

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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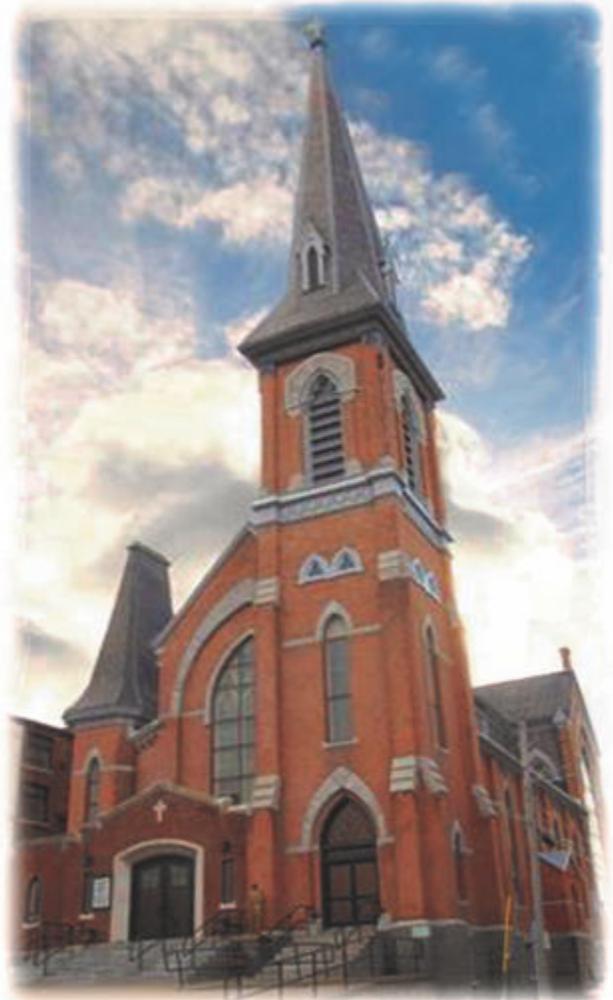
Office: 225 Lafayette Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

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.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 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 RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS
 IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME!”**

This time of year is one of transition. The casual rhythms of the summer, often marked by leisure and vacation activities, give way to a new school year and a more rigorous schedule. The Gospel passages from last week and this week hint at a transition for Jesus and His disciples as well. Jesus tells them that soon He will be handed over to authorities who will kill Him but that after three days he would rise. The days of traveling around Galilee – far from Jerusalem – are ending. As we anticipate the coming of fall, let us each resolve to carry our own cross through all life’s rhythms, reassured by the promise of resurrection.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18; Tuesday – Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13; Wednesday – Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6; Thursday – Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9; Friday – Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22; Saturday – Zec 2:5-9,14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45.

2021-2022 SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection THIS weekend at the Masses for our **Yearly School Assessment**. This year’s assessment is **\$10,355**. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection and thank you for your continued support!

UPDATING PARISH RECORDS

Please notify the office of any **change of address, telephone number, etc.** You may do so by calling the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466. Also, any changes for the “Evangelist” may also be updated thru this method. Our records are important to maintain accuracy. Thank you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do to be received into the kingdom with open arms?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities Senior and Caregiver Support Services has an immediate need for Meals on Wheels drivers in Schenectady County. Meals on Wheels connects our aging neighbors to important nutritional and social resources. Drivers can volunteer a few hours, from one to five days a week! Call (518) 688-0051 or email Lauren at lbenoit@cathcharschdy.org for more information.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
September 11/12	\$2,745.00	\$2,600.00

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Celebrate With Us -
September 20 to September 26, 2021

Monday

12:15 PM 3rd Anniversary Memorial for Donna Bourdeau, req. by Larry

Tuesday

12:15 PM John & Mary Kinney & Their Families

Wednesday

12:15 PM Dave Brennan, req. by Fazio Family

Thursday

12:15 PM John Loftus & Arlene Rowney, by Rowney Family

Friday

12:15 PM Charles McCarthy, req. by Rowney Family

Saturday

5:30 PM 23rd Anniversary Memorial for Mary D. Penta, req. by Donald & Judith Penta

Sunday

9:30 AM Ashley & Blanche Audette, req. by Family
 Stephen & Rose Mone, req. by Rae Tedeschi

