Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. + Sunday: 9:30 a.m. + Weekdays: 12:15 p.m.
+ To view our Bulletin online, go to parishesonline.com and click on St. Joseph Church

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 evenings 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

“THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS Become THE CORNERSTONE!”

Like the last few Sundays, the readings today speak of a vineyard. It is an excellent time of year to contemplate a vineyard, vines heavy with grapes waiting to be harvested. But when Jesus speaks in parables, each element stands for something else. The vineyard we are invited to contemplate today is not just a large field planted with vines, but our very home in the Lord. The fruit it produces is not just grapes or wine, but the kingdom of God made manifest in our world. Let us resolve to be productive servants in the Lord’s vineyard.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
What specific thing can I do this week to produce fruit for the kingdom of God?

CHRISTMAS GRAVE WREATHS
The wreath is made of intertwined pine boughs decorated for the Christmas holidays with a red bow. Order forms are available at the bulletin stations to order the evergreen wreaths for your cemetery plots at St. Joseph’s Cemetery. Orders need to be prepaid by Sunday, November 12th. Cost is $35.00.

WORD OF LIFE
"An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Mark Reilly for his 50 years of ministry to Sacred Music at St. Joseph’s. Mark has been our Music Director and Organist since 1973, a half century of providing sacred music to St Joseph’s parish. God has blessed Mark with faith and talent and he has faithfully used that talent to lead us in sacred song on weekends, Holy Days, holidays, weddings and funerals. May God continue to bless him with many more years of ministry at St. Joseph’s.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
Weekend of: Actual Budget Restoration Collection — $684.00
Sept. 30/Oct. 1 $2,042.00 $2,600.00

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Mass Intentions
Worship With Us -
October 9 to October 15, 2023

Monday
12:15 PM Church and Offices Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday
12:15 PM Carljohn Linen, req. by D’Allaird Family

Wednesday
12:15 PM No Mass — Church Closed

Thursday
12:15 PM Kevin Sartoris, req. by Barbara Gillooley

Friday
12:15 PM For the People

Saturday
5:30 PM Dolores Linehan req. by Charlie Joseph & Jessie Malecki, req. by Son & Daughter

Sunday
9:30 AM William Muth, II, req. by Richard Muth Etta Mae Kleber, req. by Fields Family

SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Deceased Parishioners
req. by Robert Attridge

REST IN PEACE
Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Bernice Brennan.

ZITI DINNER 2023
Our 17th Annual Election Day Ziti Dinner is set for Tuesday, November 7th and the servings will be from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out orders will be taken between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and a phone number for you to call for said orders, indicating what time you would like to pick them up, will be listed at a later time. Tickets will soon be available and are: $10.00 for Adults and $6.00 for Children under 12 years of age. Again, we would like to make this an ALL-OUT PARISH FUNDRAISING EFFORT, and we are asking for your help! We would like to thank those Parishioners who attended our Ziti Dinner Committee organizational meeting indicating their willingness to help. We will need cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up crews, dish washers, etc. We are also asking for donations from Parishioners, vendors and other individuals who might be able to help us out with food, beverages, paper supplies, etc. A letter requesting donations, on behalf of St. Joseph’s Church, is available to give to any contacts you may have. See Donald Penta for copies of said letter. Donald Tessitore, Jr. and Donald Penta are again co-chairing this major Parish fund-raiser of the year. Other Ziti Dinner Committee members are: Theresa Agresta, Chris Buttino, David D’Ardino, Barb Gillooley, Carol Renna, Ann Shattuck and Arlene Turner. Sign up posters/sheets will be at both entrances of the Church in the near future, so that you may indicate your intentions. Again this is worth repeating — we would like to make this an all-out Parish effort and we are asking for your help! Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Please Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary during the month of October!
WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US?

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants in the vineyard. The story is an allegory. The owner (God) sends his servants (the prophets) to collect the produce of the vineyard (the chosen of God, Israel). But the tenants, (the political and religious leaders of Israel who have refused the owner his rightful share of the produce) treat the servant cruelly, stoning and beating them. Finally the owner sends his son (Jesus) and the tenants kill him. The message of this Gospel parable is directed first to the chief priests and leaders of the Jewish community of that time, the early Christian community and now to us. There are two interpretations of this parable that must be avoided. The first is the trap of anti-Semitism, the underlying belief that the Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus. Those who were partially responsible for his death were a few self-centered leaders, not the masses of ordinary Jewish people. Jesus preached to them, healed them, loved them and was one of them. Anti-Semites who call themselves Christian forget that Jesus was Jewish, as were the first disciples and much of the early Church. We are the inheritors or spiritual descendants of Abraham and the Jewish people. The second mistaken approach is interpreting any parable of Jesus as if it had relevance for one time and one place and one people. The Gospel contains truth for all times and for all places and for all people. So, how does this parable apply to us today? What is the message for our parish community, our families and neighborhoods? What is the message that will help us leave Mass feeling not confused, bored or exactly the same as when we walked through the Church doors? What is the challenge before us? God provides the vineyard of our lives. God provides the tools, the wisdom, the circumstances and the strength to bring fruit out of the vineyard. This is God's grace to us! What we provide and only we can provide is the 'will' to do what needs to be done, to bear good fruit, the will to live as faithful disciples. However, we may get distracted by what we lack, or think we lack. We may think we need better tools, to be smarter, have more money, even a different vineyard. But if we remember that all is from God and that we already have what we need to make our lives a fruitful paradise, then we will be judged worthy tenants. And, like Jesus we can make a difference when we use the grace that God has given us. God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE

The Good Neighbor Program has been very busy during the back-to-school season, and has provided 363 local children with clothing care packages so far this year. Please help us replenish our inventory. Our most needed items at this time are: Boy's underwear and socks, all sizes. Must be new, Girl's socks, all sizes. Must be new. Men's athletic and sweat pants, sizes small to 2X, New or gently used. Men's shirts, sizes small to 2XL, Everyday styles only, i.e. long and short sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts. No professional or business clothing. New or gently used. Girl's size 4/5 jeans, leggings, and pants, new or gently used. Girl's size 4/5 shirts-long and short sleeves, sweatshirts, sweaters, new or gently used. Sneakers -Must be new, all sizes. Sneakers only, no dress shoes. Clothing may be dropped off on Tuesdays between 10AM-1PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church-Parish Center, 1255 Pleasant Street. Contact us to make alternative arrangements. Monetary donations are appreciated, and may be made by visiting our website at worksfomercyschdy.org or mailing a check to Works of Mercy Initiative, c/o St. Luke's Church, 1241 State St., Schenectady, NY 12304. Thank you for your continued support! Contact us with questions at (518) 347-0871 or worksfomercyschdy@live.com.

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 thru 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, ext. 13, know that as well. Thank you!

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