

**JULY  
27  
2025**

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

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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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.

#### Trustees

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## ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday (26) 4 pm

Eric Jones + Barb Jones  
MaryLou Lockyer + Christine Lockyer  
Barbara Cox + George & Carol Pifko

### Sunday (27) 10:30 am

Kitty Tate + Jim & Diane Jankowski  
Schmidt family + the cousins

### Monday (28) 8:30 am

Rev. Richard J. Downs, Rev. John S Kostek

### Friday (1) 8:30 am

Rev. Francis Janis, Dcn. Arthur Egan, Rev. Joseph D'Agostino,  
Dcn. Mark Leonard

### Saturday (2) 4 pm (Feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Robert M Halgas, Debra Cechnicki +the Walendziaks  
Helen & Joseph Cardone, Sr. + Pat Cardone  
MaryLou Lockyer + Christine Lockyer

### Sunday (3) 10:30 am

Kitty Tate + Carm & Maria Greco  
Melba Granlees + St. Joseph's Closet Staff

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 (26) 6 pm

Gladys Halloran + Gloversville Retired Teachers

### Sunday (27) 8:30 am

Our parish family

### Tuesday (29) 8:30 am

Allan & Ruth Whitney + Todd & Julie Whitney

### Thursday (31) 8:30 am

Dcn Joseph Gaetano Gil, Rev. Bernard J Ahern

### Saturday (2) 6 pm

Jeanette St. Peter + David & Yolanda Gifford

### Sunday (3) 8:30 am

Linda Rispoli + Bob & Nancy Jones  
Recovery of Mackenzie Young + Bob & Nancy Jones

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~** When we want something from a friend, whether it's something they have or a favor they could do for us, we normally just go ahead and ask. Jesus tells his disciples today that we should approach God the same way. He assures us that the Father in heaven listens to our prayers and that we should persist in prayer, for we are a needy people, ultimately dependent on God. Our lives are in God's hands and so we pray that God watches over us, forgives us, and has mercy on us, as we proclaim when praying how Jesus taught us.

**WORD OF LIFE ~** "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 11:1-13)

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).** We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~** "Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025 ~** Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13; Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35; Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42; Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46; Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53; Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58; Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12; Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

<b>SJ</b> Lector	<b>8/2/25 ~</b>	J Raven	<b>8/3/25 ~</b>	M Doyle
<b>SF</b> Lector	<b>8/2/25 ~</b>	Y Gifford	<b>8/3/25 ~</b>	R Koval

# St. Joseph's

## THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks are extended to those who supported the summer festival, to the hardworking volunteers and to those who generously donated baskets or items to the recent parish basket raffle. The kindness and support are invaluable in helping the parish achieve its goals and continue its mission.

## St. Joseph's Closet Thrift Store hours:



Tues: 4-7 pm

Wed: 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm

Thank you for your support  
& patronage

**Mass Intentions:** Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

Individual Mass intentions are not available for New Year's Day, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. We ask \$15 per Mass

**Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** supplies food to those in need all year 'round. Cake mixes, brownie mixes & Spaghettios are needed at this time. It is important that donated food is still in date. Non-food items are also welcome: toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers & personal hygienic items. Items such as pet food are needed, as well. Please drop donations in the vestibule or the church office.

Distribution is Mon 3:30-5 pm & Thurs 9:30-11 am at the Methodist Church.

## 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  
8/9 ~ SF ~ K of C Chicken Barbeque ~ buy tickets in advance  
Save the Date ~ the 1st day of Religious Education is September 7th  
Oct 4 & 5 is Birthright's Baby Bottle Boomerang

Pope Leo XIV has called us to be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionary that will be coming to your parish this summer. It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support. Last year, through the Mission Cooperative program our diocese raised \$228,754.73. On August 9th & 10th, Brother Peter Killeen from the Brothers of the Christian Schools (AKA Christian Brothers) will speak at both Masses at each parish. Thank you for your past generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!

### Remade for Mission Timeline

Goal: "Mission Focused"

### Summer 2025: Information Gathering

#### September 2025:

Vicariate meetings with mission focused support team

#### October 2025

Synodal Sessions

#### Spring 2026-2027

Synodal Sessions continue-  
Implementing outreach/partnerships  
Bishop reviews recommendations  
Consults with Presbyteral Council  
Issues decrees to bring back to synod  
groups for implementation over next 6-12 months.

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.

*"Remember where your treasure is,  
your heart is also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

### ONLINE GIVING (E GIVING)

SJ text 12025 to 73256

SF text 12134 to 73256

or online at

<https://onrealm.org/StJosephsBroadalbin/Give>  
<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisAssisNorthville/Give>

7/13/25	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 6 / 8:30
Attendance	82 / 129	51 / 173
Contribution	\$790 / \$2,017	\$408 / \$2,337
June e-giving	\$1,028.80	\$1,010.90
Poor & Votive	\$4	\$80
Air Conditioning	\$287 / \$290	\$114 / \$529

# St. Francis's

## 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.

## St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

Saturday 8/9/25

Pick up is noon - 4 pm

1/2 chicken, baked potato, corn, coleslaw & roll

\$16/dinner

Tickets on sale after Mass



St. Francis' prayer group meets at 2 pm each Wednesday in St. Francis' St. John Paul II Hall.

All are always welcome to join us. We are happy to lift your intention in prayer.

Feel free to join us.

**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 & meditation. Find a book on a favorite saint or saints of the area. Our shelves have many books that might interest you.

Take some time to be still with the Lord.



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