

Historic St. Joseph's Church

"Year of Saint Joseph"

A Roman Catholic Community founded in 1862

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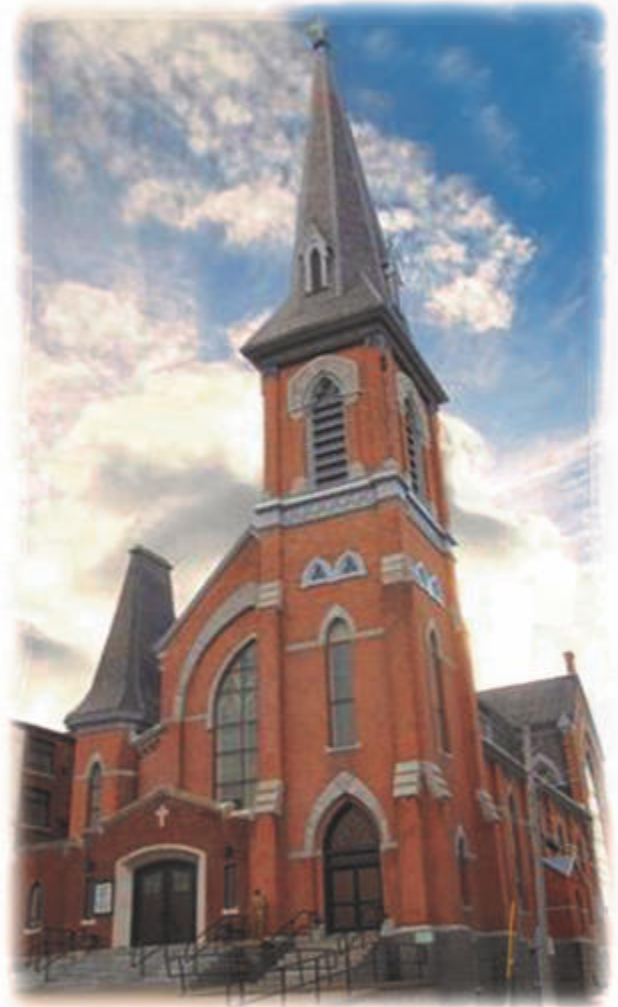
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Cemetery Superintendent: Matthew Mountain, please call (518) 372-8805; or email: stjosephschenectady@gmail.com, 100 Kings Road, Schenectady, New York 12304

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 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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**“SELL WHAT YOU HAVE, AND GIVE TO THE POOR...
 THEN COME, FOLLOW ME!”**

Living as a disciple is a daunting task. Jesus challenges us and the way we live our lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains that keeping the commandments is not enough to inherit eternal life; a disciple must give what they have to the poor and follow Him. The man who asked the question walked away sad. Even His disciples couldn't believe how difficult it was to get to heaven. Only then did Jesus comfort them. Though we cannot save ourselves, with God all things are possible. Let us give thanks to God today for enabling us to achieve what we cannot do ourselves.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32; Tuesday – Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41; Wednesday – Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46; Thursday – Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54; Friday – Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7; Saturday – Rom 4:13,16-18; Lk 12:8-12.

2021 – 2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL

Monthly or one-time gifts by credit card can be made via secure website at donate.thediocesanappeal.org. You can also make a pledge at that site as well as pledge payments. Questions – call the Office of Stewardship at (518) 453-6680 or email stewardship@rcda.org. Our Goal this Year is **\$23,945**. **As usual, the Parish receives credit for your appeal gifts. As the Diocese serves as a critical partner with us serving you, we thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a pledge or a one-time payment to the Diocesan Appeal.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What am I willing to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully?

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

We would like to take this opportunity to wish **James & Donna Casino** a **Happy 40th Anniversary**, this past Sunday, October 3rd. They renewed their wedding vows at the 9:30 a.m. Mass this past Sunday as well. We wish them that day by they grow ever stronger in bonds of love and fidelity. Again our heartfelt Congratulations!!

