

Historic St. Joseph's Church

"Year of Saint Joseph"

A Roman Catholic Community founded in 1862

600 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

Parish Office (518) 374-4466 email: saintjoes225@yahoo.com

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. + Sunday: 9:30 a.m. + Weekdays: 12:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first weekend of the month during Mass. A Baptism preparation class is a requirement prior to Baptism. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is celebrated each day following the 12:15 pm Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

NOTICE: Engaged couples who desire to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Joseph's, should contact the Parish Office at least nine months prior to setting a date. No other plans or deposits should be made until a Church date has been secured.

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged or homebound requests the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or a visit from our Visitation Ministers.

Faith Formation Program

Faith Formation classes are available for grades Pre-K through 11th grade, including sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Please call the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466 to register or for more information.

Pastoral Staff

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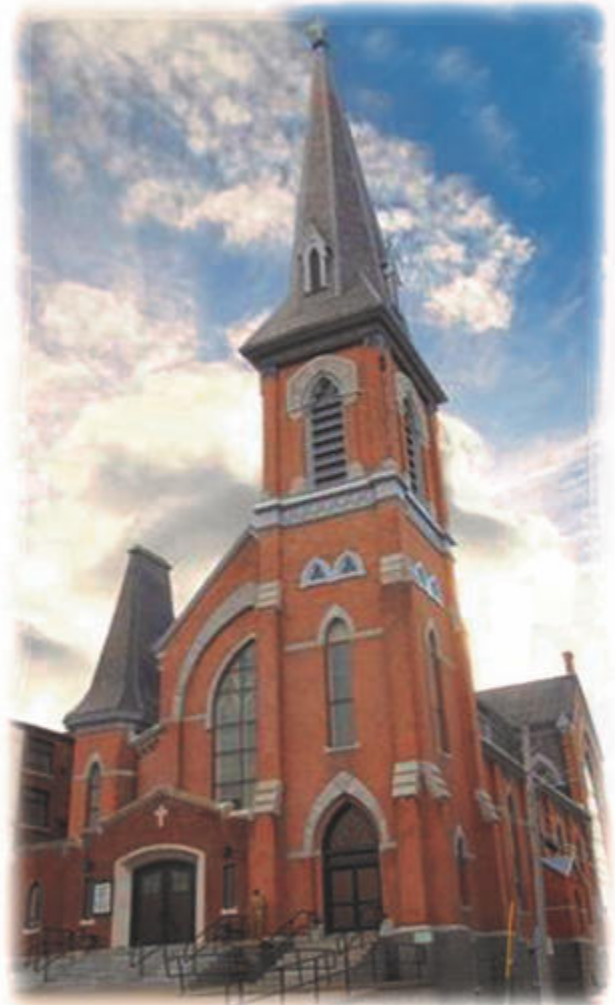
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Cemetery Superintendent: Matthew Mountain, please call (518) 372-8805; or email: stjosephschenectady@gmail.com, 100 Kings Road, Schenectady, New York 12304

Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass Taping, aired on Channel 1301, Tuesdays, at 2:00 p.m. and the following Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners

All are welcome to join our Parish. Registration Forms may be found at the Church entrances.



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2021**

St. Joseph's Place: 837 Albany Street, Schenectady, New York, 12307 at (518) 982-0355. **Coordinators:** Sr. Ann Christi Brink, CSJ and Sr. Linda Neil, CSJ. St. Joseph's Place is an outreach ministry of St. Joseph's Church, a drop in center serving the Hamilton Hill area. **Summer Hours:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

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"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE!"

Sunday after Sunday we are drawn here to worship God, to listen to God's word and to receive Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that like all good things, this unconscious prompt that draws us together each Sunday comes from the Father. As we celebrate together today, let us thank God for the wonderful gift of faith, which animates our lives and drives us to undertake Christ's mission.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27; Tuesday – 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26; Wednesday – Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20; Thursday – Jos 3:7-10a,13-17; Mt 18:21-19;1; Friday – Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12; Saturday – Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12.

