

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph

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Eucharist

SJESJ - Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 9:30am.

Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 pm (Our Lady's Chapel);

Holy Days 12:10pm (Church) or as posted

Church of St. Mary- Sunday Masses at 8:00am & 11:00am

Sunday, 7:00pm LCC Mass for entire area. Weekdays on
Wednesday and Friday at 7:00am in the Chapel, Holy Days
at 6:45am & 5:30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

SJESJ Saturday 3:30-3:45 p.m. and communally during
Advent and Lent, or by request. At **St. Mary's** on Thursday
evening at 5:30pm.

Baptism

Celebrated weekly, except during Lent. Contact the Parish
Office for the Sacramental Prep Schedule.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Offered upon request.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered to all seeking full initiation into the Catholic
community. Please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care

Members of our parish community and staff regularly visit
area hospitals, nursing homes, and our senior citizen
residences. Please call the Parish Office if you or a family
member are hospitalized.

Mission

Statement

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph, as the
Roman Catholic Faith Community of Rensselaer, embraces
young and old as children of God. United by the bonds of faith,
family, and friendships, we are rooted in the love and teachings
of Jesus. Inspired and motivated by the Holy Spirit, we are
committed to continue spiritual growth and service to all.

We welcome you to share activities in the sacramental, prayer, and social life of the parish using your gift of time, talent, and treasure with your family in faith. Please speak to Deacon Greg Mansfield, or call us for more information about our sacramental programs or ministries.

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK:

Oliver Napoleon Hill (1883-1970) was an American self-help author. He is known best for his book *Think and Grow Rich* which is among the 10 best-selling self-help books of all time. He once wrote:

Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness.

Since last summer, this column has included several weeks to inform you of the plans and progress of our campaign to restore our parish to the dynamic force it once was. We held a general meeting to find out what you wanted for the future of this Church structure. I have met with a team of concerned and engaged parishioners to implement these plans. I have let you know how we will accomplish our goals in the context of the Diocesan wide "***Re-Igniting Our Faith***" program. And I have met with and listened to those who have given their time and effort talking to our most ardent supporters to make this a success.

We are off to a good start, but we have a long way to go. Some have concerns that are holding us back, and I want to address them right away. What I hear is a resistance to connect with anything associated with the Diocese of Albany. Another concern, and more deeply troubling, is the false belief that the Parish has no future, and this is all a fool's errand. Let me say this: to keep either or both these convictions is to deny our Catholic faith. Why? First, as Catholics, we are part of the Universal (Catholic) Church. Our borders are limited only to the reaches of the earth. What is anyone's concern, is our concern. The effort to assist our seminarians in their education, to help our children to attend Catholic schools, to give comfort to our retired priests, and to bring back to the fold all the strayed sheep of our flock are most worthy efforts.

Second, the life and the future of our Parish is in our hands, and no one else's. We are called to trust in Jesus as the Head of our Church body. That life is evident in our attendance in weekend Mass, and our financial support. Both are the signs of a vibrant and living community, and are hallmarks of our most active and model parishes. It is no secret we have had our share of pain over these past years, but we are still here, and are on a firm financial footing thanks to the sacrifices we have made, and the support of you, the people of this Parish.

We have a good plan for our future and now we need the effort to make it a reality. As Mr. Hill so eloquently expressed, it takes great sacrifice to have great achievement. It doesn't come from shrinking from a challenge.

Next week, I will offer up in place of our homily, the opportunity to spend a few minutes addressing our needs and the reasons for this appeal. I ask that if you have any specific questions, please send them to me this week, and I will make every effort to address them in the most appropriate manner.

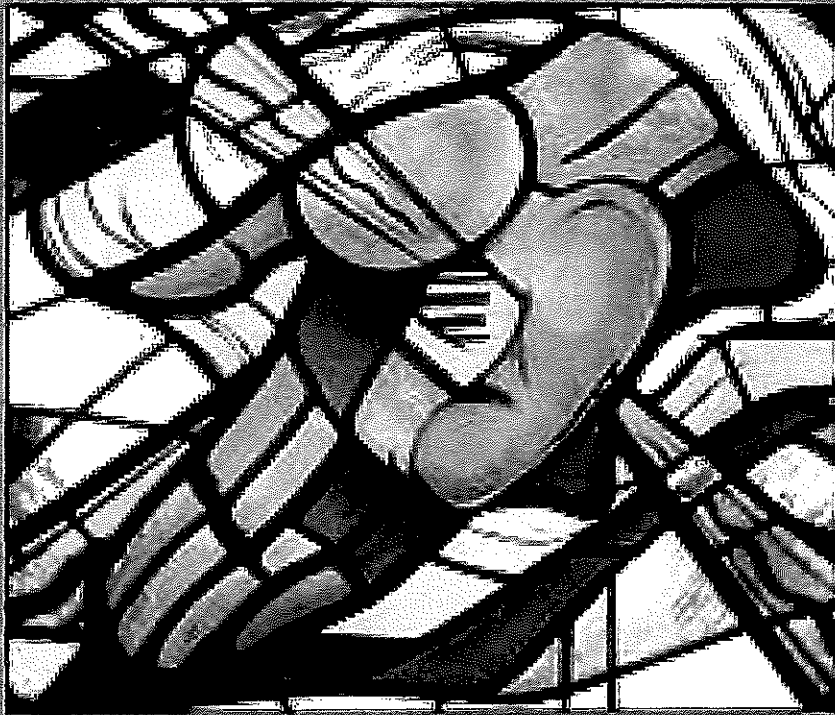
We have a wonderful opportunity to set the foundation for our Parish for this century and the generations of Catholics to come. With courage and joy, we sacrifice our time, talent, and treasure for Christ and for our Catholic faith. I hope you will join with me in making this a reality.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

Your Right Hand, O Lord,
Glorious in Power

ISAIAH 54:1



The Church of St. Mary at Clinton Heights
163 Columbia Turnpike
Rensselaer, New York
Sunday, January 21, 2018
2:00 PM

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018



Pastoral Care Ministry

A Tradition of Faith

Pope Francis, April 2, 2013

"Sometimes in our lives, tears are the lenses we need to see Jesus."

