

# 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	2/3/18	4:00 PM	<b>Blessing of the Throats;</b> Robert A. Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, <i>by his Sister</i> ; Margaret Shook, 12 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Blessing of the Throats;</b> Elbert E. Cooley, <i>by daughter, Joan Gochee</i> ; Mary C. O'Neil, 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 &amp; Joanne Zalucki</i> .
Tuesday	2/6/18	12:10 PM	William M. Lape, Anniversary, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	2/8/18	12:10 PM	Stafford & Mary Gilbert, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	2/10/18	4:00 PM	Madeline Cipollari, <i>by Mary Ann Martyn</i> ; William M. Lape, <i>by Rita Zenzen</i> ; Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family</i> .
Sunday	2/11/18	9:30 AM	Jack Dwyer, <i>by Pasqualina Crecesenzi</i> ; Edward Kappes, <i>by Sandy Raus</i> ; Michael Coakley, <i>by David &amp; Karen Burek</i> ; Kathy Bayly, <i>by Joan Gochee</i> .

### **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 fronds to the back of Church and we will burn it **February 11<sup>th</sup>** after Mass, the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday.

### **A SPECIAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY**

***"A Service of Hope and Remembrance"*** on Sunday, **February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 34 Broadway, Rensselaer. Remembering all victims and families of abuse. Brought to you by The Rensselaer Ecumenical Leadership Group.

### **In The Parish This Week**

Sun. 2/4	7:00PM LCC Mass @ CSM
Tues. 2/6	2:00PM Grief Support Group @ CSM
Wed. 2/7	10:00AM Choir Practice Rm. 100 McManus 1:00PM Prayer and Worship Committee SJESJ Parish House 5:30PM Supper 6:30 Scripture Series P.H.
Sat. 2/10	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun. 2/11	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100

### **"SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING, SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

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 year's collection will be donated to **CoNSERNS-U**.

### **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 you your statement.

### **"SHOUT TO THE ROCK"**

**An Albany Chapter NPM Musical Event!** Friday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm, Church of Christ the King, Westmere, NY. Please register for this free event by e-mail to Joan Cornish: [jcornish@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jcornish@nycap.rr.com).

### **CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES**

Choir practice will resume on **Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00am** in room 100 McManus Center.

### **ST. BRIGID IRISH FEST**

The St. Brigid **IRISH FEST** of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be held in the school gym behind the church off Delaware Ave., Albany, on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1—4pm. Enjoy free entertainment by **'Comhaltas'** with dancing by **Albany Set Dance**. Refreshments, raffles and more – all to support the Parish Music Fund.

### **CoNSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS**

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

You are cordially invited to a

# Service of Hope and Remembrance



Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

At the

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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

## 40 Days for Life Campaign - Wednesday, Feb. 14 to Sunday, March 25.

*40 Days for Life Campaign* is a community effort of a period of 40 days of *prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful prayer vigil* at the Planned Parenthood right of way, 1040 State Street, Schenectady, from 7 AM - 7 PM. In the Spirit of Christ, we peacefully and lovingly, pray, educate and witness to our community in order to bring an end to abortion and to provide hope and help for women in crisis pregnancies. On Jan. 19, people of all ages traveled to Washington, DC, to make their voices heard and stand up for life. Were you one of those people? Did you want to go but couldn't? Come join Christian from around the Capital Region and be a witness of God's love and mercy to the mothers and fathers who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy, the Planned Parenthood employees and passersby by your prayerful presence at our prayer vigil. We need you to pray and discern to commit one hour per week. This Lent, make a commitment to pray daily for an end to abortion. To see when Bishop Scharfenberger is coming to pray with us or other special prayer vigil events, go to [rcda.org](http://rcda.org) under events; Facebook: diocese of albany respect life; or [40daysforlife.com/Schenectady](http://40daysforlife.com/Schenectady).

