

# October 25, 2020 ~ The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Joseph's Church

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Mass: Sat 4pm; Sun 10:30 am  
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We, the Roman Catholic  
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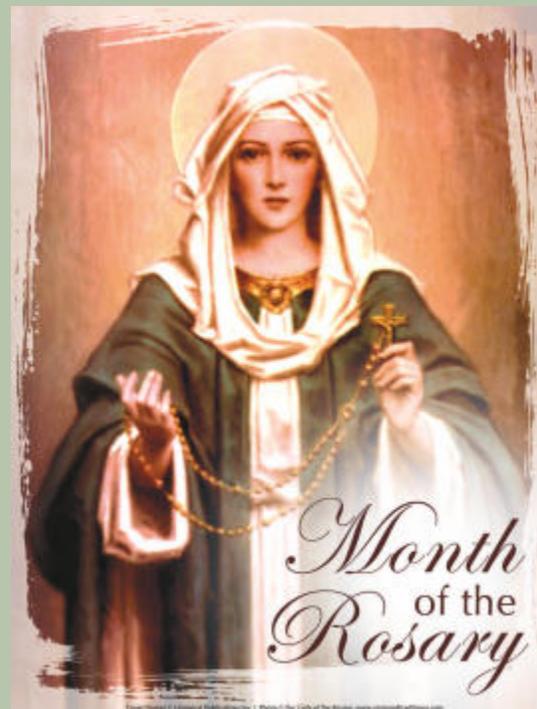
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Remember in your prayers all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

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

Visit our Website: <http://www.rcda.org/churches/stjosephstfrancis>

**St. Joseph Mass Intentions****Sat (24) 4:00 pm**

Eric Jones + Rose Bazan  
 Dominic & Florence Locatelli  
 + Joe & Pat Cardone

**Sun (25) 10:30 am**

Eric Jones + Joan Raven  
 Dominic & Florence Locatelli  
 + Knights of Columbus # 7629

**Monday (26) 8:30 am**

Neal Pisanti, Sr. + Mary Pisanti

**Friday (30) 8:30 am**

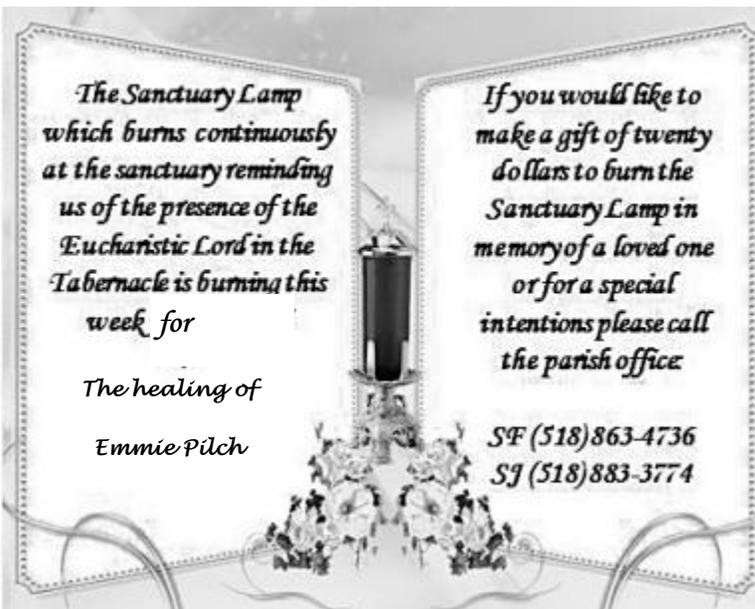
Rev. John E Place, Msgr Vincent J  
 Gorski, Rev. John W Keefe

**Sat (31) 4:00 pm**

Charles Malacynski + R & P Fallis  
 Virginia Krajewski + Barb Jones  
 Eric Jones + David & Deb Walendziak

**Sun (1) 10:30 am**

John Gibbons + Marilyn Gibbons  
 Eric Jones + David & Deb Walendziak

**St. Francis Mass Intentions****Sun (25) 8 am**

Robert Sr & Fanny Lyons  
 + Myrna Lyons  
 20th Wedding Anniversary of Todd  
 & Julie Whitney + T & J Whitney

**Tuesday (27) 8:30 am**

Rev. Robert B Scott  
 Rev. Richard J Walsh

**Thursday (22) 8:30 am**

Roy & Esther Edwards  
 + William & Cynthia Cromie

**Sun (1) 8 am**

Arianna Lanzi  
 + Jan & Chuck Swatling  
 Louise Sira + Jim \* & Katy Ryan

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day** ~ Today we hear the LORD remind the Israelites of their past, where they'd come from and what they overcame. We come here today as we are now, but we must recall who we were in the past, what we have accomplished and what we have overcome. We can empathize with our neighbor, for the joys, difficulties, and worries she is experiencing today are comparable to what we have ourselves experienced. Let us thank God for the grace that brought us here today and the continued grace to see ourselves in our neighbor.

