

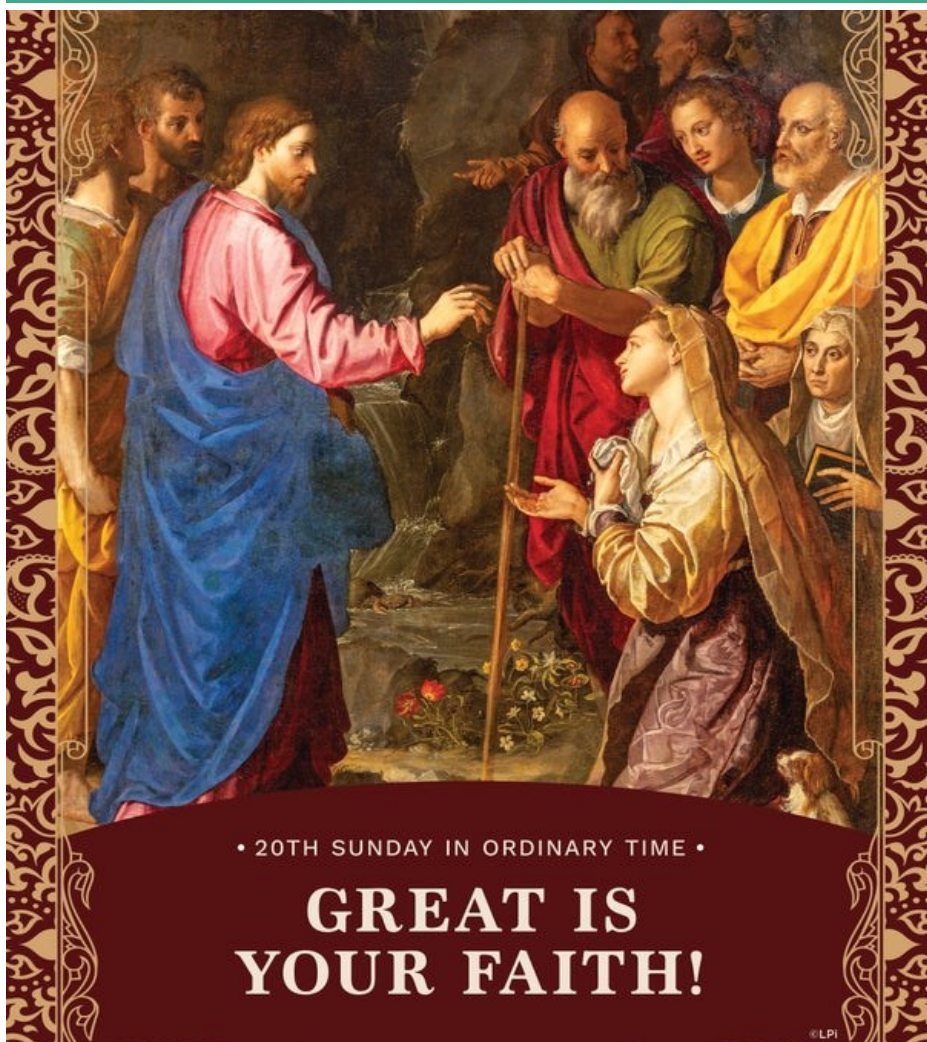
ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

AUGUST 16, 2026

“ TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ”

WELCOME

Bishop Mark O'Connell



• 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday & Thurs. 8:30 am St. Francis

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4 pm St. Joseph's
6:00 pm St. Francis - July 4—Labor Day
Sunday | 8:30 am St. Francis
10:30 am St. Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8:00 am St Francis
Or by appointment

PASTORAL STAFF

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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	Judy Morrison
Carm Greco	William D. Saksen III

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (August 15)

Theresa Ferguson by Joan Raven

Sunday (August 16)

Wanda Marie Daly
by David & Debbie Walendziak

Theresa Ferguson by Jim & Diane Jankowski
Malcolm Bowler by Penny Szumowski

Monday (August 17) Parish Family of SJ

Friday (August 21)

Rev. Anthony D. Gulley

Saturday (August 22)

Stephanie Pischel by Joan Raven
Theresa Ferguson by Pat & Rick Fallis

Sunday (August 23)

Theresa Ferguson by the Jankowski Family
Wanda Marie Daly by Bernie Brooks
Carmie Repka by Sandra Smarup
Mary Della Posta by her Family



