

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

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Monday thru Thursday

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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 in Church or as posted.

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

LCC Mass for entire area – Sunday at 7:00pm, Weekdays on

Wednesday and Friday at 7:00am in the Chapel, Holy Days at

6:45am & 5:30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

SJESJ - Saturday 3:30-3:45pm and communally during

Advent and Lent or by request. At **St Mary's** on non-holiday

Thursdays at 5:30pm.

Baptism

Celebrated weekly, except during Lent and August. 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 Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	2/24/18	4:00 PM	Mary F. Catalfamo, <i>by Kathy Catalfamo & Family</i>
Sunday	2/25/18	9:30 AM	Michael & Flora Morrissey, <i>by Estate</i> ; Norma Finlan, <i>by the Family</i> ; Olga Burns, <i>by niece Joan Gochee</i> ; Edward Kappes, <i>by Jean O'Donnell</i> ; Anna Janenka, 60 th Anniversary, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucki</i> .
Tuesday	2/27/18	12:10 PM	Dan Lioi, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	3/1/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Edward Konisky, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	3/3/18	4:00 PM	William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i> ; Jack Dwyer, <i>by Ann Distell</i>
Sunday	3/4/18	9:30 AM	Joseph Burns, <i>by niece Joan Gochee</i> ; Edward Kappes, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> ; JoAnn Schepisi, <i>by the Kappes Family</i> ; Gerardo Fiacco, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> .

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

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

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Bread and Wine: Harry O. Gochee, Jr., by wife Joan

Sanctuary Light: Harry O. Gochee, Jr., by wife 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, 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.

CoNSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

This week pantry needs include: Hearty soups (no tomato), canned meals, boxed Scalloped Potatoes and toiletries (shampoo and toothpaste). Thank you! Colleen.

HER POTENTIAL IS OUR PASSION!

Learn about the *Academy of the Holy Names* at our Gr. 6-12 Open House. **Tuesday, March 6th at 6:00pm.** To register, contact Ann Rento arento@ahns.org, or 518-438-7895 x202, or online at ahns.org. 1075 New Scotland Road, Albany.

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	2/25	7:00PM LCC Mass @ CSM
Mon.	2/26	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group-OLC
Wed.	2/28	10:00AM Choir Practice Rm 100, McManus 5:30 PM Scripture Study Parish House 6:30PM Lenten Evening Mass at CSM
Fri.	3/2	6:15PM Lenten Evening Mass Holy Spirit 7:00PM Stations at Holy Spirit
Sat.	3/3	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	3/4	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100

"LENTEN TAIZE"

A Service of Prayer, Song, & Contemplation

Come set aside a quiet time to sing, pray, and adore the cross of Christ, joining the choirs of Holy Spirit Church, Church of St. Mary, Clinton Heights, Sacred Heart of Castleton, and St. John the Evangelist & St. Joseph. On **Wednesday, March 7th, at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.** Refreshments to follow.

A WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat

Saturday, March 10th, 9:00am – 12:00pm, (doors open at 8:30am) at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110. Guest Speaker is Father Anthony Ligato. Registration fee \$20, due by March 5th.

Registration Info call: Kelly Stiffen – 518-384-0989. Flyer available on back table in Church.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

At the Rensselaer Knights of Columbus hall at 200 East St., Rensselaer, NY. On **Saturday, March 10th, at 5:00pm.** Featuring "The Brothers Flynn" starting at 6:00pm. \$5.00 cover for non-members. Food and drinks will be available for sale.

CIRCLES OF MERCY TAX OFFERINGS

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The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their Insurance Program. In order to qualify, candidate need not be a current member, but must be eligible for future membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more info, contact Bill Schneider, General Agent at 914-420-6838, or email: william.schneider@kofc.org. Some information available in the Parish Office see Ben or Judy.