Save the Date – January 27, 2018

*Pastoral Care Ministry
Ongoing Enrichment – Winter Mini-Presentation*

"Christ Reveals Himself in Tears"

In Pastoral Care, we often meet the tears of those we serve. How can these tears be a source of healing for those we minister to, as well as a catalyst for our own transformation and growth? We shall explore how we see Christ through the lens of tears—both of those we serve and our own—and how these can be a source of healing and hope for the receiver and giver of care.

You are invited to join us for this free morning mini-presentation

Yervant Kutchukian, Presenter

Yervant graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service. He obtained a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. He completed nine units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Albany Medical Center (AMC) and worked for 2 years at AMC in the Department of Pastoral Care, initially as a Resident and then as a Senior Resident in Clinical Pastoral Education. Yervant is currently employed full-time as a chaplain at AMC.



WHEN: Saturday, January 27, 2018
WHERE: Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave, Albany, NY 12203
*Plus video-conferencing to various sites
TIME: 9:00 A.M. to Noon (Check-in 8:30 A.M.)
COST: No Charge
HOW TO REGISTER: Please use our online registration form found at:
<https://portal.rcda.org:81/PastoralCareRegistration/>

Pre-Registration required, space limited - Deadline January 12, 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Email: Maria.Schollenberger@rcda.org
Phone: 518.641.6818 Fax: 518.641.6819

Rev. 11-1-17

"The true God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love and to bring Christ's healing presence to our world." -Diocesan Vision Statement



January 14, 2018

DEACON'S DESK:

Please note the bulletin insert with the Deacon's special message.

Thank you,
Judy

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

An Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God will be held **Sunday, Jan. 21st**, at the Church of St. Mary; 163 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY beginning at **2:00pm**. The service is held as part of the area's observance of the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** held in cities and towns across the country and around the world. This service is sponsored by "One City, One Hope" Ecumenical Committee. **All are welcome!**

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The *Capital Area Council of Churches* awards this scholarship each year to graduating seniors who, in part, show a commitment to the ideals and teachings of Dr. King. Those students chosen as finalists are invited for an interview before the committee. Applications are available in the Parish Office. The deadline for applications is **March 31, 2018**, it is also available on line at: www.capareacc.org. Click on Scholarships and Awards.

PAINTING THE WINTER BLUES AWAY

Professional art instructions with Noreen Powell, will help you paint the winter blues away in "The Living Room Art Gallery" located in Historic St. Agnes Cemetery's Visitor Center in Menands, NY. Each Class features a different subject and style to help aspiring artists learn a variety of techniques using paint on canvas. Prices are \$20 for an 8x10 canvas or \$25 for an 11x14 canvas. Paint, brushes, and refreshments are provided.

Jan. 19th- 10am to 12noon- Paul Klee's Wonderfully Strange Creatures.

Jan. 26th- 10am to 12noon- Popping up Poppies
Call **Kelly Grimaldi at 518-350-7679** or email at: KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org to register.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday, Jan. 26 to Sunday, Jan 28, at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, 1945 Union St., Niskayuna, NY .Directed by Sr. Kay Kanick, RSM. Enjoy 44 hours of rest, quiet, learning, inner healing, growth, prayer and sharing. Open to all, ages 18 and above. Meals, snacks, and linens provided. \$205.00pp, (\$190 age 65 and above.) Reservations call 518-393-4169 or email at dslcny@nybiz.rr.com.

Serving Next Weekend 1/20 - 1/21

If unable to serve, please find a replacement.

Saturday	4 PM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Shelia Millea
Tabernacle Cup	Mary Ann West
Center Host	Dawn Gillan
Joseph's Host	Sandy Raus
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Bill Wohlleber
Lector II	Pauline Wohlleber
Sunday	9:30 AM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Dorothy Martin
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Mary Reilly
St. Joseph's Host	Kathleen Morris
Joseph's Cup	Agata Verrelli
Lector I	Georgeann Greene
Lector II	Rick Harbeck

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Winter Mini-Presentation

"Christ Reveals Himself in Tears" presented by *Yervant Kutchukian*. currently employed as a full-time chaplain at AMC, has an extensive background in Pastoral Care as an instructor for Pastoral Care Ministry's Pastoral Visitation Program. He will explore how these 'tears' be a source of healing for those we minister to, and ourselves. Sat., **Jan. 27th** at the Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, 9:00am to 12:00PM. Check-in 8:30am. No cost to attend. Pre-registration is required, register online at: <http://portal.rcda.org:81/PastoralCareRegistration/> Registration deadline is January 12, 2018, or contact Maria Schollenberger @rcda.org or at 518-641-6818.

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Week Ending January 7, 2017	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,240.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$1,115.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,355.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	\$28.50
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$122,949.53
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$121,156.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$1,793.53

Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00

Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,545.20

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