

# 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

Classes are available for grades Pre-K through 11th grade, including sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes K-5 meet on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Grades 6-11 meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Both sessions meet in the old St. Paul's School, 2777 Albany Street and Kings Road.

Arlene Parisi, Director of Faith Formation. (518) 377-0506, email: rcffp@gmail.com.

### Pastoral Staff

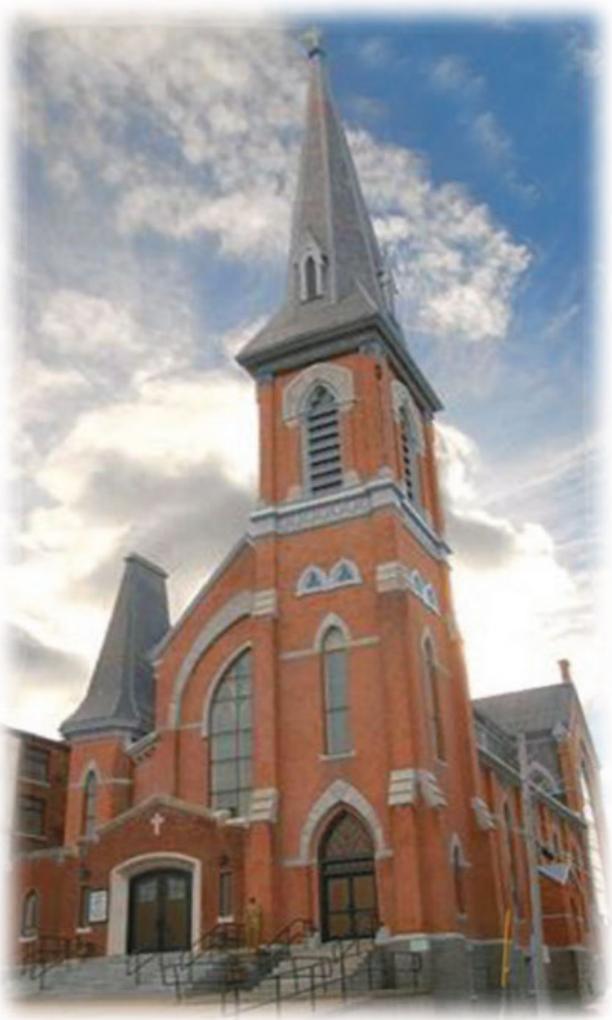
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**Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass Taping**, aired on Channel 1301, Tuesdays, at 2:00 p.m. and the following Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

### New Parishioners

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



**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 16, 2024**

**St. Joseph's Place:** 837 Albany Street, Schenectady, New York, 12307 at (518) 374-2683 ext. 115. **Co-directors:** Sr. Linda Neil, CSJ. and Sr. Cathy Kruegler, 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.

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 16, 2024

### **“THE KINGDOM OF GOD...IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED!”**

Today's readings are especially timely at this point of the year. Two of the passages concern nature, specifically the growth of large trees and plants. As we head into summer, we can appreciate the shade from an expansive, leafy tree. On this Father's Day, a sturdy tree that provides shelter and comfort may remind us of our own father or fathers we know. Like trees and plants during the summer, like fathers who love us and care for us, the seeds we sow and nurture grow slowly and steadily, producing fruit that builds the kingdom of God in our midst.

### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday – 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42; Tuesday – 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48; Wednesday – 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14; Mt 6:16-18; Thursday – Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15; Friday – 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20; Mt 6:19-23; Saturday – 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How do I walk by faith, showing my trust in God and things I cannot see? Can I recall a recent occasion which I chose to put my trust in God?

### **TAKE NOTE**

#### **Summer Schedule of Sacred Music**

Next weekend we will begin a summer schedule for Sacred Music during Mass. We will sing the Gathering Hymn, the Responsorial Psalm and Versus will be read by the Reader, the Gospel Acclamation, the Offertory Hymn and the Closing Hymn. All other parts will be spoken. Our full schedule will resume the weekend after the Labor Day holiday. I want to acknowledge the extra effort you are making in singing...it sounds great! Singing is an important part of praying in a way that is different than spoken prayers. It helps us form a sense of community as our voices blend together as one. God bless....Fr. Isopo.

### **FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY**

The Church and Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. We hope you enjoy a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!

### **WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE NEWS**

#### **Cookbook Fundraiser**

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### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
June 8/9	\$2,836.00	\$2,600.00

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## **Mass Intentions**

### **Come and Worship With Us -** **June 17 to June 23, 2024**

#### **Monday**

12:15 PM Father's Day Triduum

#### **Tuesday**

12:15 PM Anthony M. Salerno, Sr., req. by Son Rubino Family, req. by Rae Tedeschi

#### **Wednesday**

12:15 PM **No Mass — Church Closed**

#### **Thursday**

12:15 PM Ursula Greiner, req. by Doug & Theresa Marx

#### **Friday**

12:15 PM Michael Rowney, req. by Jim Rowney  
Ronald Sheehan, req. by Barbara Gillooley

#### **Saturday**

5:30 PM Philip DePaola, req. by Ron Ragucci Family

#### **Sunday**

9:30 AM 1st Ann. Mem. for Mary Alice Fields, by Family  
Tommaso & Rose Tedeschi , req. by Family

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of Robert Spence, Jr.*

*req. by Soon-Ja*

### **KINDNESS MATTERS**

*Lawn signs are available*

“Kindness Matters” is the 2024 Evangelization Initiative sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. The Initiative uses lawn signs to encourage people to step up and be kinder to one another. Showing kindness is a way to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbors. The lawn sign will direct people to a website providing resources and ideas to help us be kinder. The Initiative will gain momentum one person at a time. Imagine the effect of driving down a street and seeing all these “Kindness Matters” signs. You are invited to take a sign and sign post and place it on your front lawn. You may take more than one. Every parish in the Diocese of Albany will be distributing these special lawn signs. What a great way to Evangelize! Lawn signs may be found in the Gathering Area of the Church. Please help yourself.

