

Historic St. Joseph's Church

A Roman *Catholic* Community founded in 1862
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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. + Sunday: 9:30 a.m. + Weekdays: 12:15 p.m.

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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.



Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

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

Second Sunday of Easter

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"THOMAS ANSWERED...MY LORD AND MY GOD!"

Still basking in the glory of Easter, today we celebrate God's unparalleled mercy. Out of mercy for all of us, Jesus died on the cross, atoning for our sins, past, present and future. Out of mercy for those whose faith is weak or doubt is strong, Jesus comes to reassure us of his eternal presence. Out of mercy for those who cannot see him, Jesus blesses them in their faith. This Easter season, let us rejoice, for the risen Lord is in our midst, forever bestowing God's divine mercy upon us.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Lk 1:26-38; Tuesday – Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15; Wednesday – Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21; Thursday – Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36; Friday – Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15; Saturday – Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21.

A THANK YOU WORTH REPEATING

Sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Church so clean, so attractive, so festive, and so warm this Easter Season. The Parishioners who helped Wednesday evening were David D'Arpino, and Sam Hotaling. David & Sam also changed several light bulbs in the Church chandeliers. Those who helped Holy Thursday morning were Barb Gillooley, Carol Renna and Arlene Turner. Those Parishioners who helped on Holy Saturday were: Carol Renna and Arlene Turner. Thanks, too, to all that planned and participated in the Holy Week liturgies. So many of our visitors commented on the wonderful music and magnificent decorations.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what way do I notice the gift of God's mercy today? To whom do I need to extend mercy?

BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome into the Christian Community here at St. Joseph's, ***Dahlia Faye DeGeorgio***, who is being baptized this Saturday at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

ALLELUIA, REJOICE, HE IS RISEN!

May your heart sing with joy of the Risen Lord on His Resurrection Feast. "This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice." May the Risen Christ bless you and may His Resurrection be a source of strength to you and your family. Have a Blessed and Joyous Easter Season!

AN EASTER PRAYER

**"Yesterday I was crucified with him;
today I am glorified with him;
yesterday I died with him;
today I am quickened with him;
yesterday I was buried with him;
today I am waking with him
from the sleep of death."**

---St. Gregory the Theologian

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
March 30/31	\$1,539.00	\$2,600.00

Easter Collection — \$2,692.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

Mass Intentions

Come and Worship With Us -

April 8 to April 14, 2024

Monday

12:15 PM **Mass Cancelled Temporarily**

Tuesday

12:15 PM **Mass Cancelled Temporarily**

Wednesday

12:15 PM **No Mass — Church Closed**

Thursday

12:15 PM **Mass Cancelled Temporarily**

Friday

12:15 PM **Mass Cancelled Temporarily**

Saturday

5:30 PM Joseph & Jessie Malecki, req. by Son & Daughter
John & Alfreda Konik, req. by Joe & Joan Wasileski

Sunday

9:30 AM Etta Mae Kleber, req. by Karen Klein
5th Ann. Mem. for Robt. Schultz, by Hotaling Family
2nd. Ann. Mem. for Stacey Fenton, req. by Bob

SANCTUARY LAMP

***In Memory of John & Alfreda Konik
req. by Joe & Joan Wasileski***

MINISTRY TO YOUNG ADULTS

Mohawk Catholic is a regional young adult group based in Schenectady. Gatherings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Gabriel's Church in Rotterdam. All young adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to join us as we journey together in growing closer in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The next event is on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. Good News and Cold Brews—How Do we defend our faith in the real world. Have you ever struggles to explain Catholic beliefs and practices to someone outside the Church? Do you have unanswered questions about our Catholic Traditions? If so, you are not alone! Join us for dinner, beverages and an interactive discussion with Fr. Yusko, Deacon Brennan and Tom Cronin. For more information, email mohawkcatholic518@gmail.com

2023 - 2024 DIOCESAN APPEAL REPORT #2

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 \$36,202 in Gifts and Pledges! Many thanks to the 43 Parishioners who have already responded. As usual, the Parish receives credit for your appeal gifts. Brochures/envelopes are at the Bulletin Stations. 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.

