

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

OCTOBER 18, 2026

"TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME"



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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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

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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

Sheila Bleyl

Carm Greco

SF

Judy Morrison

William D. Saksen III

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Oct. 17)

Addie & Paul Gallacchi

Theresa Ferguson by Ron & Paula Cornell
by Roberta Dombrowski

Sunday (Oct. 18)

Daphne Bolibaugh by Steve & Kita Murray
John Gibbons by Marilyn Gibbons

Monday (Oct. 19) Parish Family of SJ

Friday (Oct. 23) No Mass

Saturday (Oct 24)

Robert Lyons, Sr. & Fanny Lyons
by Myrna Lyons

Lucy Wilcox by George & Carol Pifko
Daphne Bolibaugh by George & Carol Pifko

Sunday (Oct. 25)

Robert Engle by Corey & Charlotte Santo
Brenda Billa by The Ed, Dan & Matthew
Popp families, and Steve & Chris Mraz
George Phillips by Kathleen Phillips



The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. *You can memorialize a candle for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention.* The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20. All submissions need to 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 (Oct. 18)

William Howell by Margaret Howell

Tuesday (Oct. 20)

No Mass

Thurs. (Oct. 22)

No Mass

Sunday (Oct. 25)

Michael O'Leary by Kevin O'Leary

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: We gather as a faith community each Sunday to worship God by celebrating Mass and receiving the Eucharist. In doing so, we are coming here, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "to repay to God what belongs to God." Praise and thanks belong to God for creating us, redeeming us, and making us holy. We make this day and this gathering holy with our presence. We then go forth to serve the Lord as his disciples, repaying God with our prayers, words, and actions.

GOSPEL MEDITATION — Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us. With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

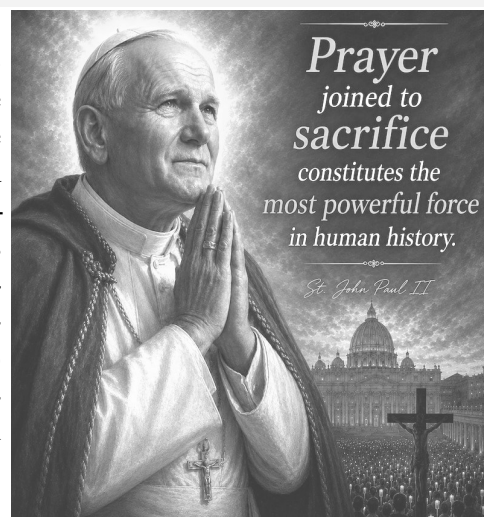
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On Thursday, October 22, we celebrate the Pope who inspired the world!

St. John Paul II born Karol Wojtyla in Poland, secretly studied for the priesthood during World War II and was ordained in 1946. Elected pope in 1978, he made evangelization a focus of his papacy and traveled the world to share the Gospel. As Pope, the interests that captured his heart as a young man continued -- his pastoral concern for young people, his philosophical emphasis on the human person, and his devotion to Mary and to the mercy of God. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done. Near the end of his papacy, he struggled to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, was declared blessed on May 1, 2011 and became a saint on April 27, 2014.

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St. John Paul II, pray for us!

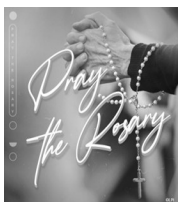


St. Joseph

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

Volunteers needed for our Bereavement Ministry: If you possess strong empathy, listening skills, and a heart to serve, you can help families plan the funeral Mass with readings and music; setup the Mass for the funeral; or greet people smiling and handing out programs. You can choose any of the above or all of them. If interested, call Wanda Smith at 518-883-5069.



Join us in praying the Rosary at St. Joseph's before each weekend Mass

during the month of October, 3:30 pm on Saturdays and 10:00 am on Sundays.

INTERFAITH TEA: In keeping with a tradition that started at the Jewish Community Center over 77 years ago, the Church of the Holy Spirit in Gloversville will host the annual Fulton County Interfaith Tea this year. It will be held this Tuesday, October 20th, at 11:00 a.m. in their parish hall. All are invited to come and share in fellowship with people from different Churches in the area.

St. Joseph's Thrift Store Hours

Tues.: 4—7 pm;
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UPCOMING EVENTS

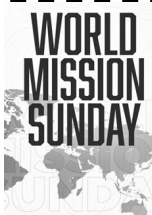
Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Each Wednesday-SF 2 pm Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall -
Mon., Nov. 2—SJ—8:30 am Mass—All Souls Day
Fri., Nov. 13, - SJ—6:30 pm—Memoria Mass

Prayer for Missionaries

O God, Bless, protect, guide, and uphold those who bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. Fill them with Your strength and love, give them fresh inspiration each morning, and safe and restful sleep each night. Amen.

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Today is World Mission Sunday: It is the day that the worldwide Catholic Church renews its commitment to the missionary movement. Please be generous in today's second collection. Thank you.



The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026

at 2 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 125 Eagle St., Albany. If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing or join Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the Cathedral in Albany on November 29. Please speak to your parish clergy, then register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at 518-453-6660. Families and friends are invited to attend! *Please note: the ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony but is not a Mass.

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



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September 27	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	73/118	125
Contribution	\$ 856.00 / \$1,786.25	\$1,589.00
9/7—9/11 E-Giving	\$ 227.80	\$ 102.10
Catholic University	\$ 469.00	\$ 373.00
Votive Candles	\$ 51.00	\$ 46.00

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.*

Congratulations to the winners of the St. Francis of Assisi Raffle:

Bonnie Preston \$250

Susan Schaffer \$250

Margaret Kehn \$500

Leslie Casey \$1,000

Thanks to all for your support!

Fr. Jun will leave for a Pilgrimage on October 20, but will be back for the weekend Masses of Oct. 31/Nov. 1.

BIRTHRIGHT would like to remind parishioners that the baby bottles for Respect Life Sunday are due back. Please return them to the designated Birthright box at Church. Thank you.

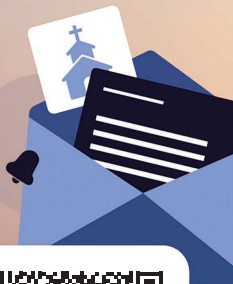


CUSTODIAN NEEDED: St. Francis is seeking a dedicated and energetic part-time Church Custodian and Handyman to maintain the cleanliness, safety and overall appearance of our church facilities. Working hours are primarily 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are looking for an individual that is reliable, punctual, has strong adherence to schedule, and proactive communicator. Please apply in person during office hours, 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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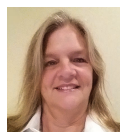
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