Monday at 3:30-5 pm & Thursday at 9:30-11 am.

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
- Jan 7 - 22, 2025 ~ Fr. Jun out of town; no weekday Masses
- Jan 20, 2025 ~ No weekday Mass; office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Feb 6 ~ Finance Council Meeting
- Feb 13 ~ Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
- March 5, 2025 ~ Ash Wednesday
- April 13, 2025 ~ Palm Sunday
- April 20, 2025 ~ Easter Sunday

St. Francis'

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Thank you to the loyal volunteers who assisted in taking down all of the Christmas decorations at St. Joseph's. Your assistance is always greatly appreciated. Fr. Jun was impressed by the dedicated parishioners who are always willing to help.



St. Josephs Church thanks Halgas Funeral Home for providing the 2025 Liturgical calendars to our parishioners.

Grades 1-5		Grades 6-10
1/19/25	No Class	1/20/25 No Class
1/26/25	Mass as a Class	1/27/25 Class
2/2/25	Class	2/3/25 Class
2/9/25	Class	2/10/25 Class

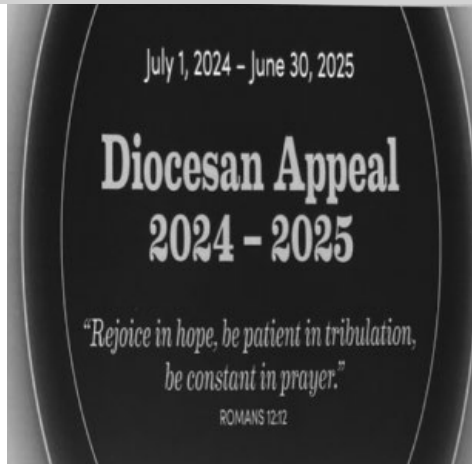
St. Francis of Assisi Church thanks the Knights of Columbus for providing the 2025 Liturgical calendars to our parishioners.

If you wish to have a tax statement mailed or emailed to you at the end of January, please call or email the office.

ABOUT THE DIOCESAN APPEAL...The Holy Spirit inspires each of us to find a deeper sense of our individual missions & then to help one another to discover them to serve each other. Our diocesan family lifts us together in these responsibilities, aided through ministries funded through the Diocesan Appeal:

Caring for Family: Allowing all 126 parishes to focus on spiritual ministry rather than administrative duties – Nearly 30 specialty departments serve each parish.

Future Shepherds: Nearly 1/3 of annual Diocesan Appeal revenue pays for the

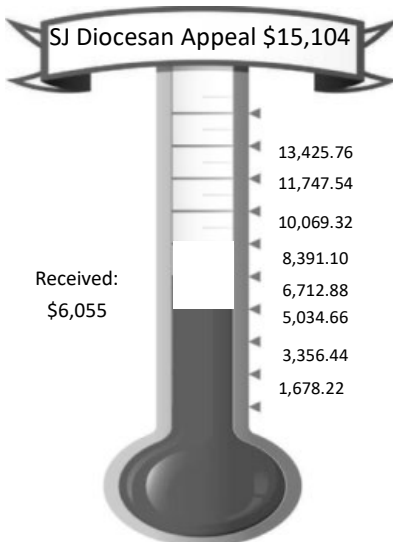


education expenses of the current 40 seminarians (deacons & priests).

Transformative Learning: Professional administrative services supplement small-scale on-site school staff plus financial assistance provided for the Diocesan high schools.

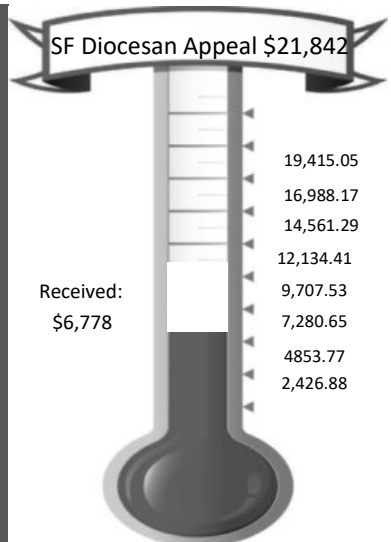
Impact on Vulnerable Neighbors: Support of Catholic Charities programs like CC MOVE & the Emergency Assistance Program.

Be an active investor – join your fellow Catholics through generous support of your parish offertory & the Diocesan Appeal at a level reflective of the role your faith has in your lives & your legacies!



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

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