Bishop Ed Scharfenberger & Deacon Greg Mansfield

*Cordially invite you to learn more about our plans for
strengthening the future of the Diocese of Albany, while
addressing our own parish needs here at*

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

*Please join Bishop Ed, Deacon Greg and the Campaign
Leadership Committee*

for a reception immediately after Mass.

Sunday, March 4, 2018, immediately following 9:30 AM Mass

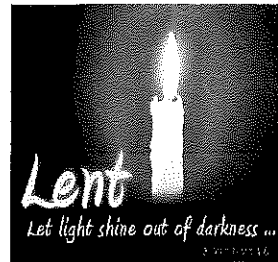
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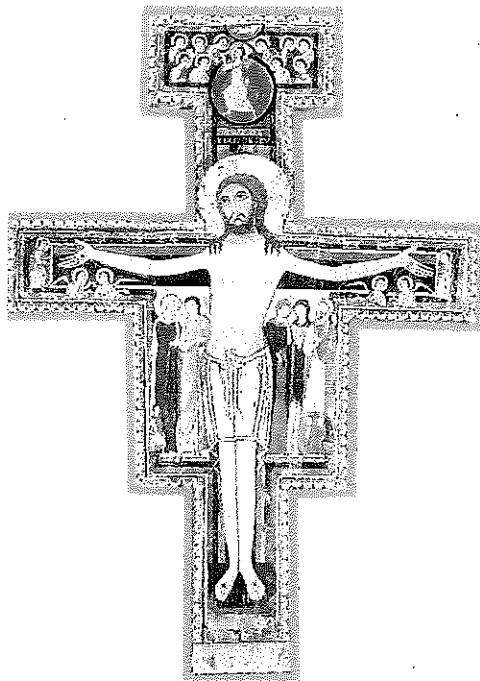
Refreshments will be served.

RSVP by calling the Parish Office at (518) 465-0482

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of Christ, joining the choirs of*

*Holy Spirit Church, East Greenbush
St. Mary's, Clinton Heights
Sacred Heart, Castleton
St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph*

*Wednesday, March 7, 7 pm
Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph
50 Herrick St., Rensselaer
Refreshments to follow*

Meditations for the Second Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

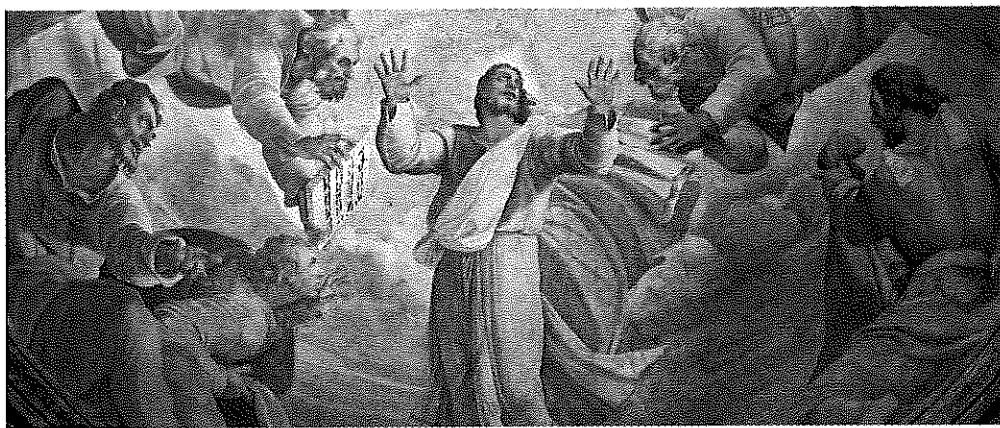
Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

— 1 Corinthians 15:51–52

Dear God, I don't know what lies ahead for me, but I trust that your love will be with me now and until the end of time.



He Was Transformed Before Them

Mark 9:2–10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up the mountain where he was transfigured before them. When the experience was over, Jesus told them not to say anything about what they saw until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept silent, but the three of them couldn't help but talk among themselves about what rising from the dead could mean.

