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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.

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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.



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 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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October 24, 2021

“JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE PITY ON ME!”

Today is World Mission Sunday, when we focus on the mission of the Church, which is to bring the Good News to the whole world. When we think of missionaries, we think of men and women who have dedicated their lives to bringing the Gospel to people in Third World countries. But we are all missionaries, witnessing by our own lives to the good news we have come to know in the Lord. Let us recommit ourselves to that mission as we celebrate the Eucharist.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17; Tuesday – Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21; Wednesday – Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30; Thursday – Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16; Friday – Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6; Saturday – Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29; Lk 14:7-11.

2021 – 2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2021-2022 Diocesan Appeal will begin with a mailing sent to Parishioners from the Diocese. You should expect to receive this correspondence no later than mid October. It will include a pledge card and envelope. 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 the Diocese serves as a critical partner with us serving you, we thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a pledge to the Diocesan Appeal.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What aspect of my life needs healing? What do I want Jesus to do for me?

NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH AND SERVICE

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. **As part of the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 2nd, All Soul's Day, during this special Mass the names of those who have been buried from St. Joseph's Church during this past year will be read and a bell will be tolled in their memory. Family members and friends are welcome to attend!**

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
October 16/17	\$2,230.00	\$2,600.00

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Celebrate With Us -

October 25 to October 31, 2021

- Monday**
12:15 PM For the People
- Tuesday**
12:15 PM Ruth Constantine, req. by Jerry & Kathleen Brucker
- Wednesday**
12:15 PM John & Mary Kinney & Their Families
- Thursday**
12:15 PM Lenora Nosal, req. by Family
Barbara Hofmann, by Dave & Gloria Hart & Family
- Friday**
12:15 PM For the People
- Saturday**
5:30 PM Keith Wells, by Wendy Taylor & Madeline Kline
John & Julia Czarkowski, by John & Cathy Busher
- Sunday**
9:30 AM Joseph Vacca, req. by Jim Rowney

SANCTUARY LAMP

***Birthday Memorial for Richard Farry
req. by Family***

ZITI DINNER TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets are still available at 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 dinners. **Enclosed with this bulletin is a full-page flyer depicting all the details. We ask that you place said flyer at a location that will help us to promote one of our major fundraising events of the year. Extra flyers are available at the two ticket sales tables.** Again, we emphasize would like to make this an **ALL-OUT PARISH FUND RAISING EFFORT**, and we are still looking for your help! We will need cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up crews, dishwashers, etc. **The Sign-up posters/sheets, recruiting volunteers, are 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 today 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. **Another way Parishioners can help us out is by taking a block of tickets and trying to sell them.** Donations are still being accepted, including **Cash donations!** We are asking for your support and wish to **sincerely thank** all those who have already responded to our requests, and to those who will respond this weekend as well!

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.**

JUST ONE WISH

The Gospel for this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time is from St. Mark and contains one of the most important questions ever posed in the New Testament. Jesus summons the blind man, Bartimeus, from the crowd and asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us that same question today: "What do you want me to do for you?" Popular stories about magic genies who offer someone three wishes stir the same excitement. If we could have anything we wanted, what we ask for? If an imaginary genie can evoke our wish, how much more can God evoke, and answer, the deepest wish of our hearts? But this is only the beginning of the story. Are we wise enough to know what to ask for? What if we ask for the wrong things—riches that end up destroying us and our families, or some temporary good that does not fully satisfy us? Will we waste this opportunity or use it to ask for something unworthy of our dignity, or something good in itself that we are not ready for? The same story is told of King Solomon...when ask be God what he wanted, King Solomon rightly asks for wisdom. Bartimeus is our guide; he asks for the most important gift God can give, and one that opens us to every other gift. He says to Jesus, "Master, I want to see". To see, both spiritually and physically, means that Bartimeus will be able to make every decision correctly. He will see what is of real value. He will know what is true. He will judge rightly, will walk confidently in the light of God. The deeper meaning of the story is evident in the fact that the very first thing Bartimeus sees when he is healed is the face of Jesus. To know Jesus is the key to a disciple's life, the focus of all Christian spirituality, the goal of all prayer, study and mystical contemplation. To know Jesus is to know God and to know our true self. There is no good greater than this, no blessing as significant in its effects on us. One who knows Christ achieves full human maturity and has already entered the promise of glory: intimacy with God. Bartimeus's prayer is answered. Once he has seen Jesus' face, there is no other life for him except to be with Jesus, to follow him. In the Gospel Bartimeus leaves behind his beggar's cloak, his place on the road where he would beg and a life time of crying out for alms. He joins Jesus and the other disciples on their way to Jerusalem. Like a person in love, he has seen the face of his beloved, and there is no turning back. His heart is fixed on what will truly satisfy him. This blind beggar, Bartimeus, named in the Gospels is remembered these 2000 years later for his courage to ask to see. Though he disappears from the story, his witness to every generation of believers, including ours, is this: Don't be afraid to pray his prayer. Ask to see. Enter reality with clarity and insight; know life's priorities and values always go forward. God's light will be a lamp unto your feet, one step at a time, one day at a time, guiding you through every trial and storm....to glory! God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

**ST. JUDE FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 28th**

Jude Thaddeus was born early in the first century and may have been related to the Holy Family. His brother, James the Lesser, was an Apostle; his father, Cleophas, died as a Martyr; and his mother, Mary Cleophas, witnessed Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection. Jude and his brother were proud to be among the first Disciples. They traveled everywhere with Jesus, witnessing miracles and helping Him. But it took Jude awhile to understand that God's Kingdom was not of this world. When Jesus told the Disciples He had to leave, Jude asked, "Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" (John 14:22). Jesus assured Jude that He would be with anyone who loved Him and followed His message.

VETERAN'S DAY

St. Joseph's Church and Parish Offices will be closed **Thursday, November 11th** in observance of Veteran's Day. We hope you enjoy a **HAPPY** and **SAFE** holiday!

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!

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

2021 Sign-up Date

The Schenectady Concern for the Hungry is sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy in Schenectady County. Sign-ups will take place at ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL HALL, entrance on Eastern Avenue. The only Sign-up date and time to get a basket left is **Sunday, October 24th – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** You must bring one of the following forms of ID with you to sign up: HEAP award letter, Referral letter from a community agency or spiritual leader, Benefit Card, SSI award letter, SSD award letter, WIC card, **Active, current** unemployment, Proof of residency in municipal housing, Current Food Stamp Card, Social Security Cards and Medicare Cards are **NOT** acceptable qualifying ID. **You must live in Schenectady County to get a Food Basket. You must bring proof of your current street address and proof of the number of family members if over 7.** You must sign up during these times to be **guaranteed** a basket. **Each eligible family may have one basket to share with their household!**

A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, DEFENDER OF LIFE

Dearest St. Joseph,
At the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided The Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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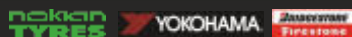
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