

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 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 IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US!"

We gather together today to listen to God's word and to share in the Eucharist. In today's first reading we hear the story of two of Moses's friends, Eldad and Medad, who missed the gathering when the LORD bestowed the spirit of prophesy on all the elders. Yet the spirit of the Lord came to rest on them as well. Let us keep in mind all those who are not with us today, for whatever reason, and pray that the Holy Spirit may bear fruit in them as well as all of us.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50; Tuesday – Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56; Wednesday – Dn 7:9-12,13-14; Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51; Thursday – Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; Lk 10:1-12; Friday – Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16; Saturday – Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Mt 18:1-5,10.

2021-2022 SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION

Many, many thanks for your generous support to our Second Collection last weekend for our **Yearly School Assessment**. A total of **\$1,680.00** was realized towards our assessment of **\$10,355**. Again thanks!

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, October 1st, following the 12:15 Mass.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What aspect of my selfhood leads me to sin? What must I do to remove that aspect?

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, October 2nd/3rd**. **PLEASE NO EXPIRED DATES!** Monetary offerings are also accepted. Please see Donald Penta to give contributions, and **checks should be made out to: "SICM"**. We couldn't do it without you. Let's continue to feed others both spiritually and physically. Thank you for your help!

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

St. Joseph's Church and Parish Offices will be closed **MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th** in observance of Columbus Day. We hope you enjoy a **HAPPY** and **SAFE COLUMBUS DAY** Weekend!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
September 18/19	\$2,307.00	\$2,600.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

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Celebrate With Us -
September 27 to October 3, 2021

Monday

12:15 PM Deceased Members of St. Vincent dePaul Society

Tuesday

12:15 PM Nicole Geoghegan, req. by Backstretch Families

Wednesday

12:15 PM Rev. Bernard J. Gustas & Rev. Michael J. Hogan

Thursday

12:15 PM Birthday Wishes for Lois Brennan,
req. by Jerry & Kathy Brucker

Friday

12:15 PM Birthday Memorial for Francis Hanaway, by Family

Saturday

5:30 PM Felicity Sultan, req. by Nadege Louis

Sunday

9:30 AM Tom & Dolores Burke, req. by Gloria Leschen
Frank Singsheim, req. by Gerry & Cathy Riggi
Richard Washington, Jr., by Bethanne Washington

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of William Beaulieu
req. by Mary Jane Beaulieu

DEVOTIONAL CANDLE

Special Intentions
req. by Don & Mary Alice Fields

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Jill Schoonmaker**.

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!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are invited to join with other Christians in the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign – forty days of *prayer and fasting* for an end to abortion, **September 22nd to October 31st** You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at **1040 State Street, Schenectady**, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady, for daily meditations, blog posts and more. If you would like to volunteer to help or need more information, please contact: Sarah at sch40days@gmail.com.

UPDATING PARISH RECORDS

Please notify the office of any **changes 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!

**THERE ARE NO INSIDERS OR OUTSIDERS FOR GOD.
ALL ARE WELCOME**

The Scriptures are filled with paradoxes and surprises. Just when we think we understand God, something totally unexpected occurs and we have to start over again. We don't like surprises especially if they interrupt our routines or challenge our certainties. The Apostle, James, turned expectations upside down in his community by placing the poor man in highest regard while warning the rich that their wealth might be the cause of their downfall. At that time, as in our own, people saw riches as a sign of God's favor and having important people in their congregations as an honor. In today's Gospel, Jesus gets right to the point with his Apostles who don't want outsiders grabbing the glory that belongs to them as Jesus' hand-picked disciples. Tell those outsiders not to work miracles in Jesus' name; they are not part of our company. Jesus chides them for their smallness and reminds them that the Spirit is always bigger than our plans. God is always free to pour out grace and power on anyone who will use it for good. Jesus' words echo in our openness to others. There are no outsiders or insiders for God who is free to work through anyone and often does. This Gospel, as recorded by St. Mark, gathers together other radical teachings of Jesus about scandal. Woe to anyone who misleads a little one, whether a child or an innocent person. We can fill in the blanks of this warning with today's victims of seduction, abuse, trafficking, abuse of power and exploitation. Seldom do we see such fierceness in Jesus as in his words to those whose sins do lasting harm to the most vulnerable. It would be better, Jesus says, to cut off your hand or foot or to pluck out your eye than to use it to abuse another person of the common good that supports us all. Jesus continues, it would be better to have a millstone hung around your neck and be flung into the sea than to hurt a child, a woman, a man or a poor person. How explicit would Jesus make his condemnation of modern day slavery in sweatshops or in the sex trade? To turn away or to close our eyes to these evils in our own day is to ignore Jesus' warning about what our hands and feet and eyes are really for. Why do we stand by silently and passively when victims all around us cry out for our help? This Gospel is for heroes, but even more for us when we perform ordinary acts of kindness and compassion. Someone who gives a glass of water to a thirsty person will not lose their reward, Jesus says. It is a good place to start, for if we can see someone's thirst; we can see other needs as well. Small beginnings can lead to transformation. On judgment day we will learn what we already know, that every human being is part of one human family. Everyone belongs inside the circle and at the table. If each of us brings just one other person to that table and to God and faith, everyone will be there. A small cost to pay to inherit the Kingdom. God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

**SUNNYVIEW REHABILITATION HOPITAL
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Adult & Junior Volunteer Programs Available

Patient Request Service Department, deliver mail and flowers to their patients, as well as visit with them, assist writing letters or even shop for the patients. This program operates seven days per week, offering the volunteer a choice of days to participate. Help is also needed in their nursing units, answering phone, assisting nursing staff with patient comfort and everyday office work, information desk receptionist and other clerical areas. **Please call (518) 386-3631, Joan Laviolette, Director of Volunteer Services.**

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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