

# Historic St. Joseph's Church

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

### 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

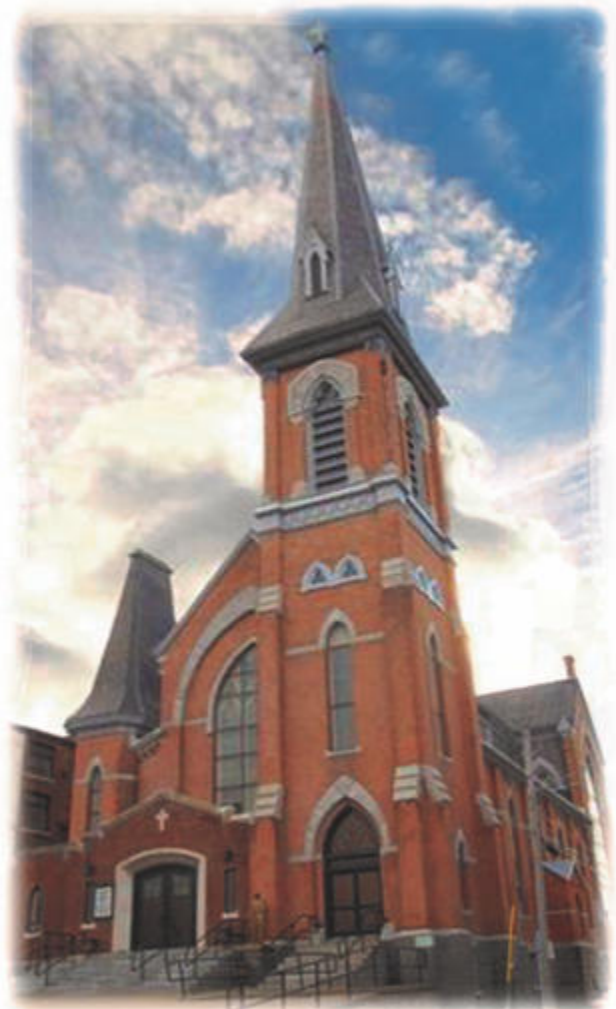
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**Cemetery Superintendent:** Matthew Mountain, please call (518) 372-8805; or email: [stjosephschenectady@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephschenectady@gmail.com), 100 Kings Road, Schenectady, New York 12304

**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.



**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 2, 2022**

**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.

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 2, 2022**

**"THEY PROSTRATED THEMSELVES  
 AND DID HIM HOMAGE!"**

Aware of the significance of the blessed star and drawn by its distinctive light, of the Margi traveled from distant lands to reach Bethlehem. They are the first people outside the immediate area to come and greet the newborn King. Today we gather thousands of miles from Bethlehem, not to mention over two thousand years from the holy event. Yet we too are drawn by our faith to this holy place to seek out the Son of God and do Him homage. Let us in turn make Christ manifest to others wherever we go.

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**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday – 1 Jn 3:22-6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25; Tuesday – 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44; Wednesday – 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52; Thursday – 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a; Friday – 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16; Saturday – 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30.

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**OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS FOR A  
 BLESSED, PEACEFUL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
 Your St. Joseph's Pastoral Staff

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**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, January 7<sup>th</sup>, following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

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**2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOX INSTRUCTIONS**

Please write your name and address for the first few weeks in January on your offertory envelopes. Please remember to mark your donation on the outside of the envelope and please do not staple, tape or cut the envelopes, checks, etc. This would help our offertory counters immensely. Thank you!

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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How do I use both reason and faith to find my way to Jesus?

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**PARISH CALENDARS**

2022 Parish Calendars, provided by the Daly Funeral Home, are available at both Masses THIS weekend. We have a limited supply so please take one calendar per family. Our *sincere appreciation* to the Daly Funeral Home for this generous donation.

