

# Historic St. Joseph's Church

*"Year of Saint Joseph"*

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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

Rev. Dominic P. Isopo, Pastor

Sacristan/Bulletin Editor: Donald W. Penta, [dpenta30@aol.com](mailto:dpenta30@aol.com)

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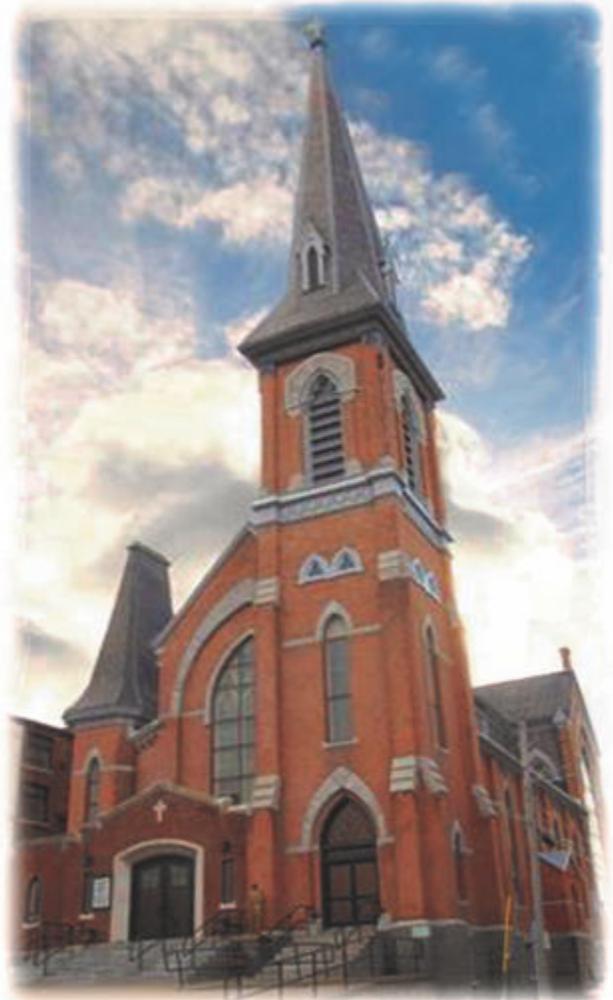
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**Cemetery Superintendent:** Matthew Mountain, please call (518) 372-8805; or email: [stjosephschenectady@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephschenectady@gmail.com), 100 Kings Road, Schenectady, New York 12304

**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.



**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 12, 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. **Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

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**“WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME!”**

Often we hear what we want to hear, not what we need to hear. It's only human; even St. Peter showed this tendency. When Jesus told His disciples that He would suffer and be killed, Peter immediately drew Him aside, and criticized Him. Not only did Jesus rebuke him, He told the crowd that everyone who follows Him must suffer as well, must willingly take up their cross. Let us pray for the courage to take up our crosses, comforted with the knowledge that God always accompanies us in our struggles.

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**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday – 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10; Tuesday – Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17; Wednesday – 1 Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27; Thursday – 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50; Friday – 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3; Saturday – 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15.

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**2021-2022 SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection next weekend – **September 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>** at the Masses for our **Yearly School Assessment**. This year's assessment is **\$10,355**. For those who use our regular offertory envelope system, there is a designated blue envelope for this collection. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection and thank you for your continued support!

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**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

This year the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is **“Say the Word and My soul shall be healed.”** Those who have been chosen and lead by the Holy Spirit to serve as catechists will be acknowledged. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays in passing on our faith to the next generation. By virtue of Baptism we are called to be a witness to the Gospel and share His message with everyone we meet. This special Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. **You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.** 2 Corinthians 3:3.

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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How do I put my faith into action? When do I resist putting my faith into action?

