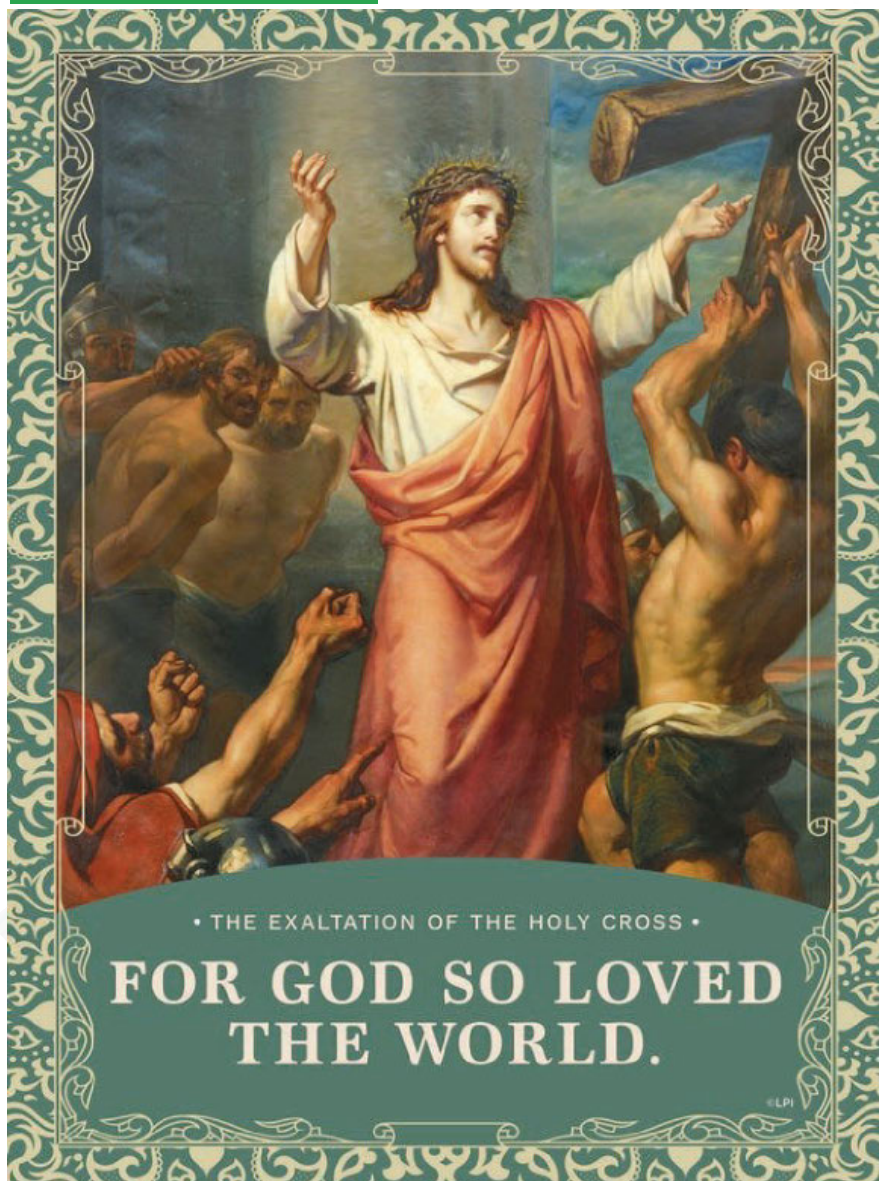


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## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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  
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

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev Jun Segura, Pastor  
Dcn. Gregg Wilbur, Deacon  
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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
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### ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday (13) 4 pm

