

# Historic St. Joseph's Church

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St. Joseph's Cemetery

## Celebration of the Eucharist

### 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

Rev. Dominic P. Isopo, Pastor

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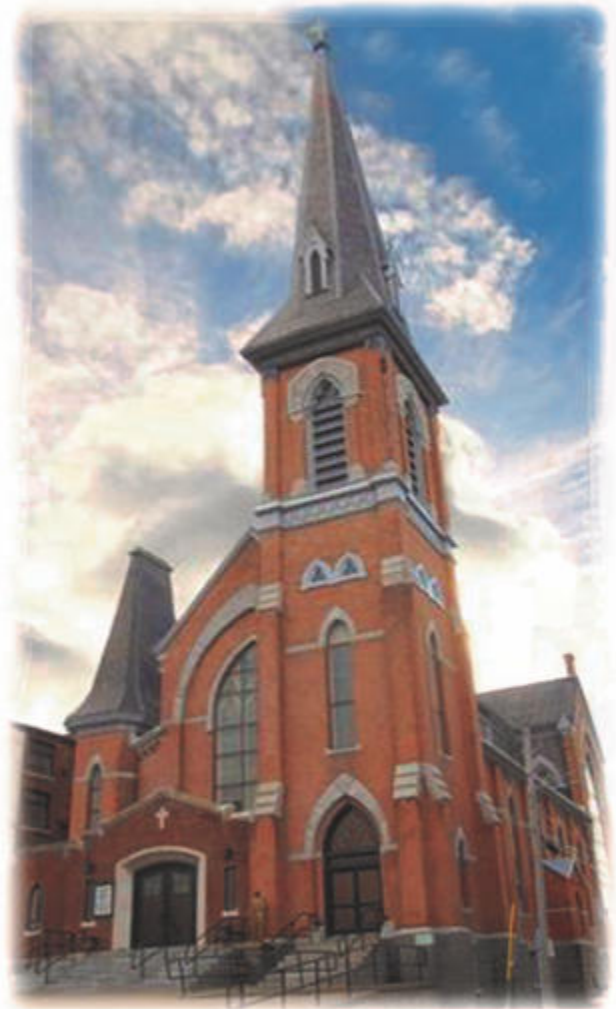
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**Cemetery Superintendent:** Matthew Mountain, please call (518) 372-8805; or email: [stjosephschenectady@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephschenectady@gmail.com), 100 Kings Road, Schenectady, New York 12304

**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.



## **Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM** **August 15, 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.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM**  
**August 15, 2021**



**“ALLELUIA. MARY IS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN!”**

Every so often a Solemnity like the Assumption falls on a Sunday, giving more prominence to this special feast of Mary. At the end of her earthly life God drew Mary home, assuming here into heaven where she would reign as queen until the end of time. From the beginning of her life on earth, when she was immaculately conceived, until the end, the Blessed Virgin Mary conformed her life to God’s will. Let us look to her as a model as we endeavor to discern God’s will for us.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** – Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22; **Tuesday** – Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30; **Wednesday** – Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16; **Thursday** – Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14;1; **Friday** – Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Mt 22:34-40; **Saturday** – Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12.

**OFFICE HOURS TO CHANGE**

**Beginning Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> our office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and be closed on Friday.**

**DIOCESAN APPEAL FINAL REPORT – 2021**

**We Went Over the Top Once Again!**

Our 2020 - 2021 Assessment was \$32,800. The total number of gifts was 86. The total amount pledged/received was \$33,192. This year we will receive 100% of the overage back once all the pledges are paid in full. Thank you to those who did respond for your Generous Support to the Diocesan Appeal Program! This support, as you know, is critical in sustaining the numerous ministries and programs throughout the Diocese, and is especially appreciated during these challenging economic times.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

What would I choose to include in my own Magnificat? For what great things would I praise God?