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

<b>Weekend of:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>September 4/5</b>	<b>\$1,858.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**Restoration Collection — \$503.00**

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***BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!***

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**Celebrate With Us -**  
**September 13 to September 19, 2021**

**Monday**

12:15 PM In Thanksgiving, req. by Fran Underhill

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

12:15 PM Birthday Memorial for Rev. Michael J. Hogan

**Thursday**

12:15 PM Birthday Memorial for Marie Fredrick

**Friday**

12:15 PM Tony Fischer, req. by Backstretch Friends

**Saturday**

5:30 PM Deborah Hudock, req. by Cirincione Family  
 Ronald Grinter, req. by Hart Family

**Sunday**

9:30 AM Deceased Members Pitts, & Sertl Families,  
 req. by Gary & Anna Mary Quirk  
 Frank Singsheim, by Donald & Ann Marie Coons

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**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**Birthday Memorial for Rev. Michael J. Hogan**  
 req. by Parish Staff

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**REST IN PEACE**

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Hofmann.**

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**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:dpenta30@aol.com) or Fr. Isopo, (518) 346-3405, [slrcc7@gmail.com](mailto:slrcc7@gmail.com). **Sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph's, St. Adalbert's, St. Paul's and St. Luke's Parishes.**

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**HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!!!**

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**A PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS**

**HEAVENLY FATHER** may Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of your Son, Jesus, be an everlasting model for grandparents. Your wisdom and Word are eternal, meant for all generations. Help grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the rich traditions of the faith to their beloved family members, especially their grandchildren. Help us to know you better each day, ultimately leading us, with our family members, into eternal life with you. **AMEN.**

## WE ARE NOT PROMISED COMFORT

It is not always easy to follow Jesus. In Christianity, we model our lives after someone who gave himself away, over and over again. He gave of his time and his wisdom and his healing gifts throughout his earthly life and in the end sacrificed that very life. As it turns out, following in his footsteps can also come with a fair portion of suffering. Most of us won't be called to the level of self-sacrifice that Jesus models, but it remains true that the life of someone who is a disciple is often harder than the life of someone who is not. The commitments of Discipleship are real; this is a life that makes demands of us. We believe and are sometimes called to preach, things that are unpopular. When Isaiah's ears are opened to God's unpopular call to conversion, he has thoughts of rebelling and of turning back. He knows the response he will receive, but he endures, because once he hears what God has to say, he has to move forward with it. Even the prophetic ministry of Isaiah is beyond what most of us are called to and perhaps with good reason. It is all too easy to use God as an excuse to pass judgment on others and to treat them with disdain. True loving correction, done cautiously and respectfully, is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ, but it ought to be approached with fear and trembling. So often, attempts to correct others lead to further alienation and hard feelings, especially when it involves the teachings of our faith. Most of us will live out God's call to self-sacrificial love in ways that are less visible but no less painful. Parents, adult children, spouses, partners, care givers, etc., know this well. The good works that we do, can take a physical or emotional toll on us, but it is a literal participation in Christ's, "This is my body given up for you." Even more are our hearts left vulnerable when we strive to form ourselves in Christ's love. They will break over and over again at the injustices that lead to poverty, at life being taken from the womb, at single parents raising children without help, with suffering and hunger and homelessness....This ongoing heartbreak can tempt us to despair or to harden our hearts. But we are also called to hope even as we squarely face all that is broken in the world. We are not promised comfort in this life as disciples, but we are promised that we are not alone. Jesus, who knows our suffering, will be with us until the end of the age. The inspired Word of God constantly reminds us that God is our help, God is near, and God hears us, God freeing us from fear. In the Psalm for this Sunday, "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living," there is a sense that God has our back. In the Gospel we follow Jesus: he goes ahead, showing us the way. We are reminded of the famous prayer known as the Breastplate of St. Patrick, which ends with the invocation of Christ's protection with us always, "...behind us and before us, beneath and above is, at our right and at our left." God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

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## **HAPPY 7<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO ST. JOSEPH'S PLACE THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

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### **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION Triumph of the Holy Cross**

This coming Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. commemorating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, St. Luke's will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Eucharistic Procession for Religious Liberty and an end to abortion. The procession will begin in the Church with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and will continue through the Central State Street Neighborhood with sacred hymns, the Rosary and prayers. Join with others from many Parishes as we give witness to our Roman Catholic values. All are welcome to join us.

## 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!

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### 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!

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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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### ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

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