

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.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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> .
Tuesday	1/30/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Joe Cotugno, <i>by Estate</i> .
Thursday	2/1/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Charles Lockwood, <i>by Estate</i> .
Saturday	2/3/18	4:00 PM	Blessing of the Throats ; Robert A. Hall, 3 rd Anniversary, <i>by his Sister</i> ; Margaret Shook, 12 th Anniversary, <i>by the Shook Family</i> ; Francis J. Nolan, <i>by Jack, Brian and Sheila Millea</i> . William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i>
Sunday	2/4/18	9:30 AM	Blessing of the Throats ; Elbert E. Cooley, <i>by daughter, Joan Gochee</i> ; Mary C. O'Neil, 1 st Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> ; Jack Dwyer, <i>by Flora Fiacco</i> . Edward Kappes, <i>by the Bereavement Ministry</i> ; Lloyd S. Terrell, <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*.

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Bread and Wine: Elbert E. Cooley, *by daughter, Joan*

Sanctuary Light: Elbert E. Cooley, *by daughter, Joan*

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.

BRING IN YOUR OLD PALM

Bring in your old dry palm to the back of Church and we will burn it February 11th after Mass, the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday.

In The Parish This Week

Sun. 1/28	7:00 PM LCC Mass @ CSM
Mon. 1/29	Queen of Peace prayer group Cancelled
Wed. 1/31	1:00PM Office Closed- Staff Meeting
Sat. 2/3	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun. 2/4	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Next weekend, February 3rd and 4th, in honor of St. Blaise we will have the Blessing of the Throats at each Mass.

SAVE THE DATE

A Service of Hope and Remembrance Sunday, Feb. 11th at 2:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 34 Broadway, Rensselaer. Remembering all victims and families of abuse. The Rensselaer Ecumenical Leadership Group.

"SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING, SATURDAY

AND SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3rd & 4th

Super Bowl Sunday there will be parties with abundant food and fellowship, at the same time there will be people worrying about clothing their families, looking for shelter and hoping for a warm meal. Our Parish youth join other youths around the country demonstrating God's love in a different kind of bowl, the "Souper-Bowl of Caring". There will be 'soup pots' at the church doors to collect donations for those who are hungry and hurting. This years collection will be donated to CoNSERNS-U.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

The Diocese of Albany sponsors a wide range of support groups throughout the greater Capital Region. If you or a loved one is seeking assistance or support in the areas of Bereavement, Cancer Support, Domestic Violence, Mental Health, Separation and Divorce, Hospice, Suicide, 12 Step Addiction, Widows and Widowers, know that you are not alone. Visit the diocesan website at www.rcda.org under "News, Events and Resources" to learn about the ongoing groups available.

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax Statements for donations made to the Church for 2017 have been sent out to those who requested them last year. If you did not receive one or you are new to the parish, contact Ben or Judy in the office at 518-465-0482 and we will mail it to you.

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH & THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Two incredible ways to support your Catholic values, parishes, congregation and diocesan community.



<p>About the Campaign</p>	<p>A NEW campaign that in being implemented in every parish, across the Diocese, starting in July 2017 and running through 2019. The objective of the campaign is to: raise funds that will help bolster your parish community; provide an opportunity for you to spread the joy of the Gospel; and, lead more of your friends, family members, and neighbors back to Mass.</p>	<p>The Annual Bishop's Appeal provides the financial resources which makes it possible for the Church to meet the current fiscal year's operating needs in serving the People of God in 14 counties of our Diocese.</p>
<p>Financial Goal</p>	<p>Through all the parish campaign funds combined, we seek to raise a total of \$45 million.</p>	<p>Each year we aim to raise at least 70% of the current fiscal year's operating budget. In 2016, The Bishop's Appeal raised more than \$7.5 million.</p>
<p>Where will my donation go?</p>	<p>Funds raised though Re-Igniting Our Faith will be allocated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% of funds raised through your parish's campaign will be retained by your parish for critical needs and to ignite the spirit and the joy of the Gospel. • 30% of funds raised will be allocated to grow ministries and programs which serve additional parish needs. 	<p>The Bishop's Appeal supports ministries, and programs, many of which provide essential services to the 126 parishes of our Diocese.</p>
<p>What programs will I be supporting?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% (\$31.5 million) parish allocation – Your local parish leaders will have the freedom and flexibility to invest 70% of parish funds raised, as appropriate to create or enhance programs and resources that will build a more dynamic faith community. Each parish will have its own plan. • 30% (\$13.5 million) ministry allocation – Ministries that will be supported through Re-Igniting Our Faith are outlined in more detail on the subsequent pages. 	<p>All proceeds from The Bishop's Appeal are distributed to the various ministries, based on budgetary needs, such as: Catholic Charities, Diocesan Vocations, Catholic Schools, and many other large-scale programs which a single parish could not fund or operate on its own. Additional details on how the proceeds are allocated are outlined on the subsequent pages.</p>



