

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

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

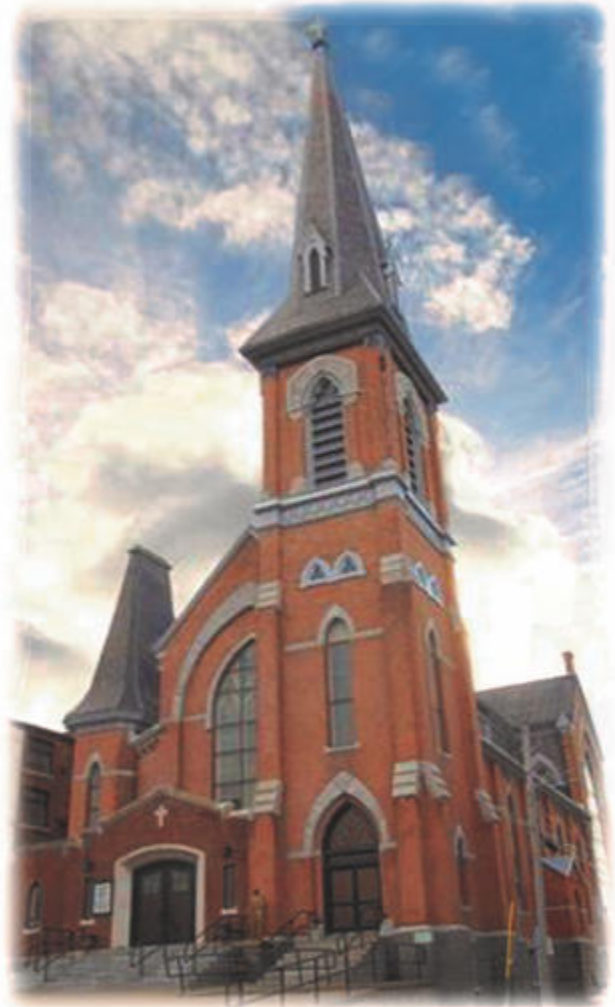
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Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass Taping, aired on Channel 1301, Tuesdays, at 2:00 p.m. and the following Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners

All are welcome to join our Parish. Registration Forms may be found at the Church entrances.



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 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.

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"JESUS TOLD THEM, 'FILL THE JARS WITH WATER!'"

January is not a common month for weddings in this country. Nevertheless, a wedding is at the center of today's Gospel. It is at this wedding feast that Jesus performs His first miracle, changing water into wine. Though we are not here today to celebrate a wedding, today's celebration includes both feast and miracle, one we often take for granted. Let us consider the miracle that takes place in our presence today – the bread and wine becoming Christ's Body and Blood – and give thanks for the invitation we have been given to this Eucharistic feast.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22; Tuesday – 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28; Wednesday – 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mk 3:1-6; Thursday – 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12; Friday – 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19; Saturday – 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Mk 3:20-21.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the following Parishioners and friends who again gave of their time last Sunday to take down the Christmas decorations, put them away and clean up the Church. It took several hours, and we certainly appreciate the time spent by them. Those who helped were: **Humbertio & Francesca Cruz, David D'Arpino, Cathy Haggerty, and Carol Renna.** Again, many, many thanks to all of you!

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 im-mensely. Thank you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What gifts that the Spirit gives me can I use to make a transformation in my life or for those I know?

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!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
January 1/2	\$2,845.00	\$2,600.00

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Celebrate With Us -
January 17 to January 23, 2022

Monday
12:15 PM **Church & Parish Offices Closed for the Holiday**

Tuesday
12:15 PM For the People

Wednesday
12:15 PM Lindsey Whalen, req. by Sisters and Staff at St. Josephs Place
BD & Ann. Mem. for Bob Kessler, req. by Loretta

Thursday
12:15 PM Chris Greiner, req. by Family

Friday
12:15 PM For the People

Saturday
5:30 PM Janet Marx, req. by Family

Sunday
9:30 AM Patrick Damberg, req. by Jerry & Kathy Brucker

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Kay Barranco
req. by *Mary Candida*

2021 — 2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL REPORT #1

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. We are happy to report that we have already received **\$4,810.** towards our 2021-22 Goal. Many thanks to the **15** Parishioners who have already responded. 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.

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION ...

