

Historic St. Joseph's Church

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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.

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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.

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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.



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 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.

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Come and Worship With Us -
September 16 to September 22, 2024

“WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME!”

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. That’s quite a mouthful, but it means that by dying on the cross, which he willingly accepted, Jesus was exalted. In today’s Gospel, Jesus confides in his disciples for the first time that he would be persecuted and killed. Then turning to the entire crowd, he tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives they can save them. Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Lk 7:1-10; Tuesday – 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Lk 7:11-17; Wednesday – 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35; Thursday – 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50; Friday – 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3; Saturday – Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What cross of mine can I commit to carrying without complaining? Will I accept help when necessary? Whom can I assist in carrying their own cross?

MANY THANKS FROM THE MISSIONARY

Conor Brooks, from the Haiti brothers and sisters, wishes to thank all those who responded last weekend to the Appeal for them, in the second collection. A total of **\$1,538.00** was collected. Again, thank you!

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY TO
ST. JOSEPH'S PLACE
TODAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

St. Joseph's Place is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary! We are so blessed to be able to stay open through these years. There have been so many changes and challenges along the way, but God and our dear patron, St. Joseph have given us the strength and wisdom to continue this vital ministry for our neighbors on Hamilton Hill. We want to thank our pastor, Fr. Isopo, our parish staff, benefactors, our generous parishioners, volunteers, the leadership of SICM, and the foresight of our founder, Rev. Michael J. Hogan, for our continued presence on the Hill. Please continue your prayers and support!

Gratefully, St. Joseph's Place Staff.

This coming **Thursday, September 19th**, from **9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**, we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Place, located at 837 Albany Street. Come sit a while and celebrate this milestone with us with refreshments. RSVP for food numbers (518) 374-2683 ext. 115.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of:	Actual	Budget
September 7/8	\$3,227.00	\$2,600.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

- Monday**
12:15 PM For the People
- Tuesday**
12:15 PM Stephen & Rose Mone, req. by Rae Tedeschi
- Wednesday**
12:15 PM **No Mass — Church Closed**
- Thursday**
12:15 PM Kathleen (Kathy) Tilden, req. by Flo & Richard Audevard
- Friday**
12:15 PM 6th Ann. Mem. for Donna Bourdeau, req. by Larry
- Saturday**
5:30 PM Deborah Hudock, req. by Cirincione Family
Arthur McDonald, req. by Mother
- Sunday**
9:30 AM BD. Mem. for Norine Singsheim, req. by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Robert Spence, Jr.
req. by Soon-Ja

2024 – 2025 SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection THIS weekend at the Masses for our **Yearly School Assessment**. This year's assessment is **\$12,720**. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection and thank you for your continued support!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday today. Those who have been chosen and lead by the Holy Spirit to serve as catechists will be acknowledged. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays in passing on our faith to the next generation. By virtue of Baptism we are called to be a witness to the Gospel and share His message with everyone we meet. This special Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. ***You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*** 2 Corinthians 3:3.

FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Due to flooding damage in the Faith Formation Center, Faith Formation will be held on zoom this year. Registration for Faith Formation sessions is now open and to please go to <https://www.spacny.org/faith-formation.html> to register online and for more information. All families are invited to attend our **Opening Family Event on Tuesday, October 1st** at St. Paul the Apostle Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a **Prayer Service followed by "Make your own Ice Cream Sundae"** in the Parish Center. **Pick-up your packet then.**

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

St. Luke's will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, with the Blessing of Animals at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6th** outside in the Furman Street lawn. In honor of St. Francis whose love for animals has inspired this special blessing for generations, we will, in prayer and a ritual blessing of our animals who add to the richness of our lives. All animals are welcome. Tell your friends and spread the word!

FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT EASY

It is not always easy to follow Jesus. In Christianity, we model our lives after someone who gave of himself over and over again. He gave of his time and his wisdom and his healing gifts throughout his earthly life, and in the end sacrificed his very life. As it turns out, following in his footsteps can also come with a fair amount of suffering. Most of us won't be called to the level of self-sacrifice that Jesus models, but it remains true that the life of someone who is a disciple is often harder than the life of someone who is not. The commitments of discipleship are real; this is life that makes demands on us. We believe and are sometimes called to preach things that are unpopular. When Isaiah's ears are opened to God's unpopular call to conversion, he has thoughts of rebelling and of turning back. He knows the response he will receive, but he endures, because once he hears what God has to say, he had to moved forward with it. Even the prophetic ministry of Isaiah is beyond what most of us are called to and perhaps for good reason. It is all too easy to use God as an excuse to pass judgment on others and to treat them with disdain. True loving correction, done cautiously and respectfully, is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ, but it ought to be approached with fear and trembling. So often, attempts to correct others lead to further alienation and hard feelings, especially when it involves the teachings of our faith. Most of us will live out God's call to self-sacrificial love in ways that are less visible but no less painful. Parents, adult children, spouses, partners, care-givers, etc., know this well. The good works that we do can take a physical or emotional toll on us, but it is a literal participation in Christ's, "this is my body given up for you". Even more are our hearts left vulnerable when we strive to form ourselves in Christ's love. They will break over and over again at the injustices that lead to poverty, at life being taken from the womb, at single parents raising children without help, with suffering and hunger and homelessness... this ongoing heartbreak can tempt us to despair or to harden our hearts. But we are also called to hope even as we squarely face all this is broken in the world. We are not promised comfort in this life as disciples; but we are promised that we are not alone. Jesus, who knows our suffering will be with us until the end of the age. The inspired Word of God constantly reminds us that God is our help. God is near. God hears us. God frees us from fear. In the Psalm for this 24th Sunday in Ordinary time, "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living" there is a sense that God has our backs. In the Gospel we follow Jesus: he goes ahead, showing us the way. We are reminded of the famous prayer known as the Breastplate of St. Patrick which ends with the invocation of Christ's protection with us always: "behinds us and before us, beneath and above us, at our right and at our left". God Bless...Fr. Isopo

COMMUNITY DAY, 2024

St. Luke's will sponsor our 3rd Annual Community Day on Friday, September 27th in the Furman Street parking lot. The purpose of Community Day is to give back to the community, especially those who are most in need. We will offer, at no charge, gently used clothing for women, men and children along with household items such as pans/pots. Bed linens or other items that you no longer want or need. Additional details about the Community Day will be available soon. At this time, we are looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks; sorting donated clothing, setting up tables, staffing the food court and other tasks. There is no cost to the parish other than the time and energy of our parishioners and staff. During the summer months if you are cleaning out closets or down-sizing, please remember the many people who can benefit from your generosity. To volunteer, visit our website stlukesschenectady.org and click on the link to the volunteer sign up form. You may sign up for as many slots as you are able to help with both for the preparation and on the day of the event. Contact Kristin Black with questions at (518) 347-9955 or stlukescare@gmail.com. More information will be forthcoming.

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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