

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

OCTOBER 25, 2026

“THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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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 Je-
sus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith
Formation and Service to others.

Trustees

SJ	SF
Sheila Bleyl	Judy Morrison
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday (Oct. 26) No Mass

Friday (Oct. 30) No Mass

Saturday (Oct 31)

Virginia Krajewski by Barbara Jones
Fred Castler by Carm & Maria Greco
Hank & Helen Pawling by Ann Sargalis

Sunday (Nov. 1)

Micael O'Leary by Kevin O'Leary



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. 25)

Michael O'Leary by Kevin O'Leary

Tuesday (Oct. 27)

No Mass

Thurs. (Oct. 29)

No Mass

Sunday (Nov. 1)

Stan Rogers by Todd & Julie Whitney

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: Out of love, God created us and the entire world we live in. Out of love, God sent the Son who died for us to save us from our sins. Out of love, God sent the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. No wonder John wrote quite simply that God is love. Because we were created, redeemed, and made holy as acts of love, we are called to love in return. Specifically, Jesus teaches us today that the greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbor. May our hearts expand with love as we join with our neighbor to worship God.

GOSPEL MEDITATION — When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, **"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37).** He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else *because* we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with

Question: Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?



Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallow-mas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks? All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world,

especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints.

But remember ... this feast was Catholic first! ©LPi

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

THANK YOU for your generous support of World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will make a real difference in mission territories across the globe. Together, we are bringing the Gospel to places where it can finally be heard, sometimes even for the first time. In His final words before ascending to heaven, Jesus commanded us, "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). For 2,000 years the Church has been at work in this task. The Mission is far from over, and it's our turn to care for the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you again for your prayers and generosity!



Join us in praying the Rosary before each weekend Mass during the month of October, 3:30 on Sat. & 10:00 am on Sun.

Volunteers needed for our Bereavement Ministry: If you would like to help families plan the funeral Mass; setup the Mass for the funeral; or greet people while handing out programs. please call Wanda Smith at 518-883-5069.

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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



Gracious God, We give thanks for the successful surgery of Pope Leo XIV and entrust his continued healing to your loving care.



Simon and Jude are often mentioned together because they were companions in their mission of evangelization. They traveled together to preach the Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, to the nations, and are believed to have been martyred together on one of these missions which led them to be honored together on the same feast day, **October 28**. Their primary relics rest inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

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

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October 4	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	56/103	126
Contribution	\$1,109.00 / \$2,092.00	\$3,393.00
9/28—10/2 E-Giving	\$ 196.90	\$ 303.85
Fuel Fund	\$ 440.00	SF: \$ 145.00; SF Feast: \$399
Votive Candles	\$ 24.05	\$ 40.00

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.*

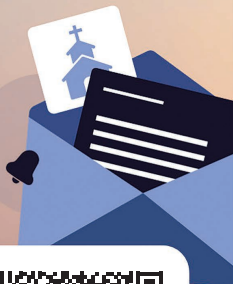
The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026 at 2 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 125 Eagle St., Albany. If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing or join Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the Cathedral on November 29. Please speak to your parish clergy, then register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at 518-453-6660. *Please note: the ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony but is not a Mass.

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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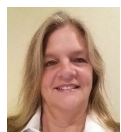
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