

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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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.



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 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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“NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS IT IS GRANTED HIM BY MY FATHER!”

Today we hear Joshua ask the tribes of Israel which God they will serve. They had other options, for their neighbors worshiped other Gods. We have other options as well. We could chose to serve wealth or status or power or pleasure, allowing something else to lead us and drive us in another direction. But we come here today, along with our families, our friends, our neighbors, as a sign of our commitment to serve the Lord. Let us recommit ourselves to serve God, to follow Christ on our journey through this life to the life promised to us in baptism.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 1 Thes 1:1-5; Mt 23:13-22; Tuesday – Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51; Wednesday – 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32; Thursday – 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51;1; Friday – 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13; Saturday – 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30.

OFFICE HOURS TO CHANGE

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

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.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Sanctuary Lamp is all booked until 2022 but one can request Devotional Candles at any time which runs for one week also. Our beautiful “Devotional Light” stand is in front of the Blessed Mother’s altar. We invite you to honor a deceased loved one, for living/special intentions, birthday, anniversaries, for good health, etc. You may reserve one any time for a \$10.00 donation by seeing Donald Penta, (before or after Mass) or by calling the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466, Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Intentions are listed in the bulletin.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
August 14/15	\$3,935.00	\$2,600.00

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Celebrate With Us -
August 23 to August 29, 2021

Monday

12:15 PM Jerry & Ginny LaMalfa

Tuesday

12:15 PM Bill & Catherine Murphy, req. by Jerry & Kathleen Brucker

Wednesday

12:15 PM Robert Donnelly, req. by Coons Family

Thursday

12:15 PM Alan MacDonald, Jr., req. by Mary Alice Fields

Friday

12:15 PM Birthday Memorial for Melonnie Nosal, by Family Adalbert & Gertrude Szumilowski, by Rowney Fam.

Saturday

5:30 PM Keith Wells, req. by Lois Frame

Sunday

9:30 AM Connor Meers, req. by Bob & Theresa Meers
 Walter Moran, req. by Dennis & Patty Ward

SANCTUARY LAMP

Special Intentions
req. by Family

**ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS
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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!

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The 49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy Celebration will be held **Saturday, October 30th at 2:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.** Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th 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.

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 cost **\$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!

“THIS IS HARD WHO CAN ACCEPT IT?”

Why is it so hard to accept the teachings of Jesus in a deep and meaningful way? Why do we turn to the needs of the flesh so easily and away from the spirit of trust so quickly? Today's Psalm cries out: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth". Yet we stray, choosing instead what we believe we have some control over. It is no wonder that the followers of Jesus questioned his teaching; they were difficult to understand and went against their world view. In many cases, it was just plain unbelievable. Yes, "this is hard, who can accept it?" as the disciples asked. Of course they were shocked. They were being called out of their comfort zone. Imagine the anxiety that was created among them in a world that was deeply divided and confusing. They were trying to survive in conflicted times where talking the familiar way out may have looked to be the safest! Here was this man, Jesus, with his feet firmly planted above and below, asking them to consider a new way of understanding God. Jesus was asking them to trust in the Spirit with words that were beyond their understanding. The disciples that walked away could only grasp what they knew to be true. They were not willing to trade a 'sure thing' for something so irrational and mysterious. In our culture today, we too find these teachings difficult and the flesh tempting. It seems easier to leave the Word of God behind us for the sake of intellectual rationale. Having and wanting more has become a god of power and can block us from the spirit of faith and love. It becomes easier to walk away in pursuit of the temptations of the flesh while leaving the spirit behind. Faith can take a back seat to tech screens, sports and many other extracurricular activities or wants, needs and desires of more new possessions. There is hardly a moment to sit back and soak up the mystery of our faith. The words of John's Gospel can very easily be laid over life as we struggle with each new temptation that calls us away from the spirit. Yet, we hunger for God without awareness. The challenge is to keep the Gospel front and center remembering, like the disciples, we "have come to believe and are convinced that you are the holy One of God." Judas, Peter, even John the Baptist faltered, just as we do, yet Jesus continues to offer forgiveness and opportunity to give up the flesh in trade for the spirit. It is a journey of constant conversion and it requires something from us. It requires mindfulness with trust and, perhaps, not for all, a cross tattooed on the right wrist as a reminder that "no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

LABOR DAY 2021

Please Note: The Church and Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th.
HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

MAGNIFICAT PRESENTATION

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (*a Ministry to Catholic Women*) is hosting its first in-person event since November 2019. Join them for a Women's **PILGRIMAGE** on **Saturday, September 11, 2021** from **11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at *Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, N.Y.* They will gather at **10:30 am** by the Coliseum for this day of spiritual renewal on Holy Ground where Sts. Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and Jean de Lalande were martyred and the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The day includes Mass, Rosary, lunch (**bring a bag lunch and beverages**), Praise & Worship, a Reflection by Fran Schmidt, the topic: "New Beginnings" (*Honoring those who died and survived 9/11.*) **Cost: Free-will Donation – RSVP by Wednesday, September 8th.** Register at albanymagnificat@gmail.com and include your name, phone number and parish. Let us know if you are interested in carpooling. Questions, call Diane Bigos at (518) 810-1310 or visit: www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany; or www.facebook.com/albanymagnificat. Invite your daughters, granddaughter, sisters and friends to this day of renewal!

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 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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!

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