**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.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

<b>Weekend of:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>August 7/8</b>	<b>\$2,290.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**Restoration Collection — \$710.00**

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**Celebrate With Us -**  
**August 16 to August 22, 2021**

**Monday**

12:15 PM Successful Surgery for Tom L., by Kathy Brucker

**Tuesday**

12:15 PM Michael Fazio, req. by Mary Dolan

**Wednesday**

12:15 PM Kelly Pfaffenbach, req. by Family  
 9th Anniversary Memorial for Bartolomeo Baccari,  
 req. by Daughters

**Thursday**

12:15 PM Robert Rice, req. by Mary Cirincione

**Friday**

12:15 PM 7th Ann. Memorial for Rev. Michael J. Hogan

**Saturday**

5:30 PM Terry Reisigl, req. by Matthew Mountain

**Sunday**

9:30 AM Sara Quinlan, by Anthony Salerno & Kathy Callanan  
 Tom & Dolores Burke, req. by Gloria Leschen  
 John Cain, req. by Dennis & Patty Ward

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**7th Anniversary Memorial for Rev. Michael J. Hogan**

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLE**

**Special Intentions**

**req. by Jerry & Kathy**

**LIVING ROSARY**

To be held at **St. Luke’s Square** on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, **THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** St. Luke’s Parish Family welcomes all to gather to offer the Living Rosary for Mary’s intercession for those who have fallen away from the faith. They will also offer their prayer for all those who do not yet feel comfortable coming to Mass after COVID-19. Please visit the table in the Gathering Area to include your prayer intentions to be presented to Mary. Refreshments will follow in the Pastoral Center. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

**2021 CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

**“Strengthening the Church at Home!”**

Next weekend (August 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>) we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today over 40% of Dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal by using your offertory envelope for this collection, and place it in the single collection. We thank you in advance. Find more information at [www.uscb.org/home-missions](http://www.uscb.org/home-missions).

**SUMMER 2021**

We hope all of you are enjoying your summer with traveling, vacations, fishing, swimming, etc. **But please don’t forget ...** to maintain your regular offertory donations to St. Joseph’s Church during these summer months. Our expenses **do not** go on vacation. Thank you!

**HAVE A GOOD WEEK!**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

"From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me...." We celebrate this weekend, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But each Marian feast is a celebration of Jesus. Mary's holiness derives from her role in the life of her son, our Savior. Because she is the model for the Christian faith, her feasts are also about us. Mary shows us how to say yes to God's Word so deeply that it becomes flesh in us. She shows us how to share totally in his death and resurrection and how to welcome the Holy Spirit. The Feast of the Assumption is a late addition to the Church's official teaching. In 1950 Pope Pius XII declared it a doctrine that Mary's body was assumed into heaven after her death. But what does this doctrine teach us? First, it proclaims that the full process of our transformation in Christ includes our bodies. Mary's journey, from her life as a young girl in Nazareth to her place in eternity with God, is complete because she already experienced the resurrection. As Jesus' earthly body transcended time and was revealed in glory, so Mary is also in glory. Second, this unique privilege to Mary proclaims the destiny and dignity of all the baptized. We, too, are bound for glory. Our bodies have a divine destiny in Christ. Because of the promise and potential of every human being, every person deserves dignity and respect. The world situation in 1950 gave special significance to this affirmation of human life. World War II had resulted in the deaths of over 50 million people, from those murdered in the camps to the victims of bombings, atomic weapons and death from starvation, the dignity of human life has been debased in unimaginable ways. By lifting up Mary the Church countered this debasement and held up life as precious in the eyes of God. A third message in the Assumption of Mary into heaven is the implication that now a woman is united to the divine because of the incarnation, God becoming human. Despite the masculine language traditionally used to describe God, the feminine dimension of the divine is acknowledged and celebrated in Mary as the Mother of God. This was not lost on the renowned psychologist, Carl Jung, who reportedly praised the Church for affirming what popular piety has always held that the mystery of God is only understandable to us as both male and female. We go to God as Mother as well as Father, as spirit encompassing both masculine and feminine imagery. And, so, as people of faith we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary to honor and imitate Mary but also as the future we will share in the Kingdom of God. God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

**SANCTUARY LAMP VACANCY DATES**

Many, many thanks to all who signed up for Sanctuary Lamps. They are all filled for the rest of this year. Thank you again!!!!

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy Celebration will be held Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception, in the Gathering Area at the Cathedral following the Mass. Please register by seeing Donald Penta or call me at the Parish Offices, (518) 374-4466, ext. 13, or by email at [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

**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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