*The Sanctuary Lamp
which burns
continuously in the
sanctuary remind-
ing us of the pres-
ence of Jesus in the
Tabernacle can be
memorialized for
your loved one.*



*This week the candle is
burning for :
Tracey Martin*

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (August 15)

John Christman, Jr.
by The John Christman Family

Sunday (August 16)

Luella Christman
by The John Christman Family

Tuesday (August 18)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Thurs. (August 20)

Rev. Bernard Delos

Saturday (August 22)

Mike McGill by Laura McGill

Sunday (August 23)

Lenny Forgette by Ann Forgette

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: In today's first reading, we hear the Lord tell Isaiah, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Two and a half millennia later, this house of worship, along with hundreds of thousands of others like it around the world, continues to be a house of prayer for all peoples. In a spirit of Christian hospitality, we welcome everyone who comes here to pray in this holy place. Together we lift our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our loving and welcoming God.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "**Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David.**" At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "**It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.**" But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "**Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.**" Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "**O woman, great is your faith,**" it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that? — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**"SO LONG AS
SHE IS IN
YOUR MIND,
YOU ARE
SAFE FROM
DECEPTION."**

ST. BERNARD
Abbot and Doctor of the Church,

Thursday, August 20



Bishop Mark O'Connell,

Welcome to our parishes!

*Thank you for taking time
out of your busy schedule to
visit us. We are deeply
honored and blessed to have
you celebrate Mass with
us today.*



St. Joseph

Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & would like to receive communion at home or in the hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them. St. Francis' office, 863-4736 St. Joseph's office, 883-3774

Catholic Home Missions collection next weekend to help support the essential pastoral work needed in U.S. communities unable to do so. Please prayerfully consider how you can support them.

Everyday Stewardship: The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner. However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Each Wednesday-SF 2 pm Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall -
(No Prayer Group Wednesday, August 19 and 26)
July 4 to Labor Day - SF Saturday Mass 6 pm
Fri., August 28, SF, Fashion Show, 7:00 pm
Sun., Sept. 20, Faith Formation Classes Begin
Sat., Oct. 10, SF—Annual Craft Fair
* Save the Dates* - July 16, 17, 18, 2027 St. Joseph Festival

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples marking any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or you may email Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. **Deadline is September 20.**

St. Mary's Institute in Amsterdam is offering **the Constantino Scholarship which will be offered to 50 new community students in grades Kindergarten-8th grade and 50 children of Sticker Mule employees grades K-8 who would like to attend SMI.** To apply, send the student's most recent report card, along with a one hundred word essay on "Why I want to attend SMI" and email it to apply@smik8.org. Your application will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

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

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July 26	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 6:00/8:30
Attendance	82 / 158	Unavailable
Contribution	\$1,004.00 / \$864.00	\$.00 / \$.00
7/20—7/24 E-Giving	\$ 328.10	\$.
Votive Candles	\$ 28.00	\$.00

St. Francis

Mass Intentions: Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's or St. Francis of Assisi may do so by calling or stopping in to the parish office. *Mass cards are available for the living, deceased, healing, and special occasions.*

St. Francis' Prayer Group will not meet August 19 and 26, the last two Wednesdays in August.

Fall Preview Fashion Show by 'Just Because Boutique' Friday, August 28, at 7:00 pm in the John Paul II Hall. Come see the latest fashions and accessories for the Fall. Donation is \$10 at the door. Refreshments provided. Take a chance on the Raffles. Hosted by St. Francis' Rosary Society.



St. Francis of Assisi is selling raffle tickets after both  Masses. \$2,000 in prizes will be given away with one \$1,000, one \$500, and two \$250 prizes. Drawing will be held October 4.

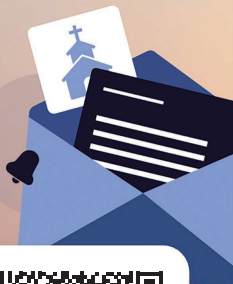


Please keep **Saturday, Oct. 10**, open on your calendars for St. Francis' "Annual Craft Fair"! We need your help! We will need crafts, raffle baskets, and new, or like-new items to help raise money for our church. Please call Carmen Durkin (518) 213-3536 or text (518) 335-5472. We are also in need of helpers during the sale. Please consider volunteering an hour or two on that day. Thank you.

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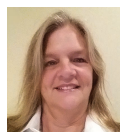
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