The Transfiguration is a powerful reminder that death is not the end of life. If death meant complete annihilation, as some believe, then Elijah and Moses would not have appeared on either side of Jesus. In this way, the Transfiguration foreshadows the Resurrection. Although the apostles didn't understand what was happening at the time, later, when the

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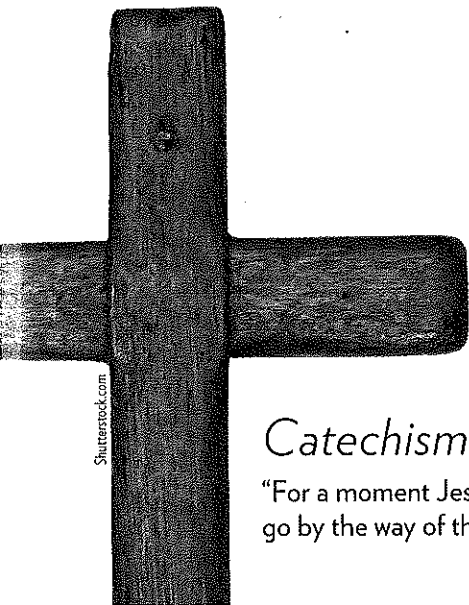
- › What would I like transformed in my life by Easter?
- › As I look over my life, what are some areas where God has already transformed me?
- › What is one sacrificial action I can perform this week?

Son of Man had risen from the dead, they were able to understand what the Transfiguration meant.

During this second week of Lent, we are asked to think about how we can be transformed through the power of the risen Lord, and we are reminded that one day we, too, will be resurrected.

Catechism CONNECTION

"For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to 'enter into his glory.'" — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 555



FAMILY ACTIVITY

Stations of the Cross



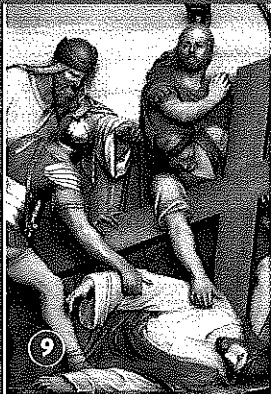
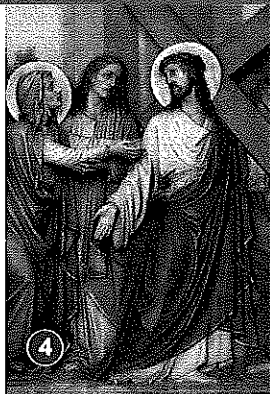
If you cannot attend Stations of the Cross at your parish, create your own. While many Stations in churches are elaborate and ornate, all that is required is to have fourteen crosses, preferably wooden, located so that you can take a step or two between each one. As a family activity, create fourteen crosses from small twigs or branches and place them in a line in your backyard or living room. Walk together as a family, remembering the events of the Passion. At each cross, bow or kneel and say, "Because of your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."

OUR FAITH

The Last Four Things

Saint Alphonsus Liguori recommended that we contemplate the "last four things" especially during Lent. These are: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. While talking about these with children can be difficult, parents can use the season of Lent as a way to gently introduce the topics. One aspect to emphasize is that heaven, as Pope Saint John Paul II said, is not "an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity." Heaven, then, is living an eternity in the presence of and in relationship with our loving God. Likewise, the Church teaches that hell is not so much a physical place, but the choice to turn away from God and the deep pain of separation from Our Lord (see CCC 1033).

Traditional Stations of the Cross



- 1 Jesus Is Condemned to Death
- 2 Jesus Accepts His Cross
- 3 Jesus Falls the First Time
- 4 Jesus Meets His Mother
- 5 Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
- 6 Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
- 7 Jesus Falls the Second Time
- 8 Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
- 9 Jesus Falls the Third Time
- 10 Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments
- 11 Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross
- 12 Jesus Dies on the Cross
- 13 Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross
- 14 Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb



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SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Mount of Transfiguration

The traditional location for the Mount of Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, about eleven miles west of the Sea of Galilee. Mount Tabor rises about 1,800 feet above the level plain below. It was identified as the site of the Transfiguration as early as the third century by the theologian Origen. The Church of the Transfiguration, a Franciscan church built on the ruins of a centuries-old Byzantine church, now stands at the summit of Mount Tabor.