MANY THANKS FROM THE MISSIONARY

Susan Banish, from the COAR Orphanage, wishes to thank all those who responded last weekend to the Appeal for them, in the second collection. A total of \$938.00 was collected. Again, thank you!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

It is time to register your child(ren) for Religious Education for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Our program ranges from Pre-K through high school. Enrollment forms are available at the bulletin stations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Religious Education Coordinators Julie Biittig at (518) 526-5234 or Annemarie LeClair at (518) 859-2655. Classes will begin in September.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen me on my journey? When have I needed a second nudge to go on?

THE EVANGELIST

The Evangelist is our award-winning Diocesan weekly newspaper. If you would like to start receiving this informative paper, please let the Parish Office know. Each subscription costs \$18.00 annually to the Parish. If you would like to help with the cost, the Church is grateful to receive your donation. Those who use the offertory envelope system will find envelopes in their packet marked "The Evangelist", or envelopes are located at the bulletin stations. You can either place it in the collection basket or mail it to our Parish office. It takes approximately two weeks to start up The Evangelist or delete the subscription. Thank you for your participation and payment!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July 31/August 1	\$2,605.00	\$2,600.00

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BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

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Celebrate With Us -
August 9 to August 15, 2021

Monday

12:15 PM Michael Fazio, req. by Jerry & Kathy

Tuesday

12:15 PM Raffaele & Caterina Zuppa, req. by Rae Tedeschi

Wednesday

12:15 PM Charles & Amelia Moncsko

Thursday

12:15 PM Birthday Memorial for Donna Bourdeau, by Larry

Friday

12:15 PM John & Mary Kinney & Their Families

Saturday

5:30 PM Jankowski & Crispino Families, req. by Family
Joseph & Jessie Malecki, req. by Son & Daughter

Sunday

9:30 AM 5th Anniversary Memorial for John E. George, Jr.,
req. by Family
Birthday Memorial for Rev. Anthony Curran
Larry Jackson King, req. by Karen Scheffler

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Janice King
req. by Mary Candida

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of
Elizabeth Ciro.

**HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC –
RCIA TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER**

During the summer months you may encounter people who have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Roman Catholic faith and did not know how to go about it. Perhaps you can tell them about the **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**, a process specifically designed for adults who: + Are not baptized in any faith denomination, + those who are baptized in another faith such as Lutheran, Methodist, etc., or + those who have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church but have not received any other Sacraments and would now like to become full members of the Catholic community. Often family members, co-workers, neighbors or friends need encouragement from you to begin the process of conversion to the faith. The RCIA program is sponsored by the Parishes of St. Joseph, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Adalbert's, St. Paul's and St. Luke's. Classes will be held at St. Luke's Pastoral Center and will begin in September. For more information, please see Donald Penta or call me at the Parish Office, (518) 374-4466, ext. 13.

CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Where: Christ Our Light Roman Catholic Church

Date: Wednesday August 11th

(Each second Wednesday of every month except December)

Time: 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise

7:30 p.m. Liturgy

Music By: Joyful Heart

Location: 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, New York

All are welcome, bring a Friend.

Check them out on:

WWW.AlbanyCCR.org for other news and events!

