

Historic St. Joseph's Church

"Year of Saint Joseph"

A Roman Catholic Community founded in 1862

600 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

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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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 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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**"NOTHING THAT ENTERS ONE FROM OUTSIDE
CAN DEFILE THAT PERSON!"**

The greatest gift each of us has received was the gift of life itself. That gift was given to us most directly by our parents, whose life in turn was given to them by their parents, and so on. But ultimately the author of all life, the giver of every great gift, is God. We come together today in thanksgiving for that precious gift of eternal life, promised by God's Son to all who follow Him.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30; Tuesday – 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37; Wednesday – Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44; Thursday – Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11; Friday – Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39; Saturday – Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5.

OFFICE HOURS TO CHANGE

Beginning this coming 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 will I do this week to put God's word into action? Has God's word truly penetrated my heart?

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Come and worship in His presence for *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* this coming Friday, September 3rd following the 12:15 Mass.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our *Monthly Food Collection*, sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish, to benefit Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM), will be next weekend, **Saturday/Sunday, September 4th/5th**. **PLEASE NO EXPIRED DATES!** Monetary offerings are also accepted. Please see Donald Penta to give contributions, and **checks should be made out to: "SICM"**. Thank you!

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Charles & Dorothy Thorstenson**.

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!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
August 21/22	\$1,754.00	\$2,600.00

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Celebrate With Us -
August 30 to September 5, 2021

Monday

12:15 PM Jerry & Ginny LaMalfa

Tuesday

12:15 PM Denise Caulfield, req. by Fran Underhill

Wednesday

12:15 PM Birthday Memorial for Henry Rosko, req. by Family Salvatore & Anna Palmieri, req. by Loretta Kessler

Thursday

12:15 PM 18th Anniversary Memorial for Margaret Baccari, req. by Daughters

Friday

12:15 PM 39th Anniversary Memorial for Louis P. Penta, req. by Donald & Judith Penta

Saturday

5:30 PM Gaetano & Carmella Cocivera, by Cirincione Family

Sunday

9:30 AM Mary Kanetzky, req. by Ursula Greiner
Birthday Memorial for Ralph Pasquariello, req. by Granddaughter

SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Caulfield Family
req. by Fran Underhill

**HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC –
RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT SCHEDULED**

Have you or someone you know ever expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Faith, but did not know how to go about it? **Come to our Information Night scheduled for Monday, September 20th, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Pastoral Center.** This is an opportunity for adults who are: not baptized in any faith denomination; those baptized in another Christian denomination; or for those baptized Catholic but have yet to receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, to learn how to go about becoming part of the Roman Catholic faith through the R.C.I.A., *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. The Information Night will outline the process of the RCIA and how full membership in the life of the Catholic community can enhance, deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ and give meaning and direction in life. If you are interested in learning more, please call Donald Penta, (518) 374-4466, ext. 13, dpenta30@aol.com or Fr. Isopo, (518) 346-3405, slrcc7@gmail.com. Sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph's, St. Adalbert's, St. Paul's and St. Luke's Parishes.

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.

LISTENING CHANGES US

The inspired Word of God for this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time has a lot to say about hearing and listening. Moses implores the Israelites to hear God's commandments; St. James in the 2nd reading begs us to welcome the Word that has been planted in us and in the Gospel, Jesus gathers the crowd and implores them to listen. It is worth pointing out that while they are sometimes used interchangeably, there is at other times a big difference between hearing and listening. To listen is to give the gift of our attention. It's a precious gift in a world that is constantly clamoring for our attention. Social media, especially is designed to occupy our awareness, it's often free for our use but is funded by advertisers who are paying specifically for our eyes and ears. Our attention is splintered and fragmented and is distracted from those things we know are most important. To sit in wholehearted attention to anything is a gift to us. And to direct our attention to another person is our gift to them. The root of the word attention means "to stretch," and to attend to someone or something literally means to stretch towards it. When we attend to someone we pay heed to them letting ourselves become pliable, stretching and softening in response to their needs. When we attend to someone, we enter fully into care for them. This sort of attention changes us. We can't truly listen to someone else's story and expect to remain UN affected. It is no coincidence that attention shares its roots with tenderness. Tending to God's Word and tending to a sick relative are alike in that each makes us more tender, turning our hearts into fertile soil to welcome both God and those who need our care here on earth. Active, quality listening is brought about by paying close attention to another. This type attention and care is the basis of all relationships especially our relationship with God. It is a relationship with God that sets Israel apart from other nations, it is God's closeness, God' willingness to enter into their experience that makes Israel unique. As the spiritual descendants of Israel, we share in that promised closeness of God. We experience it in Scripture, in our parishes, communities, families and most profoundly in the Eucharist. The Psalmist proclaims "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." We cannot be in a relationship with God without our heart being changed and turned. Being in a relationship with God opens us to more authentic and caring relationship with others. As God heals us and makes us whole, our wholeheartedness enables us to enter more fully into God's ongoing work of peace and justice. Simply, listening shapes us. Whether we are listening to God's Word or listening to a beloved person, listening changes us. It forms us for relationship, for justice and for our continued growth in God's life and love. God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

**BISHOP SCHARFENBERGER INVITES YOU TO A
"DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER & CELEBRATION"
FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE ALBANY DIOCESE
Saturday, September 25th – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park
Come Holy Spirit! Renew Our Strength,
Reaffirm Our Hope!**

The day will begin with a special prayer for God's strength, and an uplifting message from Father Bob Longobucco, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. From this Morning Prayer, the day will continue with time to reflect more deeply on the gift of God's hope, led by Bob McCarty, well-known national presenter and former director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Finally, the day will conclude with a Holy Hour and a recommitment to "go announce the Gospel of the Lord!" To Register by **September 15th** at <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation> OR call the Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation (518) 453-6670. **There is NO cost for this event!**

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!

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 living/special intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, for good health, etc. You may reserve one anytime or 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.

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