...to all who donated to our **Restoration Fund** during the **Year, 2021** or special occasions, in memory of loved ones, Parishioners, friends and benefactors, anniversaries/birthdays, and to those who donated each month through our offertory envelope system to our second collection, just because. We truly appreciate everyone's dedicated support in helping to keep St. Joseph's Parish the viable Parish that it is.

Again, **Thank You Kindly!!!**

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!**

HAS OUR HOUR COME?

In today's Gospel, according to St. John, we find Jesus weighing the best way to proclaim who he is. The story is set at Cana: Jesus and his mother and disciples are at a wedding feast when the host has just run out of wine. Jesus had not yet begun his public ministry, but his mother knows that he has much to share with his community. While she encourages him to do something, he hesitates, saying, "My hour has not yet come." Perhaps Jesus had imagined beginning his ministry with a well-thought out speech, explaining how his teachings and thinking is different for others who came before. In the middle of a celebration of someone else's wedding was not the right time for that. With a little more nudging from his mother, he finds that there is a way to show everyone who he is without making himself the center of attention: simply transforming some water into wine, averting a minor crisis for the hosts and allowing the celebration to continue. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus leads with action. As his ministry progresses, Jesus does a lot of talking, preaching his message and explaining what it is that makes him so different. But, he never stops backing up his words with actions; healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, forgiving the sinner, including the excluded. Jesus shares his gifts for his community, not only in moments of crisis, but throughout his day-to-day ministry. In my forty plus years of ministry, I have had numerous conversations with people that have begun along the lines of, "I'm Catholic but..." Sometimes that 'but' can act like a safety pin, as a small signal of differentiation from the people who claim to be Catholic 'but' exclude, marginalize or belittle. "I'm Catholic, but I'm not prejudiced. I'm Catholic but I believe in gender equality. I'm Catholic but I struggle with certain parts of the faith. This desire to set ourselves apart may be influenced by the abuse of power, lack of honesty or transparency or scandal in the world around us and even in the institutional Church. How do we tell the world who we are when a proclamation of our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ is tangled up with the complications of history, politics and the actions of individuals that run contrary to our values? Let us take a page from Jesus' play book and begin with action. The second reading from St. Paul reminds us that each of us is blessed with different gifts to use in service of building a better world: gifts of knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy and more. We can each draw on our particular gifts in our day to day work, proclaiming to the world through our actions that we are the kind of people who want to create and foster loving, respectful inclusive communities where we live, work and pray. God Bless... Fr. Isopo.

NEED YOUR HELP

St. Luke's Church is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on **Friday, January 28th** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

PASTORAL CARE DEPARTMENT

Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive a visit/Communion? Please let Donald Penta know either in person or at (518) 374-4466 ext. 13. Thank you!

ROE VS WADE ANNIVERSARY HOLY HOUR

Saturday, January 22nd, Holy Hour and Prayers at **2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Exposition, Adoration, Communal Prayer, and Benediction at St. John the Evangelist Church, 812 Union Street. For more information call *Patty Gutch*, (518) 372-3381, ext. 229.

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!

BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Revelation, one of the most puzzling and misunderstood books of Scripture is explained by Scott Hahn and Mark Shea in 25 easy to understand lessons. The study will be divided into two semesters: a spring semester of 13 lessons beginning on January 18th and a fall semester of 12 lessons beginning after Labor Day. The Study will be offered at two times; a morning session on Wednesday's from 9:15-10:45am at St. Luke's Pastoral Center and an evening session on Wednesday's evenings from 7:00-8:30pm at St. John the Evangelist School. For more information or to register, please call Rich Winslow at (518) 852-0508 or email rwins-lo2@nycap.rr.com.

WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE UPDATE

"Help spread the word! Volunteers needed!"

The American Red Cross of Eastern New York has an URGENT need for certain volunteers in your area. The more people who see this message and sign up, the more services we can provide to people who need help. You can also find us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#). Interacting with our posts is an easy way to help! Positions that need to be filled quickly include:

- **Blood Drive Volunteer**—Warmly welcome donors to blood drives, help them check in and ensure they have a positive experience.
- **Disaster Action Team**—Provide immediate assistance to individuals and families affected by a disaster, typically a local home fire. Help your community!

For more information about our positions or opportunities for partnerships, please contact their team at joineny@redcross.org or call (518) 387-9441.

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