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

When we are away from home, we tend to eat differently. This is especially true when we are traveling. Meals tend to be taken wherever convenient, often fast food and not always nutritious but it is the price of being in a hurry to get from point A to point B. In times past, travel food was not much better; it came in the form of a dense, dry and hard cake formed simply from flour and water. One land, it was known as "hardtack" and at sea as "sea biscuit." The advantage of these hard cakes was that they were easy to carry, packed a lot of calories in their small size and lasted for months. The disadvantages were that they were not particularly tasty, and they were too hard to bite into. Travelers would have to soak them in water before eating them. Elijah, our traveler from the first reading, from the book of Kings, had his own traveling food in what translators call "hearth cake." When we hear this, we probably think of a plate of pancakes served for him by God's angel. But this hearth cake is as dense and dry as the hardtack or the sea biscuit. It's a good thing that the angel also left a jug of water for Elijah. He probably needs it to consume the hearth cake. Once eaten he had the strength to make his long journey to Mount Horeb. Wee to area travelers. We are traveling through our Christian lives, a journey we began with Baptism when we were claimed for Christ and will ultimately end with our entry in eternal life in God's Kingdom. And like Elijah, we need to be fed for our journey to meet God. Our food is the Eucharist. The Eucharist, the Bread of Life, Communion is composed of unleavened bread and wine. The unleavened bread harkens back to the flight from Egypt the Israelites made on Passover. It was their hardtack for the journey to the Promised Land. The wine was used by travelers to purify the uncertain water found along the way. The Eucharist is more than simply food. It is Christ's very self. *"I am the bread that came down from heaven,"* Jesus tells us in the Gospel for today. Christ is our nourishment for our journey through this life. His blood, as seen in the Eucharistic wine, purifies us of our imperfections and sins. When we are able to see the world through this perspective, the perspective of faith, our worship together can be more than a weekly obligation. The Mass can be experienced as a way station for us life-weary travelers to stop, rest and nourish ourselves for the next leg of our life's journey. It is here we can celebrate together with other travelers the wonders we have seen, the challenges we have overcome, the hope of seeing God face to face. It is also an opportunity for us to heal from the wounds the jagged pathways may have inflicted on us along the way. Our faith and the Mass we celebrate is indeed a hospital for our souls. The Lord invites us to reach our destiny of eternal life. This is why he suffered so much and left us the Eucharist to make sure that we have what we need to finish our journey. As disciples of Jesus let us take full advantage of "this living bread that came down from heaven," the Eucharist, our food for the journey. God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS AND GENEROUS PARISHIONERS!

We are still trying to get advertising sponsorships for our bulletin. Please consider advertising in our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc. **We need and appreciate your help!** If you are interested or would like more information, please see or call Donald Penta at the Parish Office, (518) 374-4466, ext. 13. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

WE WELCOME YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

We sincerely hope you feel at home and among friends. If you are a visitor just for today, we bid you Godspeed on your journey. If you ***are seeking a Parish Community***, we will be delighted to **Welcome You** into our Parish Family! To register, there are Census Forms at both entrances of the Church in the top slot of the wooden stands. You can mail said form to the Parish Offices, place it in the offertory collection basket or hand it in by seeing Donald Penta. Thank You!

PASTORAL CARE

Just as a reminder – upon admission to ANY hospital or nursing home, please be sure that the **name of our Church as well as your religion is specified.** In addition, **please** have someone call the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466, either ext. 10 or 13. **If we are not called, we are not aware of the fact that one of our Parishioners/family has been admitted.** Also, if you know of a Parishioner who is homebound, please let Donald Penta, (518) 374-4466, ext. 13, know that as well. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH'S RESTORATION FUND

We invite you to honor a deceased loved one or remember a friend's anniversary, birthday or other special event through a gift to our **Restoration Fund**. Envelopes are available at the bulletin stations. Amounts of all gifts are confidential and acknowledgments are sent.

SANCTUARY LAMP

We invite you to honor a deceased loved one, as an anniversary or birthday memorial, or as a living memorial or special intention etc. The Sanctuary Lamp intention will be reserved for one week (Monday thru the next Sunday) for a \$10.00 donation by seeing Donald Penta, or by calling the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466 Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p. m.

ST. JUDE PRAYER LINE

There is a container available at the St. Jude statue for you to place your intentions in. Said intentions will be phoned to those on the prayer line. You only need to **put the intention in once**, as it stays on the Prayer Line thereafter. If anyone wishes to sign up for the Prayer Line, see Donald Penta or call me at the Parish offices, (518) 374-4466, ext. 13. Thank you!

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Our beautiful "Devotional Light" stand is in front of the Blessed Mother's altar. We invite you to honor a deceased loved one, for special intentions etc. **today** (before or after Mass) or any special date (by calling the office). You may reserve one any time for a \$10.00 donation by seeing Donald Penta, or by calling the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

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