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<p>What is the purpose and intended impact for each of the ministries?</p>	<p><u>Critical Funding for Retired Clergy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests continue to serve our parishes well beyond retirement. • Retired priests require adequate income and housing. • Current funds do not meet the needs of the increasing number of retired clergy. • Priest pensions are not assisted by The Bishop's Appeal. <p><u>Enhanced Support for Vocations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priestly vocations have increased dramatically. • As numbers of aspirants and seminarians rise, more funds are required for their formation and education. • The Bishop's Appeal funds no longer meet the growing needs for preparing our future priests. 	<p><u>Support Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture and Building Commission • Archives Office • Real Property • Cathedral • Chancery Operations • Contingencies • Stewardship Office • Information Technology • Office of Human Resources <p><u>Pastoral Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostolates and Ethnic Ministries • Campus Ministry • Communications Office • Ecumenical Commission • Parish Services • Pastoral Health Care • Pastoral Planning • Prayer and Worship • Scouting • Tribunal • Youth Recreation 																																							



<p>What is the purpose and intended impact for each of the ministries (continued)?</p>	<p><u>Investment in Our Future</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Re-igniting our faith:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated resources including video, web and distance learning. - Dynamic retreats and renowned speakers. - Pilgrimages to the Shrine of our Lady of Martyrs and beyond. • <i>Youth and young adult ministries:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovative young adult events. - Support for new and existing service ministries. - Access for all participants to attend conferences, rallies and events. • <i>Evangelization and communications:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshops: Coaching and mentoring leaders on how to evangelize. - Innovative marketing: advertising, social media, direct mail. - Universal access to video and communications resources. <p><u>Catholic Schooling Resource Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Beacon of Hope Scholarships: assisting families of poor and modest means to afford a Catholic education. • Development of innovative, flexible and traditional models of Catholic education. • Building of stronger alliances among communities, schools, families and students. 	<p><u>Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Catholic Faith Formation and Education • The Catholic School Office • St. Bernard's Institute <p><u>Catholic Charities</u></p> <p><u>Religious Personnel Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Services • Vicar for Clergy • Initial & Ongoing • Vicar for Religious • Formation • Vicar for Vocations • Permanent Diaconate <p><u>Extra-Diocesan Responsibilities to the Larger Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Holy Father • The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) • The New York State Catholic Conference
<p>How can I get involved?</p>	<p>Your gift to Re-Igniting Our Faith will enable and empower your parish community now and for years to come. Please pray for the success of Re-Igniting Our Faith and consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting members of your community to Mass and Church gatherings. • Making a financial contribution to the campaign. • Serving as a campaign volunteer. 	<p>Your gift to The Bishop's Appeal assists your parish in meeting its contribution toward supporting the day-to-day operation of ministries which carry out the Gospel mission of the Church to teach, to protect the vulnerable, to heal the sick and to sanctify.</p>

January 28, 2018

DEACON'S DESK: : "If the intention is unclean, the deed that follows from it will also be evil, even if it seems good." ~ Pope Gregory I ~

Evil manifests itself in ways meant to confuse us. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert by the devil quoting Sacred Scripture, we need to be able to understand our intentions before acting, so that there would be no question our outcome is sincere and in the Spirit of God. Moral Theology teaches that our conscience, formed by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, is the ultimate guide of our actions.

Jesus confronts the unclean spirits in our lives. His authority is without question and comes from the Father. The unclean spirit Jesus casts out is the same voice of evil we confront each day. It is the voice of evil that tricks us to place ourselves ahead of anyone else, to put our self-centeredness, our desires, our fears and doubts to where they are our driving force in life.

That places our human will before the will of God. It is Jesus who comes to heal us of our insecurities. It is Jesus who shows us to the way of trust and strength. When we choose compassion and mercy over selfishness and revenge, we choose Jesus. Our actions molded in our good intentions will yield fruitful results, and lead us to continue the work of building up the Kingdom of God here in our families and our community.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

HOLY SEPULCHRE SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Joe Curro has announced his retirement effective Feb. 1st as Superintendent of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Joe has faithfully served both this parish and cemetery for over 18 years and will be greatly missed. Don Terry has taken over as our new Cemetery Superintendent with Brian Reynolds as our new parish Custodian. We wish Joe and his wife Ann many years of good health and fortune in all their endeavors.

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.

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.

Serving Next Weekend 2/3-2/4	
If unable to serve, please find a replacement.	
Saturday	4 PM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Mary Ann West
Tabernacle Cup	Sandy Raus
Center Host	Sheila Millea
Joseph's Host	Dawn Gillan
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Diane Allen
Lector II	Cynthia Buono
Sunday	9:30 AM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Kathleen Morris
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Marion Barlow
St. Joseph's Host	Agata Verrelli
Joseph's Cup	Mary Reilly
Lector I	Lynda DeCelle
Lector II	Bill Mahar

CoNSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP - Thank You for your generosity! + Please consider including us in your will. +

Week Ending January 21, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,638.00
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$405.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,043.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	(\$284.00)
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$130,830.53
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$129,810.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$1,020.53

Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00
Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,361.02
Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.

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