IN MEMORY OF:

URSULA GREINER: By: Bob & Theresa Meers, Lois Frame, Mark Reilly, Joseph & Margaret Bucci, Roger Henry, Susan George, Maureen Carroll, Stella Sinkora, Frank & Rae Tedeschi, Linda Safran, James & Donna Casino.

BETTY VIELKIND: By: John & Susan Urbanski, Joseph Urbanski, James & Donna Vielkind, Thomas & Gwen Vielkind, Diane Tenenini Family, Maria Williams, Ronald & JoAnne Gori, Robert Fenton, Matthew Bianco, Thomas & Lori Chera, Alexander Pedersen, Steven Fall, Peter & Lois Vielkind.

Many thanks for your donations to the Restoration Fund!

WOULD WE HAVE DOUBTED TOO?

A week ago we heard and again we hear today a story of faith lived out in varying ways. First, we were reminded of the discovery made by Mary Magdalene in the middle of the night, as the first day of the week was dawning. Her faith required that she run to tell the people she loved of what she saw. Peter needed to see for himself and went out to the tomb and when he arrived he saw the burial linens rolled up. Could their Master have risen...as he promised? The disciple who gathered that evening sensed fear and the locked doors remind us that their fear was real. They were alone but together as a community grieving. They sensed the presence of Jesus and saw with their own eyes the burial scars of the crucifixion. And then they heard his voice, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you". Then, they felt the breath of Jesus, sensing not only their friend and teacher's real presence in their midst, but also the Holy Spirit. Thomas wasn't there and when the others told him what had happened he doubted their story. Yet, as we know that Mary Magdalene doubted too, until she heard the voice of her Lord. Peter doubted needing to see the empty tomb for himself. All of the disciples doubted. Wouldn't you have too? When we think about those few hours and even the first few days and weeks following the death and resurrection of Jesus, it may be easy for us to forget the immense human experience of those who were there. Yes, time and again Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for what was to come. Yet, nothing could have completely prepared the disciples for what happened; a triumphant entry, the scene in the Temple, the gathering around the table at the Last Supper, the betrayal, the trial, the walk to Golgotha. And then, just as the reality of death began to hit, the disciples were faced with trying to wrap their heads around an empty tomb, burial linens lying without a body, and the appearance of the one they loved in the midst of a locked room. Of course they doubted. In their grief they responded the best way they could. After all, there was no one in that locked room who was sure enough of their faith to have handled the situation perfectly. And yet, each of them received from Jesus reassurance, and from each other, comfort. Indeed it wasn't the sure of faith who were called; it wasn't the ones without doubt who received the breath of the Holy Spirit. It was those afraid, grieving, doubting disciples. And in the end, the Gospel writer includes us in the community of doubters: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book". We don't need any more evidence in joining Thomas in seeing Jesus in our midst. We too find ourselves shouting, "My Lord and my God!" May the light of the Resurrection continue to shine in our Church and in our hearts. A Blessed Easter Season....Fr. Isopo.

EASTER THANKS

The glory of the Resurrection continues to shine forth in the life of the Church, in our lives and in our witness to others in the promise of eternal life. In the spirit of Easter joy, I want to thank all who sent cards, baked goods and Easter blessings to me. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you to our Music Director, Mark Reilly and the St. Joseph's Choir for their hours of rehearsals and commitment to leading us in Sacred Song each weekend and especially the beautiful music during Holy Week and the Easter celebration. Their gifts and talents have added to the sacredness of our services. A special thank you to the Liturgical Ministers; Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Ushers. Their time and talent has added to the prayerfulness and smooth running of our celebrations. I am thankful for the generosity of our parishioners, friends and benefactors who continue to financially support our parish ministries, our building and grounds. May God Bless you during this Easter Season.

HAPPY EASTER!

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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