

# September 6, 2020 ~ The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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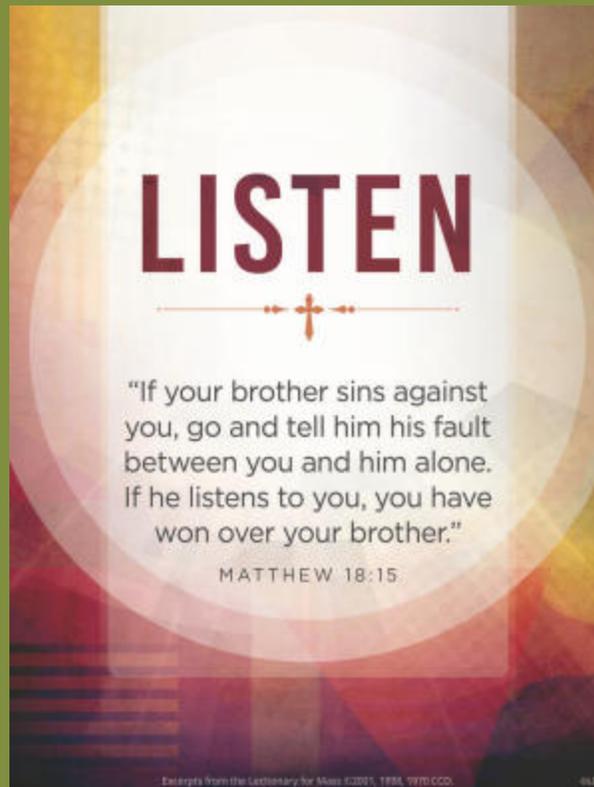
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Remember in your prayers all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm at SJ; Sunday 7:30 am at SF; Sacrament of Baptism: Contact parish office; Sacrament of Marriage: Contact parish office at least 6 mos prior to the proposed marriage date; Sacrament of the Sick: Contact parish office during office hours. Emergencies call anytime; Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry: Peggy Piazza (SF), Wanda Smith (SJ) Pastoral Care Coordinators; Works of Mercy: Kitty Ingalls (SF), Mary Ann Losee (SJ); Parish Outreach Ministry: Contact parish office; Prayer Chain: (SF) Call Cathy 863-6271 or Katy 863-2734 (SJ) Call Erin 224-8811 Thrift Shop, St. Joseph's Closet: temporarily closed

**St. Joseph Mass Intentions****Sat (5) 4:00 pm**Mary, Denis & Anthony Pakenas  
+ Roberta Dombleski  
Special Intention + T & M Jablonski**Sun (6) 10:30 am**Greg Wittemeyer + Pat Ottati  
Eric Jones + Penny Szumowski**Monday (7) 8:30 am**

No Mass in observance of Labor Day

**Friday (11) 8:30 am**Revs. JW Toole & J Hennesey,  
Msgr LR Clark**Sat (12) 4:00 pm**Eric Jones + George & Carol Pifko  
Bob Montenaro + B & L Spencer**Sun (13) 10:30 am**Anna Mae Gibbons + SJ's Thrift Store  
Greg Wittemeyer + B & L Spencer**St. Francis Mass Intentions****Sat (5) 6:30 pm**

Marc Blaauboer + Fr. Jun

**Sun (6) 8 am**

Marlene Herchenroder

**Tuesday (8) 8:30 am**Msgr WL Martin,  
Rev. EA Heenan**Thursday (10) 8:30 am**Rev. J Morley  
Rev. JJ Hardiman**Sun (13) 8 am**Zoila Estrella Polo  
+ Jim & Diane Pertell

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day** ~ Each of us is our brother's (& sister's) keeper. Today we hear God calling us to be responsible for each other. No one should be left on their own to fail; we are called to pick each other up, to help each other out. This Labor Day weekend, when we honor all those who work to do the things that contribute to society, whether in a factory, on a farm, in an office, at home, or wherever it may be, let us resolve to work together in building the kingdom of God.

