

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

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Eucharist

SJESJ- Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 p.m. (Our Lady's Chapel);

Holy Days 12:10 pm in Church or as posted.

Church of St. Mary - Sunday Masses at 8:00am & 11:00 am, Sunday at 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 pm and communally during Advent and Lent, or by request. **St. Mary's-** on Thursday evenings at 5:30pm.

Baptism

Celebrated weekly except during Lent. Contact 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 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday, The Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday	4/7/18	4:00 PM	William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i> ; Helen Gregory, <i>by Sandy Raus</i> ; Ruth Anne & Francis Delmer Gorgen, <i>by daughter Patricia J. Palmer</i> ; Harold Bonacker, <i>by the Family</i> .
Sunday	4/8/18	9:30 AM	Divine Mercy Sunday - Alice Wenzel, <i>by granddaughter Joan Gochee</i> ; JoAnn Schepist, <i>by David & Karen Burek</i> ; Rita Guyette, <i>by Joe Mosca</i> ; Frank Welch, <i>by Flora Fiacco</i> ; Nicholas Christo, <i>by Helen Tedesco</i> .
Tuesday	4/10/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Charlie Lockwood, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	4/12/18	12:10 PM	Marie Mink, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	4/14/18	4:00 PM	Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family</i> ; Francis T. Welch, <i>by Michael & Rita Zenzen</i> ; Joan Dwyer, <i>by Mrs. Anita Verrelli & Family</i> .
Sunday	4/15/18	9:30 AM	Anne Brady, <i>by cousin Joan Gochee</i> ; Catherine A. Riley, <i>by Jack Millea</i> ; Barbara Murphy, <i>by Victor & Ronnie Barresi</i> .

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Bread and Wine: Ruth Anne & Francis Delmer Gorgen,
by daughter Patricia J. Palmer

Sanctuary Light: Jeffrey Francis Palmer, 40th
Anniversary, by Richard & Patricia Palmer

PRAYERS REQUESTED

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." Fran Barrington, Noelle Barresi-Jones, Marge Davitt, Daniel Gallucci, Bob Gawel, Sharon Griffith, Dylan Pollack, Jacqueline Reed, 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.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Please hand in your Rice Bowls to the collection basket located in the Church gathering space or return them to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and care for the poor.

BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND

Oliver James Lemyre and Kinsley Rose Lipari baptized into faith this Sunday, April 8th, blessings to both Families.

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	4/8	7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Mon.	4/9	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group
Wed.	4/11	10:00AM Choir Practice- Rm 100 McManus
Sat.	4/14	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	4/15	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

CONSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

This week pantry needs include: Canned peas, canned carrots, canned fruit and hair conditioner. Thank you!

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FIRE VICTIMS

On Easter Monday a fire in Durham, Greene County, swept away the lives of three children, Jonathann (age 10), Jayden (age 8), and Sophia (age 7) Mammano, and their grandparents, Nicholas and Mary Mammano. At this time their father, John Mammano is clinging to life at the Clark Burn Center in Syracuse. The Children's mother, Kayla Hahn, is a resident of the city of Rensselaer. We will be holding a special collection **next weekend** to help with the emergency needs of the family. Please be as generous as you can to help this mother who has lost her most precious children in this tragedy. Thank you.

SPRING ENRICHMENT 2018

COMPANIONS ALONG THE JOURNEY

**Wednesday, May 16 – Friday, May 18 at the
College of Saint Rose, Albany**

You are invited to join other companions along the journey as you take part in over 129 courses and workshops spread out over 3 days at the College of St. Rose, providing opportunities for you to increase your knowledge of the faith, find out how you can better share the Good News with others, renew your relationship with the Lord, and deepen your understanding of particular ministries in the Church. For complete details and registration info: www.rcda.org/springenrichment or call the catholic School Office at 518-453-6602. Registrations received by Friday, April 20th are eligible for the early registration discount, **save \$5**, please register in advance by May 9th.

2018 ANNUAL NY ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE

Sponsored by Albany NY Life Runners

Join Bishop Scharfenberger at the 5th Annual Rosary Walk for Life on Saturday, **April 28th**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 125 Eagle Street, Albany. Starting at **11:00am** with Mass at the Cathedral, **12:30pm** Rosary Walk for Life around the NYS Capitol, Adoration at the Cathedral, **2:00pm** Talk with Sr. Virginia Joy of the Sisters of Life at the Cathedral, followed by a reception at **2:15pm**. At **3:00pm** join the Catholic young adults from across the state for a "Catholic Young Adult Cookout" for ages 18-39, at St. Pius X Church and School, 23 Crumite Rd., Loudonville. Contact: nyrosarywalkforlife@gmail.com.