February 25, 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 ~

There are two distinct yet parallel events in our Scripture today. In our reading from Genesis, we have the familiar story of the sacrifice of Isaac, in Mark's Gospel, the Transfiguration. Some might interpret the first as the depth human nature would sink, in the second, a real nice story. But there are things much deeper going on here.

On Mount Zion, rather than a dark story of child sacrifice, we like Abraham, are faced with the hard choices in life we make. We need to start with where our priorities lie. Do we follow the ways of old, or do they start with God? Abraham trusted in God enough to take it to the edge.

On Mount Tabor, God gives us a brief glimpse of Jesus' glory, not of this life, but in the life of the Resurrection. It is a preview of the glory we are all to share in if we make that hard choice to start with trusting in God. Jesus made that choice. He was to be that sacrifice Abraham did not have to make, but one that our heavenly Father would for us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us pause along the road and look at what weighs us down. Illness, making ends meet, family relationships, loneliness? Abraham did not have to take on that burden of life, it was Jesus who did for us. Jesus walks with us, he is never far. From the Cross, our burdens were lifted into lightness, both from the grace of Christ and the love of God.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

LENTEN RECONCILIATION -- 2018

March 7 - 12:10pm - Wednesday - St. John/St. Joseph's

March 8 - 7:00pm - Thursday - Immaculate Conception
New Lebanon

March 9 - 1:00pm - Friday - Holy Spirit School

March 14 - 7:00pm - Wednesday - St. Henry's, Averil
Park

March 15 - 7:00pm - Thursday - St. Mary's- Nassau

March 19 - 7:00pm - Monday - St. Mary's- Clinton Hgts.

March 21 - 7:00pm - Wednesday - Sacred Heart -
Castleton-on-Hudson

EVENING MASS DURING LENT

Wednesday Evenings - 6:30pm - St. Mary's of Clinton
Heights

Friday Evenings - 6:15pm (before Stations of the Cross)
At Holy Spirit, E. Greenbush

Serving Next Weekend 3/3 - 3/4

If unable to serve, please find a replacement.

Saturday 4 PM Mass

Tabernacle Host Mollie Shook

Tabernacle Cup Juhn White

Center Host Sheila Millea

Joseph's Host Sandy Raus

Joseph's Cup Deacon Greg

Lector I William Wohlleber

Lector II Pauline Wohlleber

Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

Tabernacle Host Bill McLoughlin

Tabernacle Cup Deacon Greg

Center Host Theresa Baird

Joseph's Host Bill Mahar

Joseph's Cup Stephen Janenka

Lector I Lynda DeCelle

Lector II Georgeann Greene

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Offered by the *Knights of Columbus* for lunch and dinner each Friday during Lent. Phone orders for pickup 518-694-0702, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Fish Fry Meal \$9.00 includes fish fry, and 2 sides (mac salad, cole slaw, or french fries). Chicken tender meal \$8.00. Kids menu \$5.00 for chicken tenders with fries.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Stations of the Cross are held at Holy Spirit Church during Lent this year. Each Friday our local Churches take turns sponsoring the Stations. **All at 7pm.**

March 2 - St. John/St. Joseph

March 9 - Holy Spirit

March 16 - St. Mary of Clinton Heights

March 23 - St. John/St. Joseph

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Week Ending February 18, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,355.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$405.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$3,760.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	(\$566.50)
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$144,752.53
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$147,118.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$2,365.47)

Diocesan Black & Native Mission Collection: \$741.00

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

Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,257.43

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