

# *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.

## The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	4/14/18	4:00 PM	Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family</i> ; Francis T. Welch, <i>by Michael &amp; Rita Zenzen</i> ; Joan Dwyer, <i>by Mrs. Anita Verrelli &amp; 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 &amp; Ronnie Barresi</i> .
Tuesday	4/17/18	12:10 PM	Viola Gale, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	4/19/18	12:10 PM	Vince & Kate Boyle, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	4/21/18	4:00 PM	John Caruso & Beatrice Wing, <i>by daughter Rita</i> ; Massimo Bernardo, <i>by the Family</i> ; Special Intention for the 53 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Patricia & Richard Palmer, <i>by the Family</i> .
Sunday	4/22/18	9:30 AM	Frank Welch, <i>by Joan Gochee</i> ; Nick Cristo, <i>by Flora Fiacco</i> ; Joan Dwyer, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> ; Jack & Mary Keenan, <i>by Jack Millea</i> ; Emma "Emily" Scheibly, <i>by the St. Anthony Society</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, Alex McClenton, Sue Parry, 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.

### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Mark your calendars for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Social on **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**, held in the gym at the McManus Center. Come and be entertained by the *"Hill Country Cloggers"* of Hoosick, NY. Take chances on Special Raffles, 50-50, \$100 Money Tree, and Basket of Wine. Refreshments included. Tickets are \$8.00/person. Rosarians can pick up their envelope at the back of church. Come support our main Fundraiser for the year!

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

Sun.	4/15	7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Mon.	4/16	7:00PM Knights of Columbus East St. Hall.
Wed.	4/18	10:00AM Choir Practice- Rm 100 McManus 5:30PM Supper 6:30 Scripture Series
Sat.	4/21	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	4/22	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

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### **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FIRE VICTIMS**

This weekend we will be holding a second collection for the Hahn/Mammano family that lost 3 children and their paternal grandparents in a horrific fire in East Durham Easter Monday. The children's father remains in a Syracuse hospital. The Children's mother, Kayla Hahn, is a resident of the city of Rensselaer. This collection is 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"**

You are invited to take part in over 129 courses and workshops spread out over 3 days at the College of St. Rose, from **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, with opportunities for you to increase your knowledge of faith, how you can better share the Good News with others, renew your relationship with the Lord, and deepen your understanding of ministries of the Church. For details and registration call the Catholic School Office at 518-453-6602 or [www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment). Registrations received by **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** are eligible for a discount of \$5.00, please register by **May 9<sup>th</sup>**.

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

*This week pantry needs include:* Canned fruit, hearty canned soup and shampoo. Thank you!

### **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!

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. We invite you to come and see what we have to offer for your children's education.

**April 15, 2018**

**Deacon's Desk:** *"Bias and impartiality is in the eye of the beholder."* ~ Samuel Johnson

Last week we took a very broad look at our religious faith experiences over the past decades.

Today we'll try to gain some perspective of the views of the generations of our children and grandchildren. The Pew Research Center compiled a study on just that: Why Millennials are less religious than older Americans? It states that as a nation, we are becoming less religious, and the youngest are the least so, or to consider religion important in their lives. Why? Some of it may be our fault, they were taught to "think for themselves" and "question everything." Being obedient is not the same as being good. Added to that, the religious sexual scandals and a general mistrust of anything institutional (church, government, marriage, it goes on). Considering contemporary culture's understanding of tolerance, gay marriage is a given, and abortion isn't even on their agendas, the rejection of institutional religion is already a fact as intrusive and intolerant. The trends do not seem to be changing as they age.

Does that mean the younger generations have no sense of religion? No, and they are not above talking freely about it. Their sense is more of a "make it up as you go," or "do it yourself" form of faith. They have been taught since day one that they are individuals with their own minds to form a moral compass that fits their own perspective, values and understanding. This Postmodern philosophy rejects universal truths (God) in favor of an everchanging landscape that adapts to societal changes as they develop. It is in the "eye of the beholder." No wonder we cannot seem to reach them.

Next week we'll take a look at the effects this is having on them, and on the world we live in. In our first reading, Peter exhorts the crowds to repent and reform. We're looking at our role to take up his call to a life in Christ this Easter season.

In peace,

*Deacon Greg*

**SAVE THE DATE: WALKERS WANTED**

Walkers are needed for the **Crop Walk 2018**, to be held **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm** from the First Lutheran Church, 646 State Street in Albany, NY. 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 or call the office at 518- 465-0482. End hunger one step at a time!

**Serving Next Weekend 4/21 - 4/22**

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

| SATURDAY               | 4 PM Mass       |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Tabernacle Host</b> | Sheila Millea   |
| <b>Tabernacle Cup</b>  | Deacon Greg     |
| <b>Center Host</b>     | John White      |
| <b>Joseph's Host</b>   | Mary Ann West   |
| <b>Joseph's Cup</b>    | Susan Shook     |
| <b>Lector I</b>        | Diane Allen     |
| <b>Lector II</b>       | Rick Harbeck    |
| SUNDAY                 | 9:30 AM Mass    |
| <b>Tabernacle Host</b> | Mary Reilly     |
| <b>Tabernacle Cup</b>  | Stephen Janenka |
| <b>Center Host</b>     | Kathleen Morris |
| <b>Joseph's Host</b>   | Marion Barlow   |
| <b>Joseph's Cup</b>    | Deacon Greg     |
| <b>Lector I</b>        | Lynda De Celle  |
| <b>Lector II</b>       | Sean Burek      |

**2018 ANNUAL NY ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE**

**Sponsored by Albany NY Life Runners**

Join Bishop Scharfenberger at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Walk for Life on Saturday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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**. **THEN: 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](mailto:nyrosarywalkforlife@gmail.com).

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| <b>Week Ending April 8, 2018</b>             |                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Amount Received from Collection              | \$2,881.50          |
| Amount Received from E-Giving                | \$1,115.00          |
| Total Received Last Weekend                  | \$3,996.50          |
| Budgeted Weekly Need                         | \$4,327.00          |
| Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget   | <b>(\$330.50)</b>   |
| <b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>              |                     |
| Received Year-to-Date                        | \$174,958.04        |
| Budgeted Year-To-Date                        | \$177,407.00        |
| Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget | <b>(\$2,448.96)</b> |

**Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00**  
**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,267.27**  
**Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.**

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