

Historic St. Joseph's Church

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

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

Rev. Dominic P. Isopo, Pastor
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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.



The Baptism the Lord
January 9, 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.

The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022

**“YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;
 WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED!”**

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove and a voice from the heavens rang out, “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*” No such dove was seen or voice was heard when we were baptized, yet the Holy Spirit *did* descend upon us in the baptism and we were welcomed into this holy family, initiated into the body of Christ. Let us give thanks today for the blessings we received in baptism, blessings we note in the baptism we celebrate today.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20; Tuesday – 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28; Wednesday – 1 Sm 3:10,19-20; Mk 1:29-39; Thursday – 1 Sm 4:11; Mk 1:40-45; Friday – 1 Sm 8:14-7,10-22a; Mk 2:1-12; Saturday – 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; Mk 2:13-17.

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!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY WEEKEND

St. Joseph’s Church and Offices **will be closed next MONDAY, JANUARY 17th** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We hope you enjoy a **HAPPY AND SAFE** holiday weekend!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Tuesday, January 18th, marks the beginning of the **Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, ending Tuesday, January 25th. Throughout 2022 join Christians everywhere in praying “that they may all be one ... that the world may believe” (John 17:21). For more information go to: www.geii.org.

RESTORATION MEMORIALS

We acknowledge with Appreciation the following donations to St. Joseph’s Church Restoration Fund in December: **IN MEMORY OF: DOROTHY KELLY:** Paul Lefebvre and Frank & Rae Tedeschi.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
January 1/2	\$1,770.00	\$2,600.00

Restoration Collection — \$1,377.00

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Celebrate With Us -
January 10 to January 16 2022

Monday

12:15 PM For the People

Tuesday

12:15 PM Sylvester & Mary Frydell Anniversary,
 req. by D’Allaird Family
 Joseph & Ann Matura, req. by son

Wednesday

12:15 PM John & Mary Kinney & Their Families

Thursday

12:15 PM Cynthia Heinz & Elizabeth Wells, req. by Mak Reilly

Friday

12:15 PM For the People

Saturday

5:30 PM 21st Anniversary Memorial for Rev. Joseph Biondino.

Sunday

9:30 AM BD. Memorial for John Nosal, Sr. req. by Family
 BD. Memorial for Edward O’Connor req. by
 Bob & Theresa Meers
 Wedd. Anniversary for Joseph & Jean Kwiatkowski,
 Sr., req. by Son

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory for Sylvester & Mary Frydel
req. by D’Allaird Family

PRAYER IN THIS NEW YEAR

Lord God, Creator of all that is, all times and seasons belong to You and we do well to sing Your praise forever and to give You thanks in all we do through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we begin the journey of a New Year, we thank you, Father, for your blessing of the past and for all that, by your help, we must yet achieve. We offer You our past year of joys and of our struggles and anxieties and we commend to You all those who have gone before us during the year. Now, we ask Your blessing upon our families, our Diocese, our community and our Nation. We pray that in this year ahead, all might live as one, in truth, freedom and peace. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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!**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
"God with Us"

We celebrate this weekend the Baptism of the Lord which brings to a close the season of Christmas. These weeks of Christmas have been a time in which we have celebrated the amazing grace of God coming into our human history by being born into our human family. So, as our cultural calendar marks the beginning of a new year, the Baptism of the Lord ends one season and begins another, Ordinary Time and the start of Jesus' public ministry. And, during Ordinary Time, we will again hear the story of our salvation in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. But for today, the inspired Word of God teaches us who Jesus is as he begins his mission and ministry on earth. In our reading from the prophet Isaiah, we learn that who Jesus is, was foretold by the prophet: a bearer of justice who will do so quietly, "not crying out, not shouting, and not making his voice heard in the street." With Jesus the message is not shouted out, not forced upon us, but his message is cultivated from within us. As Jesus is Emmanuel "God with us," he will bring about justice by being just; by living justly; by showing us how to live justly and so showing us what is possible when we following his example. The lived message of our Savior is meant to quietly call us to change our hearts by living justly. Who Jesus is also demonstrated for us in St. Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus. As a humble servant, Jesus submits himself to the baptism of John; it is here that we learn by the opening of the sky, the descent of the Spirit like a dove, and the voice of God speaking from above that Jesus, the humble servant, is the new way for the human family to connect with and to be in relationship with God. God's full immersion into our humanity is in the person of Jesus. Today's Gospel gives us a clearer vision and understanding of exactly who "God with us" truly is. As God's servant and Son, we are reminded that the mission and ministry of Jesus are not about powerful words of persuasion or about loud displays of intimidation. Rather, Jesus' mission was about living a life that cultivates justice and peace. By living justly, by performing acts of love and mercy, by speaking, not shouting, words of hope and promise and peace, the mission that Jesus began at his baptism is his demonstration to the world of what it means to live in a world where "God is with us." Life with Jesus, God with us, is a life that brings light to our eyes and our hearts to liberate us from the blindness that impairs us and that only causes separation and division. In the mission of Jesus, God with us gives us a guiding light of justice and love that sets us free from our imprisonment to the darkness of hatred, violence and all forms of toxic ways of thinking and acting. Living life with "God with us," as Jesus shows us, is living our lives with a purpose and direction that heals, unifies, forgives and liberates. On this feast day, we are invited to follow Jesus' example and come to experience in our lives the joys of living life with God with us! God Bless... Fr. Isopo.

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!

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.

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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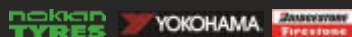
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