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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.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	1/20/18	4:00 PM	Richard Ryan, <i>by the Famil</i> ; Angie Stasack-Lown, <i>by MaryAnn Martyn</i> ; Marjorie T. Finn, <i>by Jean O'Donnell</i> .
Sunday	1/21/18	9:30 AM	Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family</i> ; Rose & Dewey Whaler, <i>by Jack Millea</i> Jack Dwyer, <i>by Mrs. Anita Verrelli & Family</i> ; Edward Kappes, <i>by the Rosary Altar Society of SJESJ</i> .
Tuesday	1/23/18	12:10 PM	In Praise and Thanksgiving, <i>Ronnie & Victor Barresi</i> .
Thursday	1/25/18	12:10 PM	Andrew & Julie Hart, <i>by Estate</i> .
Saturday	1/27/18	4:00 PM	Nancy VanDetta, 2 nd Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> ; Marvin Lape, <i>by Rita Zenzen</i> ; William Koveleskie, 15 th Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> .
Sunday	1/28/18	9:30 AM	Alesandrina Gimenez, <i>by Flora Fiacco</i> ; Jack Dwyer, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> ; Thomas Poole, <i>by Agnes Poole & Family</i> ; Ed Kappes, <i>by Marian Barlow & Family</i> ; Gregory Stroyen, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucki</i> .

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Bread and Wine: Richard Ryan, *by the Family*.
Sanctuary Light: Richard Ryan, *by the Family*.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." Fran Barrington, Nicholas Cristo, Joan Dwyer, Daniel Gallucci, Bob Gawel, Noelle Barresi-Jones, Dylan Pollack, Wayne Simmons, Marge Waterbury, Frank Welch and Christine Wilson. *We pray for our men and women serving in our armed forces, both here and abroad, especially for Andrew Barresi and Corey Russo.* Let us also pray for our Priest Aspirants, all the men who are in Formation with the Diocese of Albany.

SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP

Sage Gators' Spring Break Basketball Camp for boys ages 7-15: April 2-6 @ Sage College of Albany. Register online at Sagegators.com or contact Brian Barnes at 518-292-1969 or by email: barneb@sage.edu for more info.

CONSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

This week pantry needs include: soups, canned meats (Spam, Vienna sausage, potted meat, tuna), and toiletries. Thank you! Colleen and Mary D.

In The Parish This Week

Sun. 1/21	2:00PM Ecumenical Prayer Service For Christian Unity @ CSM 1:00 PM LCC Mass @ CSM
Mon. 1/22	Queen of Peace prayer group Cancelled
Sat. 1/27	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun. 1/28	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

THIS WEEKEND - SUNDAY @ 2PM

An Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God will be held this weekend on 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!*

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

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The Capital Area Council of Churches awards this scholarship each year to graduating seniors who, show a commitment to the ideals and teachings of Dr. King. Students chosen as finalists are invited for an interview. 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.



January 21, 2018

DEACON'S DESK: Jonathan Safran Foer is an American novelist. He is best known for his novels Everything Is Illuminated, Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close. He once said:

"Not responding is a response - we are equally responsible for what we don't do."

As we enter this most important phase of our capital campaign for "Re-Igniting Our Faith" we should be pausing to pray for our response to the appeal. It is about funding programs that are beyond our Parish borders and benefit the larger Church of Albany, our Diocese, priestly vocations, evangelization, priest retirement, and Catholic education. It is also about embracing a new vision for our Parish, and the urgency that surrounds it.

Funding will be for our worship space, to bring it back to its natural beauty, and make it more comfortable for our parishioners, both young and old. Funding will also be for our Parish House, a new roof, and, very important, for McManus: a new roof, a new gym floor for our youth, and an elevator to make it fully accessible in our day and age.

Our Scriptures this weekend challenge us for a response. Jonah preaches repentance to the Ninevites, and their response is their salvation. Jesus invites Simon and Andrew, James and John, and their response is the Kingdom of God. Paul calls us to respond to these times, which are now different from the past. New things are coming! Christ, raised from the dead, is the new reality we all share in. What is our response?

Imagine saying no, or imagine just ignoring it. What sort of life would we have. We are living in a world that is ever in motion, always changing, and never the same. Look around. No response is not an option. We have the opportunity to say "Yes!" to a vision of the Church that is new and vibrant, engaging our world where our world lies. Like the apostles, sacrifice is called for. We join with them committing a portion of our treasure to Christ and the Church, for a better life for our children and their children to come.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

WINTER CHOIR

Come join us for "Winter Choir"! Would you like to try singing in the choir? Come to Mass on Sundays, about 9:00am, we'll have a short practice before Mass. In January, there will be no regular choir practice sessions.

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

Serving Next Weekend 1/27 - 1/28

If unable to serve, please find a replacement.

Saturday	4 PM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Bill McLoughlin
Tabernacle Cup	John White
Center Host	Susan Shook
Joseph's Host	Rita Zenzen
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Dawn Gillan
Lector II	Walda Cobain
Sunday	9:30 AM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Theresa Baird
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Bill Mahar
St. Joseph's Host	Mollie Shook
Joseph's Cup	Stephen Janenka
Lector I	Peter Mahar
Lector II	Sean Burek

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PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Winter Mini-Presentation

"Christ Reveals Himself in Tears" presented by Yervant Kutchukian, he 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 14, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,793.00
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$45.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$3,838.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	(\$489.00)
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$126,787.53
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$125,483.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$1,304.53

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

Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,528.13

Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.

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