

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

“TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” - Mt 18:21-22

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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
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Sept. 12)

Theresa Ferguson

by Dave & Debbie Walendziak

Tracey Martin by Pat Cardone and family

Sunday (Sept. 13)

Theresa Ferguson Parish Family of SJ

George Gallagher by Pat Prokop

by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nellenback, Jr.

Monday (Sept. 14)

Helen & Joseph Cardone, Sr. by Pat Cardone

Friday (Sept. 18)

Special Intention for Perla Santiago

Special Intention for Athiya Ganaden

by Myrna Lyons

Saturday (Sept. 19)

Mildred and Joseph Floria

by George & Carol Pifko

Theresa Ferguson

by Bernie Brooks

Sunday (Sept. 20)

Lucy Wilcox by Steve & Kita Murray

Malcolm Bowler by SJ Altar Rosary Society

Daphne Bolibaugh by The Munnelly,

Crowther, and Aldi Families



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 (Sept. 13))

Deceased Members of the Piazza Family
by Frank & Peggy Piazza

Deceased Members of the Plumadore Family
and Amelia by Frank & Peggy Piazza

Tuesday (Sept. 15)

Rev. Thomas M. Farrell

Thurs. (Sept. 17)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Sunday (Sept. 20)

Sidney Junquera

by Jackie & Family

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: We are reminded today of how important it is to forgive one another. When Peter asks Jesus how many times he needs to forgive someone, Jesus tells him not seven times, but seventy-seven times. He is essentially saying that there is no limit that should be put on forgiveness. After all, the Lord forgives us all constantly. And we need it! It's the least we can do to forgive someone who has hurt us. Let us call to mind our own sins and our own need for forgiveness even as we consider those to whom we should offer that same gift.

GOSPEL MEDITATION— In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "**Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?**" Jesus responds, "**I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.**" In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

Our Lady of Sorrows
SEPTEMBER 15



The Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother

First Sorrow: The Prophecy of Simeon

Second Sorrow: The Flight Into Egypt

Third Sorrow: Search for the Child Jesus in Jerusalem

Fourth Sorrow: Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary

Fifth Sorrow: The Crucifixion

Sixth Sorrow: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Seventh Sorrow: The Burial of Jesus

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

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage: Need a retreat but can't get away? Join America's Rosary pilgrimage from home on September 26. It will be livestreamed from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Spend the day in prayer with the Dominican Friars, thousands of Catholics gathered in person and tens of thousands joining online. **Free sign up at rosarypilgrimage.org for updates.**

The combined **Youth Ministry Classes** for Fulton County Youth in Grades 7—10 will begin Sunday, Sept. 27, at Holy Spirit Church in Gloversville from 6:00-7:30 pm in the gym. This will be an open house style class where students and parents can register for the upcoming year, meet the team and visit our space.

Undie Sunday, Sept. 27: Please join us in collecting NEW underwear, socks, & undershirts for men, women, and children. See the flyer in the vestibule for organizations items will distributed to.

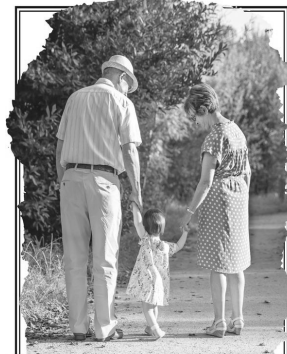
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 -
Sun., Sept. 13, SJ Altar Rosary Society Meeting @ 9:15 am
Sun., Sept. 20, Faith Formation Classes Begin
Sun., Oct. 4—SF, Raffle drawing
Sat., Oct. 10, SF—Annual Craft Fair
* Save the Dates* - July 16, 17, 18, 2027 St. Joseph Festival



Happy Grandparents Day!

Sunday, September 13

A Blessing for Grandparents:

Dear God,
Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.

2026-2027 Faith Formation Class Schedule for Grades 1 through 6

September 20, 27	October 4, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	December 6, 13, 20
January 3, 10, 24, 31	February 7, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21	April 4, 11, 18, 25

If you would like to help as a catechist, or have any questions, please call Bonnie Aldi at the parish office or email her at religion.sfnjsb@yahoo.com

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



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Aug. 23	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 6:00/8:30
Attendance	60//133	36/160
Contribution	\$882.00 / \$986.00	\$366.00 / \$2,212.00
8/17—8/21 E-Giving	\$333.10	\$ 227.10
Votive Candles	\$ 115.05	\$ 54.00

St. Francis

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.

St. Francis of Assisi: Raffle tickets are being sold after both Masses. **ENTER TO WIN!** \$2,000 in prizes will be given away. Drawing will be held Oct. 4.



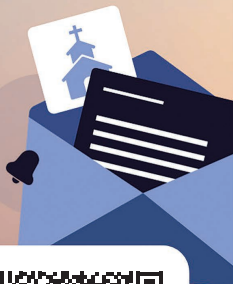
Please keep **Saturday, Oct. 10**, open on your calendars for St. Francis' "Annual Craft Fair"! We need your help! We will need crafts, raffle baskets, and new, or like-new items to help raise money for our church. Please call Carmen Durkin (518) 213-3536 or text (518) 335-5472. We are also in need of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

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.*

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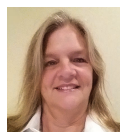
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