

# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

MARCH 29, 2026

## “PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD”



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“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

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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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We, the Roman Catholic community of  
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and Service to others.

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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday (March 28)**

Irene Pokie By Edward Bogdan  
Marilyn Ault By Roberta Dombleski

**Sunday (March 29)**

Donald & Daniel Frasier By Anne Frasier

**Monday (March 30)**

St. Joseph's Parish Family

**Holy Thursday (April 2) 7:00 p.m.**

For all priests, living and deceased

**Good Friday Service (April 3) 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday (April 4) 8:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph & St. Francis Parish Families

**Easter Sunday (April 5) 10:30 a.m.**

St. Joseph's Parish Family

**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 29)**

St. Francis' Parish Family

**Tuesday (March 31)**

St. Francis' Parish Family

**Holy Thursday (April 2)**

Morning Prayer @ 9:00 a.m.

**Good Friday (April 3)**

Morning Prayer @ 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Saturday (April 4)**

Morning Prayer @ 9:00 a.m.

**Easter Sunday (April 5) 8:30 a.m.**

St. Francis' Parish Family

**INVITATION TO THE BLESSING OF BRANCHES:** We begin today's liturgy in joy. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he did so in triumph, as a hero would when returning from a victorious battle. What the crowds did not truly realize—but we do today—is that Jesus' battle was just beginning. More importantly, the battle would look to be lost when he dies on the cross, when instead this was his victory over sin and death. Therefore, as we hold these branches high and sing hosannas to acclaim our King, we do so not only with heaviness in our hearts for Jesus' suffering and death, but with joy as well, for it is on the cross that Jesus redeems us from our sins.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week? Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

**Lenten Challenge:** Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

**Blessing for Holy Week:** Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart. Immerse us in Your intense and undying love. Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us. Amen.



**Readings for the week of March 29, 2026**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/ Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday:** *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/

Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

**Observances for the week of March 29, 2026**

Wednesday: *April Fools' Day*

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

## 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

### 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  
**Holy Thursday** Supper to share at SJ Fr. Smith Center **5 pm**  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper—SJ **7 pm**  
**Good Friday** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion—SJ **7 pm**  
**Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil Mass—SJ **8:00 pm**  
 April 24/25 & May 1-3- SF Northville Garage Sale

## 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.

**PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** The Pope has asked our parishes to support this collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. The war, and now the Iranian conflict, have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, this collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**EASTER FLOWER** donations are being accepted at **both Churches** in memory of your loved ones. If you do not use offertory envelopes, you can 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 and place the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the office. Thank you.

The Diocesan Appeal is our opportunity to invest in the health and vitality of our entire Catholic community. Spanning 14 counties and 126 parishes, your gift supports the life-changing ministries that define our Church—from seminarian formation to Catholic Charities and outreach for those at the margins. Please join your fellow Catholics in prayer and support by making your gift today at [Donate.TheDiocesanAppeal.org](http://Donate.TheDiocesanAppeal.org) or using the envelope in the pew. Checks payable to Diocesan Appeal

*Envelopes are in the pews if needed.*

**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!

The annual St Francis of Assisi fundraiser in Memory of Arianna Lanzi will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$15. Pick up: Noon - 4pm at the Sport Island Pub!



**July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

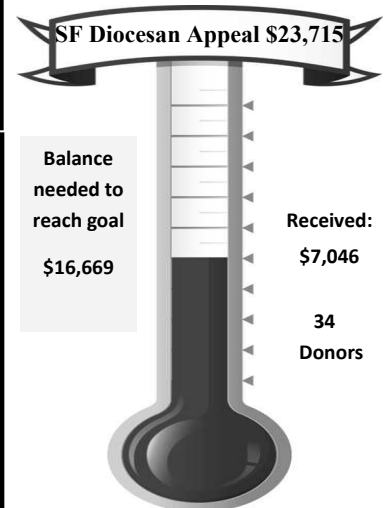
*"Remember where your treasure is,  
 your heart is also."  
 Matthew 6:21*



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<b>March 8</b>	<b>SJ 4:00 / 10:30</b>	<b>SF 8:30</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	58 /99	86
<b>Contribution</b>	\$1,116.00 / \$1,139.00	\$1,375.00
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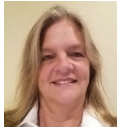
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