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
December 25/26	\$4,283.00	\$2,600.00
Christmas Collection — \$4,991.00		
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***BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!***

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**Celebrate With Us -**  
**January 3 to January 9, 2022**

**Monday**

12:15 PM For the People

**Tuesday**

12:15 PM Cora Hudock, req. by Cirincione Family

**Wednesday**

12:15 PM For the People

**Thursday**

12:15 PM 8th Anniversary Memorial for Francis Hanaway, req. by Hanaway Family  
 Michael Lawson, by Jerry & Kathleen Brucker

**Friday**

12:15 PM John Nosal, Sr., req. by Family

**Saturday**

5:30 PM Emilie Kottal, req. by Mary Schiazza  
 Roheni Lachmenarian, req. by Daughter

**Sunday**

9:30 AM Mary Bethka, req. by Julie Biittig  
 Cyrilla Hamilton req. by Richard Muth  
 6th Anniversary Memorial for Rev. Joseph Dworak

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**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Birthday Memorial for John Nosal, Sr.*  
 req. by Family

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**A THANK YOU WORTH REPEATING**

Once again you have come through for us and we really appreciate all your hard work. Also **Our Sincere** thanks to all who have worked so hard to make the Church so warm and festive this Christmas Season! Thanks too, to all who participated in the Christmas Masses. So many of our visitors commented on the wonderful music and magnificent decorations. They saw the results of many weeks of planning and practice. Hats off to all of you whose efforts made the Church and the ceremonies a visible expression of the excellent spirit here at St. Joseph's Church! Also **Thank You** for the many Christmas cards and gifts that you lavished upon us. May the Newborn Babe of Bethlehem bless you and yours abundantly at this time and during the New Year!

Your St. Joseph Pastoral Staff

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**2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Those Parishioners, who used our Offertory Envelope System during the **Period of January 1 thru December 31, 2021**, may request a Statement. This statement will include weekly offertory contributions, holy days, Christmas and Easter collections, and Christmas and Easter flower contributions (if the envelopes were used). It does not include moneys given for Mass stipends, candles, baptisms, weddings or funerals. If you would like to receive a Statement, please fill out the information below and place it in the collection basket or you can call the Parish Offices, (518) 374-4466 with the following information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Previously requested will automatically be sent out by the end of January.

We are very grateful for your faithful and consistent support!

## A NEW YEAR OF GRACE

We welcome the New Year of God grace with great hope and an abiding faith. The Christmas gift giving and receiving is fading into memory for another year. But through the gift of the Savior, celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, the universal Savior has been revealed to us by God through the Scriptures. In the name of Jesus we are saved! In the name of Jesus we are healed! In the name of Jesus we are forgiven! In the spirit of the Epiphany, we too, must offer similar gifts to others. I want to thank the parishioners who made our Christmas services both prayerful and beautiful: to all who donated to the Christmas Flower Fund, to those who helped decorate the Sanctuary; to those who served as Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, Greeters and Ushers who welcomed and assisted; to the Choir and Music Director for their inspiring ministry of Sacred Music and to all the parishioners who celebrated Christmas at St. Joseph's for your continued generosity and faithfulness. Together we have made Christmas 2021 a beautiful celebration of our Savior's birth. I want to personally thank those who sent cards, baked goods and gifts; I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. May God pour out his choicest blessings upon the people of our parish in 2022. God Bless and Happy New Year...Fr. Isopo

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## A NEW YEAR UPON US

**Consult not your fears, but your hope and your dreams.**

**Think not about your frustrations,  
but about your unfulfilled potential.**

**Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in,  
but what is still possible to do.**

**Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks  
and look with confidence to the new day called  
tomorrow.**

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## MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our *Monthly Food Collection*, sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish, to benefit Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM), will be **NEXT Saturday/Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE NO EXPIRED DATES!** Monetary offerings are also accepted. Please see Donald Penta to give contributions, and checks should be made out to: "SICM". Thank you once again!

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## CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

With winter now knocking at the door, *please listen to SCHOOL CLOSINGS announcements* on Radio/TV and note that if the *Schenectady School District is CLOSED or DELAYED* due to weather conditions, the 12:15 p.m. Daily Mass will also be cancelled. The Parish Offices will also close!

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## "What Gift Can I Bring the Newborn King?"

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, of Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:1-2. Throughout the world, Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany, traditionally January 6<sup>th</sup>. This marks the least of the 12 days of Christmas. On the night before Epiphany, the three wise men figures are added to the Nativity Scene. The Magi – traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The tradition of exchanging Christmas gifts traces its origin to these generous and worshipful kings.

## 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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