**RESPECT LIFE** ""The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. ... Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" [respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](http://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** ~ For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit. ©LPI

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ Do we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many give God's commandment to love your neighbor and yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person's soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world's pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well. ©LPI

**Readings for the week of October 25, 2020** ~ Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 ; Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17; Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21; Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16; Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/ Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35; Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6; Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11; Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

SJ Lector: 10/31: C Pifko  
 11/1: K Tate

SF Lector:  
 11/1: R Koval

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.

Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on **World Mission Sunday!** Our parishes offered \$814.00 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church - a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

**Catholic Charities Collection** ~ We are partnering with Catholic Charities for a second collection on November 7th & 8th to benefit their work in supporting families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consider a generous response to help your neighbors in the Albany Diocese. More information can be found online at [ccrda.org](http://ccrda.org) & in the October 22nd issue of the Evangelist.

**Celebrate This Week October 25-31, 2020 Pastoral Care Week/ Spiritual Care Week** ~ Spiritual Care Week gives opportunities for organizations and institutions of all kinds and types to recognize the spiritual caregivers in their midst and the ministry which the caregivers provide. **This Year's Theme** "Listening as Accompaniment": Jesus' silent listening to the suffering disciples on the road to Emmaus

"To all who are sick, do not lose hope, especially when your suffering is at its worst. Christ is near you." *Pope Francis*

Jesus, We ask You to be present through us, in bringing comfort, consolation and assurance that they are not alone, to all who are sick, suffering, or lonely.

May we be blessed with listening hearts as we accompany our sisters and brothers on their journey through suffering and fear to health.

If their suffering leads to death, may our presence assure them and their caregivers that the journey continues and death is not the end.

Give us words of encouragement and hope as we share scripture, the Word of Truth.

May those who are suffering experience Your true presence Jesus, when receiving Holy Communion, and May we always remain your faithful disciples and ministers of care.

Amen.

**Help Offered:** The Knights of Columbus #7629 would like to offer their help to any parishioner in need of assistance due to the corona virus, whether monetary or physical help. Please contact Joe Cardone (518-883-3142) or Ron DiCaprio (518-376-4950).

**ST. JOSEPH'S THANKSGIVING DAY RAFFLE**

\$1,000 Grand Prize; One \$500 Prize; Two \$250 Prizes; Ten \$100 Prizes

Drawing November 26, 2020 after 10:30 am Mass

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**A Blessing for Caregivers**

May you see with tender eyes  
The wounds of those before you.  
May you hear with well-tuned ears  
The unspoken needs of those whose voices are muted. May you hold with gentle hands  
The bodies and the spirits of those you care for. May  
the beauty of soul,  
The strength of spirit,  
The wholeness of being  
Lead you, inspire you  
And let you know your own  
Beauty of soul,  
Strength of spirit,  
Wholeness of being.

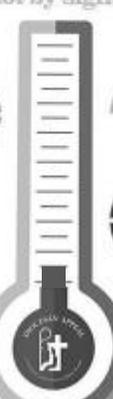
May you know that,  
As you care for others,  
God cares for you, sees you,  
Holds you tenderly. Amen.

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**PIOCESAN APPEAL**  
July 1, 2020- July 30, 2021  
**St. Joseph's Goal \$21,882.00**

For we walk by **faith**,  
not by sight.

Total Rec'd:  
\$1,532

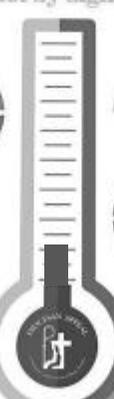


 Please remember when wearing a mask that it should cover your nose and your mouth. Continue to wash your hands, practice social distancing & don't touch your face.

**PIOCESAN APPEAL**  
July 1, 2020- July 30, 2021  
**St. Francis Goal \$24,699.00**

For we walk by **faith**,  
not by sight.

Total Rec'd:  
\$3,240



**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 | 10/11/20 | Faith formation | Candles | Poor Box |
|-----------------|--------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| <b>SJ 4 pm</b>  | 38     | \$2,013  |                 | n/a     | n/a      |
| <b>SF 8 am</b>  | 48     | \$1,860  | \$72            | \$10    | n/a      |
| <b>SJ 10:30</b> | 48     | \$1,072  | \$135           | n/a     | n/a      |

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