TOGETHER FOR LIFE

We are happy to announce the marriage of Parishioners **Nicholas Rousseau & Michaela Schnore**, this past Saturday, October 9th. May each day of their married life they grow stronger in bonds of love and fidelity. Congratulations Nicholas and Michaela!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
October 2/3	\$2,365.00	\$2,600.00

Restoration Collection \$686.00

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Celebrate With Us -
October 11 to October 17, 2021

- Monday**
 12:15 PM **Church and Offices Closed for Columbus Day!**
- Tuesday**
 12:15 PM Birthday Wishes for Carolyn Mundweiler, req. by Jerry & Kathy Brucker
- Wednesday**
 12:15 PM Elizabeth Ciro, req. by Frank & Rae Tedeschi
- Thursday**
 12:15 PM For the People
- Friday**
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- Saturday**
 5:30 PM Dolores Linehan, req. by Charlie Linehan
 Birthday Memorial for Thomas Winkler, req. by Dawn Winkler
- Sunday**
 9:30 AM Judy Fusco, by Ann Marie & Don Coons & Family
 Diane DeMartino, req. by Dennis & Patty Ward

SANCTUARY LAMP
Special Intentions
 req. by Family

ZITI DINNER TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets are now being sold at the both entrances of the Church before and after each Mass for the **15th Annual Election Day Ziti Dinner** set for **Tuesday, November 2nd**, and the servings will be from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12 years of age. Take-out service will also be available by calling (518) 225-4626 beginning at 11:00 a.m. the day of the dinner, indicating what time you would like to pick up your orders. Again, we would like to make this an **ALL-OUT PARISH FUND RAISING EFFORT**, and we are asking for your help! We will need cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up crews, dishwashers, etc. **Sign-up posters/sheets, recruiting volunteers, are now at both entrances of the Church.** We will need help on **Saturday, October 30th starting at 8:30 a.m.** and on **Tuesday, November 2nd starting at 8:00 a.m.** So please sign up indicating your intentions. We are still looking for donations from Parishioners, vendors and other individuals who might be able to help us out with **12 packs of soda, regular and diet and cases of water**, etc. A letter requesting donations, on behalf of St. Joseph's Church, is available to give to any contacts you may have. See Donald Penta for copies of said letter. **Cash donations are also being accepted!** Again this is worth repeating – **we would like to make this an all-out Parish effort and we are asking for your help! Thanks for your continued cooperation!**

2021 ROSARY RALLY

Join us for the 2021 Public Square Rosary Rally next **Saturday, October 16th** at noon in **St. Luke's Square**. The purpose of the Rosary Rally is to pray to God through the Blessed Mother to save America from immorality and secularism in our society. As estimated one-million catholic's throughout the country will attend these Rallies and pray for the conversion in America as we celebrate the 103rd Anniversary of Mary's apparition at Fatima, Portugal. *"The Rosary will be a very powerful amour against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy."* - The Blessed Mother to St. Dominic.

WHAT IS TRULY VALUABLE?

At the Nappa Valley winery in California there stands a life-sized statue of a camel contemplating an over-sized needle. Even though the needle is so scaled up that the camel has to stretch to see through the eye of the needle, the eye is still too small for the camel to even stick its head through. Yet, if the camel's expression is any indication, it's convinced that it will eventually find a way. This artwork calls to mind today's Gospel reading in which Jesus tells his disciples it is easier for a camel to fit through an eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. It seems an ironic choice for a winery frequented by its many wealthy patrons. Aren't they disturbed by the apparent reminder that their passage into heaven would be impossibly small even if the eye of the needle were a hundred times wider? When we look at today's Gospel, as recorded by St. Mark, and the other readings, the question becomes not, "Can we hold on to our possessions and still get into heaven? But why would we want to hang on to our possessions?" The young man, who leaves to return to his riches, is the only sad person in any of today's readings. Others are enriched, joyful or astonished and impressed with God's ways. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom, tells us that the spirit of wisdom is preferable to riches, health or beauty and light is the source of all good things. Meanwhile, the Psalmist sings for joy, "Fill us with your love of Lord, and we shall sing for joy." celebrating God's love and kindness, even celebrating past sufferings because of its resulting reunion with God. In the second reading from Hebrews, St. Paul tells us that the Word of God is "living and effective...penetrating soul and spirit, joins and marrow and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." Are any of our possessions that powerful? Do they know us as intimately as the Word of God? Finally, Jesus tells us that the way to gain eternal life and treasures of heaven is to give up what we have for the sake of the Gospel; Jesus meant what he said and knew what he was talking about when he said that riches can keep us apart from God. Having more than we need can be a sign that we haven't loved our suffering neighbors enough to use our gifts, talents and treasures to help them. While we are assured that there is still hope if we fall short..."all things are possible for God." Jesus reminds us that there is no reason to ignore his call. When we make excuses for hanging on to wealth, it not only deprives us of the opportunity to serve others who may benefit from what we could give, but also robs us of the opportunity to pursue what is really valuable: wisdom, prudence, God's love and presence and eternal life in the Kingdom. God Bless.....Fr. Isopo.

NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH

The month of November is set aside to remember our beloved faithful departed. All Souls envelopes are in your regular offertory envelopes packet and extra envelopes have been placed at all the three bulletin stations. Those All Souls Envelopes received in the collection basket will be placed on the altar of sacrifice for the month of November, and all intentions will be remembered at all our Parish Masses during the month.

CHRISTMAS GRAVE WREATHS

The wreath is made of intertwined pine boughs decorated for the Christmas holidays with a red bow. Order forms are available at the bulletin stations to order the evergreen wreaths for your cemetery plots at St. Joseph's Cemetery. **Orders need to be prepaid by Sunday, November 14th. Cost is \$33.00.**

Please Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary during the month of October!

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!

ST. JOSEPH'S PLACE NEWS

Sisters Ann Christi and Linda Neil would like to thank the following people and groups who made donations to St. Joseph's Place from February 3, 2021 to September 20, 2021. It is through the generosity of our parishioners and benefactors that St. Joseph's Place can flourish! Even during this time of COVID 19, since we re-opened on June 22, 2020 you have been with us in prayer and material support. Thank you so much! Albany Catholic Foundation (Dr. Frank Thomas & Ms. Nancy O'Keefe), Kate Arseneau, CSJ, Ammie, Rita Duggan, CSJ, Grace Bacon, CSJ, Jerry Brucker, Peter Burrows, Mary Catherine Barron, CSJ, Donna Bradle, CSJ, Martin & Carol Cirincione, Elizabeth Ciro, Frank Citone, Liz Crueger, CSJ, Kathy Callanan, Eileen Davenport, Elizabeth Deady, Grace Dechant, Paul Donnelly, Rosemary Endres, CSJ, Larry & Kathy DeMarco, Don & Mary Alice Fields, Barbara Gillooley, Ursula Greiner, Katherine Haggerty, Alice Hogan, Bernice Honicki, Doug Hoyt, Pearl Hunter, Rosemary Hock, CSJ, Mirna Jaime, Jutta, Bernice Izzo, Mary Lauria & Bethesda Kitchen Staff, Ladies of Charities, Schenectady Chapter, Judith Kwiatkowski, Cathy Kruegler, CSJ, Louise Liberty, Maria Jude La Point, CSJ, Matthew LeClair Family, Paul Lefevbre, Alberta Madonna, Luz Maisonet, Angie Marczewski, Dorilee Male, Kathy & David Marcais, Randy McGough, Carleatha Modest, Genevieve Murphy, CSJ, Mary Rose Noonan, CSJ, Richard Muth, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Pat & Bob Obrecht, Maddie Pallotta, CSJ, Barbara Perry, Anne Pawlik, Joan Porco, Jo-Anne Rafalik, Kris Ruddy, Carol Renna, Marion Rizzo, Marian Russo, MD, Anthony Rudmann, Arlene Turner, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Sharyn Sabatini, Joan Sauro, CSJ, SICM, Carolyn Schanz, CSJ, Stella Sinkora, Barbara Sefcik, CSJ, Rae & Frank Tedeschi, Serena Thompson, CSJ, Ellie Voris, Terry Walton, Tracy Watson, Bethanne & Patricia Washington, Arlene Williams, Charla Whimple, CSJ, Anne Stephen Wysocki, CSJ, and Matthew Mountain Family.

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