

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

MARCH 22, 2026

“FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT”



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- Jn 11:25

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am
St. Joseph

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St. Joseph's
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
Or by appointment

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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 (Marh 21)

Irene Pokie By Theresa Ferguson
Pedrito Flores By Myrna Lyons

Sunday (March 22)

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Monday (March 23)

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Friday (March 27)

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Saturday (March 28)

Irene Pokie By Edward Bogdan
Marilyn Ault By Roberta Doblewski

Sunday (March 29)

Donald & Daniel Frasier By Anne Frasier

Would you like to have the Sanctuary Candle lit in honor of your loved one?

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. Please call the office for scheduling requests.



ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (March 22)

Genevieve Koval By Rick Koval
Andrew J. Galligan By Betty Richardson

Tuesday (March 24)

St. Francis' Paish Family

Thursday (March 26)

Terry Moeller
By St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family

Sunday (March 29)

St. Francis' Parish Family

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: As we approach Holy Week, and the final days of Lent, we hear the well-known story of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, whom Jesus raises from the dead. John's account of the miracle is one of the most dramatic accounts in any of the Gospels, save Jesus' own passion, death, and resurrection. We can only imagine the emotions coursing through Martha and Mary and their loved ones when Jesus stands at the tomb and dramatically cries: "Lazarus, come out!" On this final scrutiny Sunday, may we hear Jesus calling out to us as well, to come out of our tombs of sin and death and embrace new life in the resurrection.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.— Father John Muir ©LPi

Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION, MARCH 25



One 'yes' can change the world
The Annunciation of the Lord

A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God, I know that life can be unpredictable. Sometimes I know what is good and right, but I don't have the courage to do it. Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs, I forget to see the needs of people in front of me. Sometimes I am set in my own ways, and I resist growing and learning. Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will. When You prompt me to do the right thing, give me the courage to do it. When those around me need my help, give me Your heart to love them. When I'm stuck in my own ways, give me the grace to grow closer to You every day. Give me the trust and confidence of Mary. Let it be done unto me according to Your word! Amen.

Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

St. Joseph

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.
 St. Francis' office
 518-863-4736
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 518-883-3774

ST. JOSEPH FUNDRAISING DINNER: Tickets are available for a **Chicken Penne ala Vodka meal from the Raindancer** before and after Mass, in the Church office, and at the thrift store. Tickets are **\$20 each, pre sale only, Meal pickup will be between 4 and 6 pm at the Fr. Smith Center, Wednesday, March 25th.**

EASTER FLOWER donations are being accepted at **both Churches** in memory of your loved ones. For those using offertory envelopes, you will find an envelope for Easter Flowers. Others may use a plain envelope marking it "Easter Flower Donation." Please include your name, the name of the person your donation is in memory of, and the amount donated. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the office.



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 2pm—Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall
Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross, SJ- Noon / SF 6:00pm
Followed by Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrificial Meal
 March 25— SJ Chicken Penne ala Vodka Dinner, Pre-sale only
 March 22/April 26: Faith Formation Youth Mass as Class @ SJ
March 29—Palm (Passion) Sunday. Holy Week Begins

Stations of the Cross Friday

St. Joseph—Noon
 St. Francis—6:00 pm
 Followed by Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrificial Meal



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July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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

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Feb.28/March1	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	67 /135	100
Contribution	\$875.00 / \$1,993.00	\$2,920.00
2/23-2/27 E-Giving	\$217.80	\$ 127.10
Poor & Votive	\$ 58.00	\$ 71.00

St. Francis

Mass Intentions: Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may stop in or call the office. St. Joseph's 518-883-3774 St. Francis' 518-863-4736. **Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing,** and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

GARAGE SALE this year at St. Francis will be held for two consecutive weekends: April 24/25 and May 1/2/3. Due to limited space, please contact Debbie Saksen for donations of household items. Anyone willing to volunteer to help, please let Debbie know. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

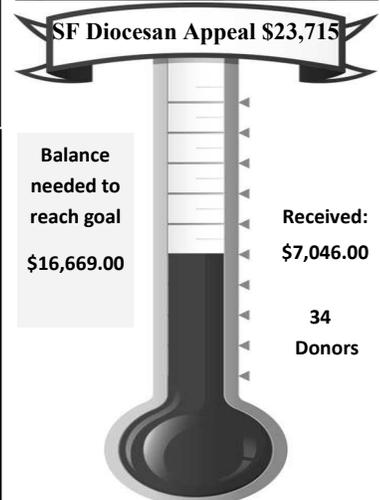
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