SANCTUARY LAMP

1st Anniversary Memorial for Joan Wilgocki
req. by M/M Peter Smallidge & Family

40 DAYS LIFE CAMPAIGN

Wednesday, September 22nd to Sunday, October 31st

40 Days for Life Campaign is a community effort for a period of 40 days of prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful prayer vigil and will hold a Kick-off Celebration on **Sunday, September 19th** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at **Christ Church, 970 State Street, Schenectady**. In the Spirit of Christ, they peacefully and lovingly, pray, educate and witness to our community in order to bring an end to abortion and to provide hope and help for women in crisis pregnancies. The month of October is Respect Life Month. It is a good time to stand up for life. Please consider joining the **23rd Schenectady 40 Days for Life** from **September 22nd through October 31st**. Please commit to praying for life at home, in Church, at their vigil site during this campaign. Invite your family and friends to join you in prayer. If you go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady>, you will see descriptions for each of the 20 prayer gatherings available. For information and on how to sign up, please contact Sarah at sch40days@gmail.com.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE AND
 UNIVERSITIES COLLECTION**

Next weekend, the Diocese will be taking up the National Collection for **The Catholic University of America** which is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the Collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, Religious, and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-filled education and the Universities various research and training initiatives that support Dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project – an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an outline Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master’s program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generosity, and use your offertory envelope for this collection and place in the single offertory collection next weekend!

SINNER OR SAINT?

Harsh words spring forth from today's readings. Jealously, scheming, judgment, selfish ambition, torture, insincerity, greed—a list of ungodly human behaviors! Yet, if we are truly honest with ourselves and examine our own hearts, we can embrace some of our ancestors' sins as our own. We can also recall times when we have been the recipients of other's sinful natures. People we consider friends or colleagues may have lied to us or used us to achieve selfish ambitions; others may have judged us, been jealous, and tried to lessen the gifts God has given us. And yet, whether we are sinners or saints, God enters in. Mark's Gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as faithful, but often clueless about Jesus' mission. Today's Gospel offers a perfect example. As Jesus talks to his disciples about his impending death and resurrection, they don't appear to show concern or question their teacher about his mysterious, disturbing words. Rather, they quietly begin to debate who among them is the most faithful disciple, as if to secure a place as Jesus' successor. How many times have we looked past another's words, needs or suffering before calculating how their loss will benefit us? Has one person's job loss open up an opportunity for our own advancement? Do we avoid listening to other's problems because we are too busy with our own? To remind his disciples of his mission, Jesus embraces and holds up a child to remind them who is first and most exalted in his Kingdom: a child, the most vulnerable, the one who has nothing to give or nothing to take. This same tendency to covet continues with the people to whom St. James writes in the second reading...those who professed to be followers of Jesus but whose actions did not reflect Christian behavior. St. James's letter reminded them and us that true peace and wisdom comes from loving and supporting others, not possessing them or succumbing to one's own passions, pleasures and ambitions. When we pray, how many times do we ask wrongly because we ask without considering the impact our answered prayer will have on others? In the refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm, we find our mantra for the day...the week for our lives. Among the thousands of treasured and beloved words contained in the 150 Psalms, we can rest peacefully in these simple 5 words: "The Lord upholds my life." When we live each day with this mindset, this deeply embedded truth, all our sins and the sins of those who have hurt us lose their power. These 5 words are the balm for those who have inflicted pain upon us. When we focus on our earthly desires, they are the reminder of where our hearts and lives must truly rest; in Jesus who is waiting to embrace us, bring us back into the right relationship with God and with one another. And so, we are challenged to take stock of the times we have failed to look at those around us as we go through life securing our own pleasures. We go forth this week into a world where sometimes we are judged and sometimes we judge others, where sometimes selfish ambitions blind us from seeing and attending to the needs of others, where our jealousy and insecurity cause us to compare ourselves by earthly standards and forget God's unconditional love. Let us remember these 5 words that bring us back to our center: "The Lords upholds my life." God Bless....Fr. Isopo.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

St. Luke's will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, with the Blessing of Animals at 2:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 3rd** outside in the Furman Street lawn. In honor of St. Francis whose love for animals has inspired this special blessing for generations, we will, in prayer and a ritual blessing of our animals who add to the richness of our lives. All animals are welcome. Tell your friends and spread the word!

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.

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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