# 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: StJoes600@gmail.com

#### 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**

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) 377-8886, PRESS 1, ext. 3, email: <a href="mailto:arleneparisircffp@gmail.com">arleneparisircffp@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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.



Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul June 29, 2025

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

### Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul June 29, 2025

#### "YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH!"

Today we celebrate the two principle apostles of the early Church. Saints Peter and Paul took two completely different routes to their vocation. Peter was called personally by Jesus, traveled with him during his entire ministry, and became the preeminent disciple among the Twelve. Paul, on the other hand, persecuted the early church until he was called and converted by the Risen Lord on his way to arrest Christians in Damascus. May these two saints remind us that God calls us all at different times in our lives and in different ways.

#### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

 $\frac{Monday}{-} - Gn \ 18:16-33; \ Mt \ 8:18-22; \ \underline{Tuesday} - Gn \ 19:15-20; \ Mt \ 8:23-27; \ \underline{Wednesday} - Gn \ 21:5,8-20a; \ Mt \ 8:28-34; \ \underline{Thursday} - Eph \ 2:19-2; \ Jn \ 20:24-29; \ \underline{Friday} - Gn \ 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67; \ Mt \ 9:9-13; \ \underline{Saturday} - Gn \ 27:1-5,15-29;; \ Mt \ 9:14-17.$ 

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How do the examples of Saint Peter and Saint Paul help me respond to my call and give me hope despite my past actions?

#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Because today we celebrate two saints who lived during the time that the New Testament was written, our readings feature significant events from their lives. We hear how Peter is freed from prison by an angel the night before he is to be executed. Paul, knowing that he would soon give his life for his faith, writes a farewell to this close friend and fellow disciple, Timothy. In the Gospel, Peter proclaims Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ. May their strong faith in the Lord be a model for us.

#### **ANNUAL INSURANCE COLLECTION**

**Today** the **Second Collection** is for our **Annual Insurance assessment** for the Church, Parish Offices Building and Carriage House. The amount due this year is **\$26,000**. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

#### MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our *Monthly Food Collection*, sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish, to benefit Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM), will be next weekend, **Saturday/Sunday**, **July 5**<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE NO EXPIRED DATES!** Monetary offerings are also accepted. Please see Donald Penta to give contributions, and <u>checks should now be made out now to "Sycamore Collaborative</u>". Thank you!

#### **IMPORTNT NOTICE**

Due to the Summer Mission next weekend, the **RESTORA-TION COLLECTION** will be taken up the following weekend, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Weekend of: June 21/22

Actual \$1,657.00 <u>Budget</u> **\$2,600.00** 

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!



## Come and Worship With Us -June 30 to July 6, 2025

Monday

12:15 PM Sr. Rosemary Endres, by Friends of St. Joseph's **Tuesdav** 

12:15 PM 14th Ann. Mem. for Donald Foley, req. by Mary Jane Foley

Wednesday

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12:15 PM No Mass - Church Closed

Thursday

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

12:15 PM Church & Parish Offices Closed for July 4th! Saturday

5:30 PM Catherine Haggerty, req. by Daniel & Nancy Nardini Sunday

9:30 AM 6th Ann. Mem. for Thomas Winkler, req. by Dawn Winkler

BD. Mem. for Heidi M. Martinez, req. by Family

#### SANCTUARY LAMP 12th Anniversary Memorial for Richard Farry req. by Family

### A PATRIOTIC ROSARY

A *Patriotic Rosary* is a powerful prayer asking for God's protection and mercy over our Nation. All are welcome to celebrate with us on **Independence Day, Friday, July 4**<sup>th</sup> by praying *A Patriotic Rosary* for our country **immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Luke's Church,** 1241 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12304. The program will include patriotic hymns and historical readings as we pray the rosary over every state of our beloved country. For more details, please contact Sheila at (518) 452-2750 or Theresa at MJSTNS@aol.com.

## JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, INDEPENDENCE DAY!

If history teaches us anything, its best lesson is that we cannot take freedom for granted. Liberty requires active participation in our community and our nation to advance the cause of freedom of thought, speech, assembly and religion. In an address to a group of American Bishops, the late Pope Benedict XVI, said, "It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness is presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres".. He continued that he was particularly concerned with "certain attempts being made to limit that most cherished American freedom, the freedom of religion. As Roman Catholics, we must be part of the process, voicing our opinions, influencing the political process and electing worthy candidates to office. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can remain free. In their memory and to their honor we must jealously guard the treasure which is found in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Happy Independence Day!

#### A SUMMER PRAYER

Long warm days...the pace of life slows...a time for picnic and rest in the shade...Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen

#### **CHURCH UNITY IN DIVERSITY**

#### Celebrating the Memory of Sts. Peter and Paul

Christianity is a religion grounded in history. It is based not just on ideas or visions but on the person and ministry of Jesus whom we believe to be God appearing in human history. The Roman Catholic Church also claims a unique historical grounding in the Apostles Peter and Paul, who are linked directly to Jesus by call and conversion to proclaim the Gospel to the world. The City of Rome also makes a further unique claim as the seat of the Catholic Church by asserting that both Peter and Paul were martyred there. Peter identified by Jesus as the rock on whom the Church was founded (Mt: 16:18), is held to be the first in a long line of Popes, the Vicar of Christ on earth. What the Church claims historically it celebrates liturgically in this weekend's Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles, are remarkable models who both failed deeply. Peter denied his Lord to save his own life. Paul persecuted the followers of Jesus. Most institutions would have been tempted to edit their life stories to make them seem more heroic. But it is their convictions that affirmed the power of God's grace that enabled them to preach mercy and forgiveness as the heart of the Gospel. The Church is authentic, attractive and effective when it is a refuge for failures and sinners. Peter and Paul led the way. The Scriptures show how they had strong disagreements about the direction the Church should take in its early years. Peter devoted his energies to serving the mostly Jewish communities while Paul went out to evangelize Gentiles. They clashed over whether the Gentiles had to observe the Jewish law to be full Christians. Paul confronted Peter for waffling about the freedom Gentile converts had in Christ. The first Church Council in Jerusalem resolved this issue to allow the community to expand beyond the original Jewish identity. Again, the witness of their struggle and the need for the Holy Spirit teaches us an important lesson for our contemporary Church. Change is necessary! Even saints can disagree. Consensus is possible under the Spirit's guidance. Unity in diversity, not uniformity or suppression of dissent, is built into the history of the Church. Tradition means handing on essentials, not holding on to cherished past forms even when they are no longer effective. The spread of the Gospel has always involved adaptation. enculturation and dialogue between diverse interests, between East and West, across secular and religious lines. the memory of Sts Peter and Paul and their contributions to the Church helps us to remember how much courage was required by early Church leaders to achieve what we now enjoy. Let us honor them by imitating their spirit and their faith. God Bless...Fr. Isopo. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### ANNUAL SUMMER MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, July 5th 6th we welcome Fr. James Fischler from Missionhurst, the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for our annual Summer Mission Appeal. Missionhurst was founded in 1862 by a Belgian priest, Fr. Verbist, initially for the evangelization of China. The priests and brothers of Missionhurst have been the first to proclaim the Gospel in places where the Gospel is not preached or lived, with a particular emphasis on the care of the poor and the most vulnerable. Presently, Missionhurst continues this long tradition of caring for God's poorest and most neglected in many parts of the world. The Missionhurst missionaries are prepared to stay, live among the people, share in their poverty and participate in the day to day effort needed to achieve life-long spiritual and material changes. The second collection will be for the missionary work of the Missionhurst community.

**Daily Bread Food Pantry** for food assistance, call (518) 347-1385 sponsored by St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church

#### 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. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Intentions are listed in the bulletin.

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