### **Happy Father's Day!**

On this day I want to salute all men who take seriously the role of father in their families. In these changing times and challenging family structures it is even more important that father's be a positive role model for their children. Father's have a unique opportunity and responsibility to mold and help form their children into responsible, faith filled adults. Their example and values can influence children for a lifetime. May God bless all fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, godfathers and all men who act as father to others. May God help them to be faithful to their commitment to be good and value centered parents.

### **A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Blessed is the Father who lets the Lord be his guiding hand, whose faith brings his family courage, whose wisdom comes from God and whose children still stand and honor him. May our Divine Lord and His Heavenly Father fill your life with love, joy and contentment. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **BIRTHRIGHT**

Birthright of Schenectady is having a Fundraiser at Panera on **Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come have dinner and a portion of the meal will be donated to Birthright. For further information contact Simone at (518) 370-1532.

## SOWING THE SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Long before the Ascension of Jesus into the Kingdom of God, humans have grappled with explaining and imagining the Kingdom of God. It is a mystery that is at the core of our Christian faith. The New Testament is filled with figurative language about the Kingdom and the Gospel writers highlight many parables of Jesus that are meant to help explain this divine mystery. We hear parables about mustard seeds, pearls and great places that Jesus will prepare for us. Although these parables reveal many things there is one constant truth: God brings about the Kingdom through unexpected and unordinary ways. In the first Reading for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the prophet Ezekiel reminds us that Christians are not the first to dream about the Kingdom of God. God's chosen people, the Israelites, also anticipated the Kingdom, and the Old Testament are full of prophets preaching of God's Kingdom and the one who will bring it into fruition, the Messiah. The Jewish people anticipated a Messiah that would liberate them from their constant exile, mistreatment and oppression. But Jesus was not the kind of Messiah the people were expecting. They were expecting a colossal, powerful king that would bring about a revolution. It was difficult for them to accept their long awaited Messiah as a new born baby. A baby born to a poor and unwed mother. Quite unexpected indeed. The Good News of the Kingdom comes to us in the Word, Jesus, who takes on the flesh of a poor Galilean carpenter's son and spends his life scattering the 'seeds' of the Good News upon the earth. Despite his message of love, hope, forgiveness and new life, his words were often rejected and ignored. Yet some did take root and grew in faith. This is the faith of our ancestors that has been passed down, generation by generation, to us. In the same way that Jesus was not the Messiah that so many expected; the Kingdom of God is not what many would expect. The Gospels teach us that in God's Kingdom, the last will be first and the first will be last. The Kingdom of God is not a reward for being rich and powerful on earth. The Beatitudes testify to who will inherit the Kingdom, the poor, the meek, the sorrowful, the peacemakers; and challenge us to reconsider what we think about who is worthy to be part of it. We gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist because someone sowed the seeds of faith in our life. We had an encounter with someone or something that took root in our hearts. We come together in God's house to be nourished by our faith that continues to grow in us individually, as a faith community and as a parish family. Whether our life journey took a traditional or untraditional path, let us thank God for the unexpected people in our lives that have passed along the seeds of faith. It is our faith and witness to Christ and the Gospel message that brings about the Kingdom of God. It is through the seemingly mundane, selfless and small acts that we sow the seeds of hope for others and it is our prayer that those seeds may blossom and join us in the Kingdom of God. Our daily lives are filled with opportunities to share our faith in Jesus Christ and to be co workers in growing the Kingdom. Are our eyes open to the unexpected moments God wants to use in our lives? After all, we are disciples, agents of building and growing God's Kingdom on earth, one small interaction, and one small seed at a time. God bless...Fr. Isopo.

### ZITI & MEATBALL DINNER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (OLMC), 1255 Pleasant Street, Schenectady is having the dinner; open to the public, on **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Dinner includes ziti with meatballs, bread, salad, dessert and coffee. Drawing at dinner for Market 32 Gift Cards of \$100, \$40, or \$25. For more information call the parish office at (518) 393-4109. All are welcome!

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## Mission Statement

*To follow the teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of The Holy Spirit and promote a Loving Family Community enriched through services to others.*

### 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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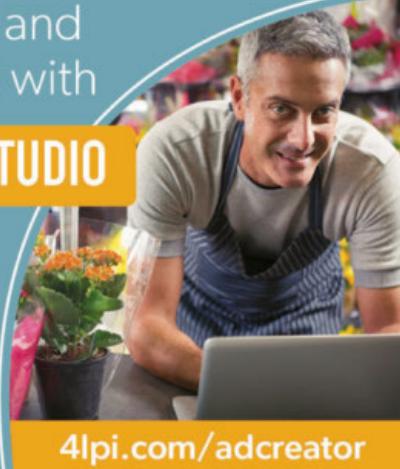
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