Contact: Viviane: 384-0699, Sarah: [sch40days@gmail.com](mailto:sch40days@gmail.com),  
[www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady](http://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady)

# February 4, 2018

**DEACON'S DESK:** *"The burden of life is from ourselves, its lightness from the grace of Christ and the love of God." ~ William Bernard Ullathorne ~*

That Monday morning feeling shows up almost at any time of our week. The urge to ignore the alarm clock, to put off studying for a test, the project around the house that's been screaming for months. How often we just wish they would just go away!

We can imagine Jesus feeling the very same way as we read of the start of his ministry on earth. Mark gives us a rapid series of events right off the bat: the expelling of an unclean spirit, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law, the cures for the residents of Capernaum. And next week we hear of the healing of a leper. No wonder Jesus found himself off in prayer, and even then, he's followed. It would be enough to drive any one of us to the exhaustion.

Yet, in all of this, Jesus finds, not only the response, but the desire to follow through in not only proclaiming the Kingdom but showing us its presence with us. It is only through the special relationship Jesus held with His Father, could he find the joy of fulfillment in doing God's will.

We see at once that people's lives were dramatically changed in the company of Jesus. Just as Jesus found strength in overcoming the burdens he faced, he frees us from our burdens as well. When we turn to him with our needs, Jesus is ready to respond and heal. As we approach Lent, let us take time to go off to our quiet place and ask God for the grace that lightens our loads, bears us up, in the love and compassion of Christ.

In peace,

*Deacon Greg*

## CoNSERNS-U 2017 REPORT

Last year was a busy one for CoNCERNS-U. The Food pantry served 4,084 households including 5,514 children and 13,473 individuals for a total of 202,095 meals. The Youth Program's Christmas Store provided gifts for 1,196 children, 221 new coats, and school supplies for 365 students. Holiday Baskets served 441 households for Easter, 550 for Thanksgiving and 601 for Christmas. Fifty regular and one hundred additional volunteers donated a total of 6,994 hours of service in making this all possible! Thank you to Colleen Pidgeon and all the great people at CoNCERNS-U for making this a dynamic community presence and thank you for all who regularly donate food items for this worthy effort. A full report is available by contacting the Parish Office at 518-465-0482.

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## Serving Next Weekend 2/10 - 2/11

**If unable to serve, please find a replacement.**

| Saturday          | 4 PM Mass         |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tabernacle Host   | John White        |
| Tabernacle Cup    | Bill McLoughlin   |
| Center Host       | Rita Zenzen       |
| Joseph's Host     | Susan Shook       |
| Joseph's Cup      | Deacon Greg       |
| Lector I          | Pauline Wohlleber |
| Lector II         | Bill Wohlleber    |
| Sunday            | 9:30 AM Mass      |
| Tabernacle Host   | Mollie Shook      |
| Tabernacle Cup    | Deacon Greg       |
| Center Host       | Theresa Baird     |
| St. Joseph's Host | Stephen Janenka   |
| Joseph's Cup      | Bill Mahar        |
| Lector I          | Sean Burek        |
| Lector II         | Georgeann Greene  |

## **DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

Ashes are blessed and distributed after the homily at Mass, or outside the Mass with the Liturgy of the Word. Ashes may be brought to the sick and homebound, but ***distributed only on Ash Wednesday***. Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup> this year.

## **LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Fasting is obliged for all Catholics 18 years but not yet 59, to eat **only one full meal per day**. There is no eating between meals. Abstinence is obliged for all Catholics, 14 years of age and older to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of lent. As a sign of penance, these practices are a way of expressing our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled to one another, and to love our neighbor.

## **STEWARDSHIP - Thank You for your generosity!**

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| <b>Week Ending January 28, 2018</b>                 |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Amount Received from Collection                     | \$2,859.50   |
| Amount Received from E-Giving                       | \$45.00      |
| Total Received Last Weekend                         | \$2,904.50   |
| Budgeted Weekly Need                                | \$4,327.00   |
| Last Week's Difference <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget   | (\$1,422.50) |
| <b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>                     |              |
| Received Year-to-Date                               | \$133,735.03 |
| Budgeted Year-To-Date                               | \$134,137.00 |
| Year-to-Date Difference: <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget | (\$401.97)   |

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

**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,314.03**

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

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