**RESPECT LIFE** ~ "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ The key word in today's gospel is "listen". We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** ~ It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing & expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed. ©LPI

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again. ©LPI

**Readings for the week of September 6, 2020** ~ Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20; Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11; Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23; Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26; Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38; Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42; Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49; Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

SJ Lector: 9/12: J Smith

SF Lector:

9/13: K Murray

9/13: G Bubniak

The offices will be closed on Monday 9/7/2020 to observance of Labor Day.



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH** Sunday 8:00 AM  
**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH** Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 10:30 AM

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place, so those who are vulnerable or even simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestream, which will continue as scheduled.

Parishioners should bring/wear their own masks and, if possible, a bottle of hand sanitizer for use upon entering, before receiving Communion, after receiving Communion, and after exiting the church. Catholics should plan on restricted seating, a change in the reception of Communion in order to ensure social distancing, exit strategies to ensure social distancing, etc. Visit <http://rcda.org/coronavirus> and follow diocesan social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the latest updates on the return to public Masses and other COVID-related information.

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany LAY MINISTRY**

The **St. Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry Formation** will begin a new cohort early in 2021. For the time-being this will be an entirely online cohort. The program is being revised into a two-year program with an optional third year that will focus on a specialized area of ministry (such as catechetical leader, youth ministry leader, pastoral care coordinator, and more to be developed.) If you would like to receive further information, please email or call **David Amico or Erin Muir** (518) 453-6670.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ~As many parishes continue to minister through "virtual" platforms like Zoom and GoogleMeets throughout the pandemic, The Pastoral Center ([pastoralcenter.com](http://pastoralcenter.com)) offers many **e-resources**. Among them are send-home personal retreats, send-home facilitated retreats, send-home small group tools. The Spirituality of Work series even includes a six-session small group resources for those who have lost their jobs, entitled, *Unemployed Together*.

**Becoming a Minister of Faith Formation (BAMOFF),**

the initial orientation and training for catechetical leaders, will be available via Zoom for the 2020-21 year, even if we are permitted to re-gather. This will allow those who cannot travel to Albany to be able to participate. On Zoom, the session times will be adjusted to 3 hours with sufficient breaks, rather than the five-hours in the in-person gatherings. If you are new to your position, or need to make-up sessions, or just need a refresher, printed brochure is available in the office.

Feast of the  
Nativity of the  
Blessed  
Virgin Mary

September 8

Mass: 8:30 AM  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Live on Facebook

**CONGRATULATIONS to the newly ordained priest and 13 deacons ~ Ordained Priest:** Rev. Charles Onyeneke; **Transitional Diaconate:** Matthew Duclos, Kyle Gorenski, Daniel McHale, Nathaniel Resila, Stephen Yusko, Transitional deacons are those men who are preparing for ordination to the priesthood. The five men who will be ordained to the diaconate on Sept. 5 will spend one year as deacons before their ordination to the priesthood. **Permanent Diaconate:** Nicholas Ascioti, Ramon Bonifacio, Paul Cerosaletti, Martin Dinan, Ronald Dombrowski, Paul LeBlanc, Bernard McConaghy, Aaron Tremblay.

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during this  
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**Fr. Jun is live streaming Masses:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/tas.yo.9>  
 8:30 am Mass  
 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
 Wednesday 8:30am Exposition/  
 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
 8 am Sunday Mass

**REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:**  
 Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living & deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays or other special occasions.

**OUR GIVING**

To meet expenses, the following amounts are needed weekly:  
**\$2,516.00 at St. Joseph's; \$2,612.00 at St. Francis.**

	Attend	8/30/20	Mailed in	Candles	Poor Box
SJ 4pm	35	\$835		n/a	n/a
SF 6:30	20	\$239		n/a	n/a
SF 8am	36	\$1,296		\$4	\$5
SJ 10:30	32	\$556	\$1,777	n/a	n/a

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection ~ Delayed from 4/10/2020 ~** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools & offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest & instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of Crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace & join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**Sympathies and Prayers:** We remember the recently deceased & their families in prayer with sympathy and love.

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