April 8, 2018

From the Deacon's Desk: "Evangelism is not a professional job for a few trained men, but is instead the unrelenting responsibility of every person who belongs to the company of Jesus." ~ D. Elton Trueblood ~

Believe me, the word evangelism can strike fear in the heart of any good Christian in our day and age. It doesn't have to be so.

Over the Easter season, I would like to focus on Evangelism. In the context of these weeks, it is a real part of our first readings from the Acts of the Apostles, who after Pentecost, went out and began to preach the good news of Christ raised from the dead, and an end to sin and death. Today we see the effects of the Word preached, there was no need among them, everything was shared. They imagined Christ's second coming to be imminent, which made sense for them. It is different for us. In the weeks to follow, we'll examine the culture we live in, its needs and struggles, and some ideas on what must be done. This week, let's look at our own recent history.

Most if not all of us grew up Catholics. Our faith was handed down to us by our parents and grandparents. We mostly have our roots in Europe, which has been Catholic since the Roman Empire. It is our tradition. We didn't question it. We continue to worship and celebrate it. Hispanics immigrating to the United States are also bringing their Catholic faith with them with their traditions, just like our ancestors did.

We grew up in a Church that celebrated the Mass in Latin, had many priests to take care of our spiritual and sacramental life, and nuns to teach us along the way. Life was easy: go to Mass, observe the holidays, fast in Lent and on Fridays, support the Parish collections, go home and try to be a good person.

All of us have done our best to hand it down to our children and grandchildren without any second thought. Yet something is happening, or has been happening for some time, all around us. Fewer and fewer are attending Mass. We know they are out there. We do, because they are in each of our families, mine too! Next week, we'll look at this phenomenon. Meanwhile, pray for all of them. We are all part of this Church.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

SAVE THE DATE: WALKERS WANTED

Walkers are needed for the *Crop Walk 2018*, to be held **Sunday, May 6th, at 1:00pm** from the First Lutheran Church, 646 State Street in Albany, NY. Ending hunger one step at a time! Get your family and friends to walk with you, solicit donations, and help the work of caring for and feeding those less fortunate in Rensselaer, and around the world. Check the bulletin board for info!

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Holy Spirit School, 667 Columbia Tpke, East Greenbush, NY, will be holding an open house for all grades on *Wednesday, April 18th at 5:00 pm*. We invite you to come and see what we have to offer for your children's education.

Serving Next Weekend 4/14 - 4/15	
If unable to serve, please find a replacement.	
SATURDAY	4 PM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Mollie Shook
Tabernacle Cup	Bill McLoughlin
Center Host	Sandy Raus
Joseph's Host	Rita Zenzen
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Walda Cobain
Lector II	Cynthia Buono
SUNDAY	9:30 AM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Mary Reilly
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Bill Mahar
Joseph's Host	Stephen Janenka
Joseph's Cup	Agata Verrelli
Lector I	Jerry Wainman
Lector II	Judy Wainman

DIVINE MERCY SERVICES

This Sunday afternoon, April 8, 2018 at St. Mary's Church, Lodge & Pine, Albany, NY. Starting at 2:00PM with Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Chaplet and Mass celebrated with Fr. Jeffrey L'Arche M.S. and Fr. Michael Flannery. Good Will Offering. For information call (518)-462-4108.

SPRING 2018 PAINT CLUB CLASSES

No experience necessary! Classes include paints, brushes, canvas, instruction and refreshments. Price for 11x14 canvas \$25, or \$20 for a 8x10 canvas. All classes are Fridays 10am to 12noon. Join us in the Living Room Gallery located at St. Agnes Cemetery's Visitor Center, 48 Cemetery Avenue, Menands, NY. **April 13th**, 'Cloudscape', **April 20th**, 'Field of tulips', and **April 27th**, 'Rainy Bus Stop'. To register call Kelly Grimaldi at 518-350-7679, or email: KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

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Week Ending April 1, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$6,832.03
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$45.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$6,877.01
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	\$2,550.01
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$170,961.54
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$173,080.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$2,118.46)

Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00
Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,274.04
Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.

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