Robert M. Halgas and  
Debra Cechnicki

David & Debbie Walendziak

#### Sunday (14) 10:30 am

Matthew Clerico

Penny Szumowski

#### Monday (15) 8:30 am

Special Intention

Pat Cardone

#### Friday (19) 8:30 am

Living & deceased Vallone  
Family Members

Mary Pisanti

#### Saturday (20) 4 pm

Our Parish Family

#### Sunday (21) 10:30 am

Matthew Clerico

Roxane Aery

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

#### Sunday (14) 8:30 am

Patti St. Peter

+ David & Yolanda  
Gifford

#### Tuesday (16) 8:30 am

Perla Santiago

+ Myrna Lyons

#### Thursday (18) 8:30 am

Athiya Ganaden

+ Myrna Lyons

#### Sunday (14) 8:30 am

Oliver Galligan

+ Betty & Norman  
Richardson

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~** CROSSES ARE ALWAYS HARD TO CARRY, AND WE ARE TEMPTED TO GRUMBLE AND REBEL IN THE PAINS AND TRIALS OF LIFE. BUT JESUS WENT AHEAD OF US: HE BORE THE CROSS FOR US AND DIED ON IT, THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD. GOD IS STRONGER THAN DEATH, AND THE FOOLISHNESS AND SCANDAL OF THE CROSS HAS SAVED US FROM SIN AND DEATH. THE CROSS WAS JESUS' WAY TO VICTORY. FOR EVERY DISCIPLE OF CHRIST, IT IS THE WAY TO LIFE AND RESURRECTION. LET US JOIN JESUS IN THIS EUCHARIST AND CELEBRATE WITH HIM THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

- Father John Muir ©LPI

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN IT. THE CROSS IS NOT A SYMBOL OF JUDGMENT — THE CROSS IS WHAT MERCY LOOKS LIKE WHEN IT IS LIVED OUT. HOW WILL WE BRING THE CROSS INTO OUR LIVES THIS WEEK? HOW WILL WE LIVE THE MERCY WHICH HAS SAVED US? ©LPI

**Readings for the week of September 14, 2025:** Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17; Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35; Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17; Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35; Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50; Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3; Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

**We are looking for a part-time Parish secretary** to support our parish offices for approximately 16 hours a week. Office hours are from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Monday through Thursday. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Preference will be given to parishioners of St. Joseph's or St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Anyone interested in the position may call either parish office and leave a message for Fr. Jun. at 518-883-3774 or 518-863-4736.

## St. Joseph's

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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.

St. Francis' office  
518-863-4736

St. Joseph's office  
518-883-3774

## 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  
Oct 4 & 5 is Birthright's Baby Bottle Boomerang  
Oct 11 ~ St. Francis' annual craft fair In St. John Paul II Hall  
Oct 12 ~ SJ Fr. Jun's 25th anniversary of Ordination  
2:30 ~ Thanksgiving Mass followed by a  
potluck reception in Fr. Smith Center  
Oct. 16 ~ Finance Council Meeting : SF: 4 pm; SJ: 7pm  
Oct. 23 ~ Joint Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting : 7 pm  
July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

Please join us for a 25th Anniversary of Ordination  
celebration for Fr. Jun Segura  
on October 12, 2025  
Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:30 PM  
Saint Joseph's Church

A potluck reception will follow at Fr. Smith Center



## St. Francis'

CRAFTERS ARE NEEDED  
For St. Francis'  
Annual Columbus Day  
Craft Fair

We will also be  
selling  
"new or almost  
new" items  
Please text or call  
Carmen Durkin  
at 518-334-5472  
If you can help  
this fundraiser.

ST. FRANCIS LIBRARY NEWS ~ The Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna have generously donated books to our lending library. We are very grateful for their gift to us.

As always, you are invited to stop in the vestibule or the St. John Paul II hall and peruse our ever growing selection of books located in the church vestibule & the cart in the hall.

You can take a book anywhere!

Faith Formation at **SJ** begins Sunday, September 7th @ 9 am in the Church for grades 1-6.

6th Grade is now Sunday morning, not Monday evening.

For Faith Formation at **SF** please contact Bonnie Aldi if you are interested in registering your child(ren) @ 518-883-3774 or email her at religion.sfnsjb@yahoo.com.

Youth Ministry classes (grades 7-10) will begin on Monday, September 29th at St. Joseph's Church in the parish hall. Classes will be from 6:30 - 7:30pm instead of 6:45-7:45pm. Registration will be Monday, September 29th from 5:45-6:30pm before class begins. If you have any questions, call Ann Simonson at 518-848-1986.

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, Nov 14-16, 2025 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend combines discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service & a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential & offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness & compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more info or to register contact: Pat M., 518-222-1160 or Katie B. or e-mail: [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

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

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SF text 12134 to 73256

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8/31/25	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 6 / 8:30
Attendance	88/ 124	50/204
Contribution	\$1,050 / \$1,347	\$369/2,642
August e-giving	\$1,084	NA
Poor & Votive	\$14	NA

Saturday, **October 4th** is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of our Parish. Festive Mass will be celebrated at **5:00 PM** followed by a potluck dinner and drawing of the winner of the raffle tickets.



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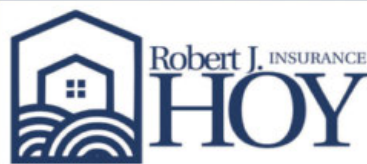
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