

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

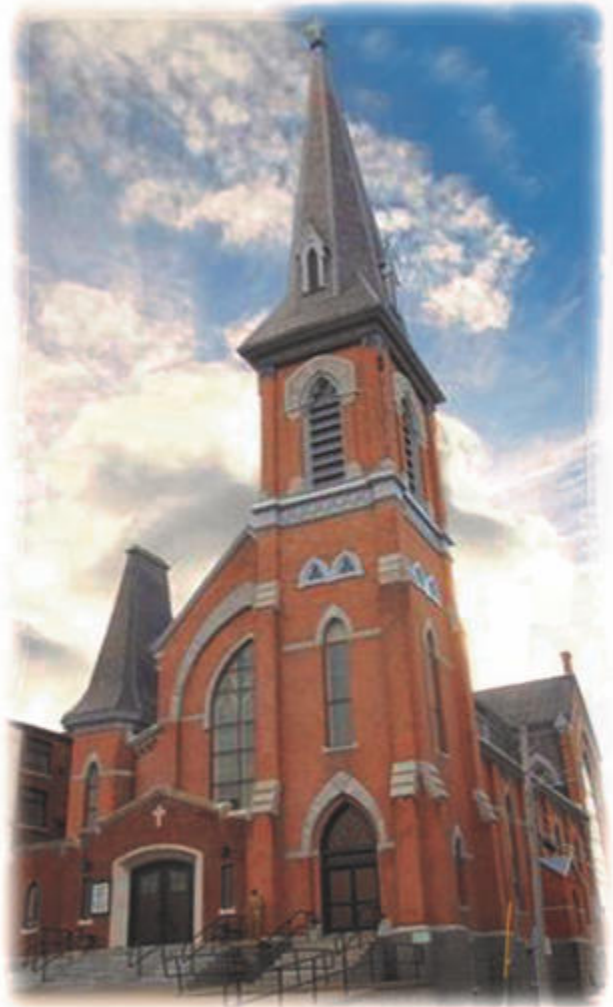
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Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass Taping, aired on Channel 1301, Tuesdays, at 2:00 p.m. and the following Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners

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



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 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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**"THE EYES OF ALL IN THE SYNAGOGUE
LOOKED INTENTLY AT HIM!"**

We gather today to worship the Lord, as faithful people have done throughout history. Two noteworthy examples are described in our readings. When Ezra the priest read the Torah in the streets of Jerusalem after the Jewish people had returned from exile, it brought people to tears. When Jesus read from the Prophet Isaiah in his hometown synagogue, he revealed that he himself was the fulfillment of that passage. As we worship today on this ordinary day in Ordinary Time, let us consider the blessing of being able to listen to the word of God and to partake in this Eucharistic feast.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30; Tuesday – Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18; Wednesday – 1 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:1-20; Thursday – 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Mk 4:21-15; Friday – 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17; Mk 4:26-34; Saturday – 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Mk 4:35-41.

VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

To be in love with life and the Giver of it, to practice the presence of God, to forget self that Christ may be remembered, to be strong enough to master evil, to be wise enough to let the good master us, to see in every friend a proof that God is good, to see in those we may dislike an opportunity to show that love never fail, to turn hindrances into helps, to see the light along the edge of every shadow, to be a living example of the joy deeply rooted in faith, to be courteous to the aged, gracious to the maturing, and guide the steps of little children, to profit by the past, to look earnestly in the present, to look hopefully to the future. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what ways am I poor, oppressed or held captive? How does the Lord's promise speak to me? How can I bring glad tidings to those who are poor and oppressed?

NEED YOUR HELP

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
January 15/16	\$2,965.00	\$2,600.00

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Celebrate With Us -
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Monday

12:15 PM Paul Connelly, req. by Jerry & Kathy Brucker

Tuesday

12:15 PM Martin Francis Kenneally, req. by Family

Wednesday

12:15 PM Ann & Joseph Matura, req. by Son

Thursday

12:15 PM Dorothy Kelly, req. by Diane Voelker

Friday

12:15 PM Teresa Finley, req. by Family

Saturday

5:30 PM William C. Diman, req. by Dawn Winkler

Sunday

9:30 AM Wedding Anniversary for Ed & Pat O'Connor, req. by Bob & Theresa Meers
Frank & Vickie Mone, req. by Rae Tedeschi
Birthday Memorial for Andrea Walton Comstock, req. by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Good Health for Jerry Brucker
req. by Friends of St. Joseph Parish

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP VACANCY DATES

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 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p. m. At present we have the following vacancies: **February 8th, February 14th, April 11th, and April 25th.** We hope to hear from you!

ST. JUDE PRAYER LINE

There is a container available at the St. Jude statue for you to place your intentions in. Said intentions will be phoned to those on the prayer line. You only need to put the intention in once, as it stays on the Prayer Line thereafter. If anyone wishes to sign up for the Prayer Line, see Donald Penta or call me at the Parish offices, (518) 374-4466, ext. 13. Thank you!

HAVE A GOOD WEEK!

ANTICIPATION

Have you ever anticipated something for a long time? Those who have recognized the importance of counting down the months, days, and at times, even the minutes. Sometimes the wait can be excruciating and seem endlessly slow. Think of children days before Christmas, anticipating when they can open their presents; think of those applying for a job or a promotion or students waiting to hear from a college they applied to, all waiting eagerly for an answer. The waiting for something with a fixed date feels different from the waiting for things without a clear indication of when or if it will happen. This type of waiting is harder because it requires much more patience and faith. People, who want to be married, but have yet to meet 'the one', often talk about if and when it will ever happen. Couples who carry the heavy burden of infertility know the difficulty of waiting and hoping. In today's Gospel, from the evangelist, Luke, we hear the fulfillment of something the Jewish people had anticipated, not for years or even decades, but for centuries. Jesus stands before them and shares the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." I'm sure those seated in the synagogue had heard those words hundreds of times before. But Jesus did not stop there, He continued and said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." I can imagine people's ears perked up, almost in disbelief at what they had just heard. Hope had sprung. His words shocked the room back to life. Sometimes when we wait for something for so long, we find ourselves unprepared for the moment when it finally happens. The Messiah was there! Their wait was over! This must have been a huge relief to those who had anticipated this day for so long, right? The people in that synagogue had spent their entire lives dreaming of how they thought the Messiah should look like and act. When Jesus was in their presence, they chose not to see him for who he was. They would rather have kept waiting for the Messiah that they had in mind. They would rather give into their doubt than to imagine that God had a different plan from what they expected. The words of the prophet suddenly did not sound as appealing if they were coming from Jesus who was not concerned with earthly power or prestige. He cared about living in solidarity with the poor and oppressed and reaching out to the lonely, the least and the last. Perhaps like those in the synagogue, it is easy for us to anticipate having our own desires fulfilled. We want the waiting to yield the results we hope, but the challenge for each of us is to let God surprise us at times with a new vision. Waiting for fulfillment takes patience and faith, but recognizing fulfillment takes adaptation and resignation to God's will. We can find holiness in both if we open our hearts to it. 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!

UPDATING PARISH RECORDS

Please notify the office of any changes of address, telephone number, etc. You may do so by calling the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466. Also, any changes for the "Evangelist" may also be updated thru this method. Our records are important to maintain accuracy. Thank you!

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.

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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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