

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
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.

Pastoral Staff

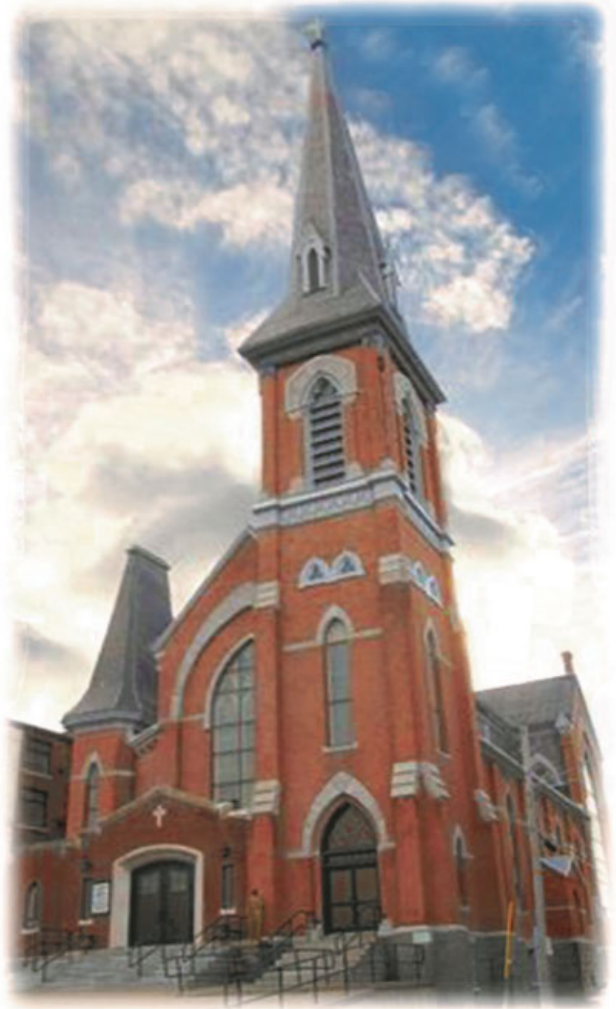
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Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass Taping, aired on Channel 1301, Tuesdays, at 2:00 p.m. and the following Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners

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



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023

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.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2023

"HE WAS NAMED JESUS...!"

How appropriate that on the first day of every year we honor Mary, the Holy Mother of God, for it was her willing obedience to God's plan that enabled the Incarnation and therefore initiated what in time became Christianity. Today is also the World Day of Peace and so we look to Mary, the Queen of Peace – who bore the Prince of Peace – as our model and inspiration for holding peace in our hearts, our communities, and in our world.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28; Tuesday – 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34; Wednesday – 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42; Thursday – 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51; Friday – 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11; Saturday – 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11.

OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS FOR A BLESSED, PEACEFUL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your St. Joseph's Pastoral Staff

2023 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

What happened in my life in 2022 that I treasure in my heart? How do I recognize God's role in these blessings?

PARISH CALENDARS

2023 Parish Calendars, provided by the Daly Funeral Home, are available today! We have a limited supply so **please take one calendar per family**. Our *sincere appreciation* to the Daly Funeral Home for this generous donation.

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!

"IRISH CHRISTMAS BLESSING"

God grant your lightness in your step, a smile on every face you meet, loved ones gathered at your hearth, and at your door, good friends to greet a holy hymn upon your lips, a window candle burning bright, and may the Good Lord bless your heart and come to dwell there Christmas night.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
December 24/25	\$1,050.00	\$2,600.00

Christmas Collection — \$4,315.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

 **Mass Intentions**

Worship With Us -

January 2 to January 8, 2023

Monday

12:15 PM **Church & Parish Offices Closed for New Year's**

Tuesday

12:15 PM For the People

Wednesday

12:15 PM **No Mass – Church Closed**

Thursday

12:15 PM Cora Hudock, req. by Cirincione Family

Friday

12:15 PM Francis Hanaway, req. by Hanaway Family

Saturday

5:30 PM John Nosal, req. by Family

31st. Ann. Mem. for Frank Ferraro, req. by Family

Sunday

9:30 AM Emilie Kottal, req. by Mary Schiazza

Cyrella Hamilton, req. by Richard Muth

22nd. Ann. Memorial for Rev. Joseph Biondino

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of John Nosal, Sr.

req. by Family

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Come and worship in His presence for **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and **Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** this coming Friday, January 7th, following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY AND QUEST, INC. COLLECTIONS

Our Monthly Food Collection, sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish, to benefit Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM), will be next weekend, **Saturday/Sunday, January 7th/January 8th**. **PLEASE NO EXPIRED DATES!** Monetary offerings are also accepted. Please see Donald Penta to give contributions, and **checks should be made out to: "SICM"**. Thank you!

Also as part of this collection, we are looking for **paper products** and **cleaning supplies** to benefit **Quest, Inc.**, an inner-city youth after school program. They are on a very limited budget and your generosity would greatly be appreciated. There will be separate boxes in the Gathering Area for this collection. We will do this Quest collection quarterly. Thanks!

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Those Parishioners, who used our Offertory Envelope System during the **Period of January 1 thru December 31, 2022**, may request a Statement. **Previously requested will automatically be sent out by the end of January.** 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 monies 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 _____

Address _____

We are very grateful for your faithful and consistent support!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

To our *Christmas Decorating Volunteers* – who have worked very hard to make the Church look so clean, so attractive, festive, and warm this year, which included many, many hours on Sunday, December 18th in preparation for this most Holy Season. Those Parishioners and friends who helped on Sunday were: *Chris Buttino, David, Kelly, Addison & Laura D'Arpino, Barb Gillooley, Larry Gillooley, Sam Hotaling, Steve & Deann Lynch, Bob & Theresa Meers, Dana Meyer, Patricia Morris & Bill Trifcante, Jim Rapant, Carol Renna, Ann Shattuck, Susan, Lauren & Brendon Tur, Arlene Turner, Dennis & Patty Ward, Kevin Ward, and Tim & Heidi Ward.* Many thanks to *Don & Laureen Tessitore*, for putting on an excellent meal, which was enjoyed by all. A *Special Thanks* to *Donald & Laureen Tessitore* for putting on a most delicious Christmas dinner for all the volunteers following the decorating of the Church. Those Parishioners and friends who helped on Friday, December 23rd were: *Barb Gillooley, Carol Renna, Arlene Turner* and *Fran Underhill.* So many of our Parishioners and visitors commented on the magnificent decorations. Once again you have come through for us and we really appreciate all your hard work. **To our *Week-day Volunteers*...**thank you for your thoughtfulness for all the numerous times you have assisted with various tasks when asked, or a time when you just "pitched in". Thank you to those who worked on special projects, Parishioners and non-Parishioners alike, who assist with the daily 12:15 p.m. Mass and to those who assist with the Weekend duties, we are truly blessed! TO ALL, may the Lord reward your kindness and generosity for having such a big heart and sharing your time and talents with your Parish Family here at St. Joseph's. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May the Newborn Babe of Bethlehem bless you and yours abundantly at this time and into the New Year!

2022 – 2023 DIOCESAN APPEAL

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. Envelopes for this appeal are at the bulletin stations. Our Goal this Year is **\$31,215**. 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.

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!

A NEW YEAR UPON US

Consult not your fears, but your hope and your dreams.

Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.

Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what is still possible to do.

Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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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