

# 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	4/21/18	4:00 PM	John Caruso & Beatrice Wong, <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> .
Tuesday	4/24/18	12:10 PM	Catherine O'Donnell, <i>by the Family</i>
Thursday	4/26/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Robert Buckley, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	4/28/18	4:00 PM	William J. Ryan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, <i>by Sue &amp; Dan Shook</i> ; Isabelle M. Carroll, <i>Rita &amp; Michael Zenzen</i> ; Joan Dwyer, <i>by Sandy Raus</i> ; Earl Bonacquisti, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> .
Sunday	4/29/18	9:30 AM	Madeline Forgea, <i>by the Kappes Family</i> ; Mary Beth McBain, <i>by the Fiacco Family</i> ; Francis T. Welch, <i>by Frederick &amp; Joanne Zalucci</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, Jacqualine 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**

The Annual Entertainment Social on ***Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm***, held in the McManus Center gym. Be entertained by the ***"Hill Country Cloggers"*** of Hoosick, NY. Take chances on Special Raffles, 50-50, \$100 Money Tree, and Basket of Wine. Beverages, snacks, and desserts are included. Tickets \$8.00/person. All invited!

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

Sun.	4/22	7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Mon.	4/23	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group 7:00PM Joint Finance- SJESJ
Wed.	4/25	10:00AM Choir Practice- Rm 100 McManus 11:30AM Office Staff Meeting- Office Closed
Thurs.	4/26	6:30PM Baptism Prep. Class SJESJ- P.H.
Fri.	4/27	7:00PM Entertainment Social- Rosary Altar Society- McManus Center Gym
Sat.	4/28	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	4/29	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

### **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 and deepen your understanding of ministries of the Church. For details and registration call the Catholic School Office at 518-453-6602, please register by May 9th or by email: [www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment).

#### **SAVE THE DATE: WALKERS WANTED**

Walkers are needed for the **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Crop Hunger 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. The "Walk" steps off at 1:30pm headed by Honorary Chair, Ben Patten! Get 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!

#### **RENSELAER KIWANIS PASTA DINNER**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, from 4pm to 7pm, at the Rensselaer Senior Center, 50 Herrick Street, Rensselaer, NY. Tickets \$10.00 at the door, \$8.00- pre-paid, Children 8 and under, \$5.00. Includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Soda, Coffee, and Sweets. Advance tickets please contact: Cheryl Weathers-518-610-1607, or Donna Z. Baxter-518-472-8189.

#### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Thank you! to all who made the sacrifice of donating to the Rice Bowl. We were able to collect **\$642.54** which will go to alleviating world hunger. Please keep the poor and hungry in your daily prayers as we continue to fight for those who are not as blessed as we are in this country.

**April 22, 2018**

***Deacon's Desk:*** "Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible."

~ Helen Keller ~

While it may seem reasonable to some to define our surroundings in our own terms, it leaves us vulnerable to the unseen and unwanted. Thinking we hold control over our fortunes is a scary thought, considering all the variables in life, and all the increasing numbers of pitfalls we face. Added to this, because of the role technology plays in our lives, we are instantly exposed to tragedies of all sorts throughout the world.

Coupled with the materialistic society we live in, the message "things" will bring us happiness all add up to a big lie. There is a growing trend of uneasiness, dissatisfaction, and frustration all around us. No wonder no one seems willing or able to converse with one another when everyone feels threatened. The results are catastrophic.

We see violence in our video games, our homes and schools. Drugs are rampant in all forms. Family as a unit is stressed. Life seems more a commodity than a sacred gift. There is a diminishing sense of right and wrong, and no wonder, when God need not enter the picture. "You can't tell me what to do!" How many times do we hear that! Universal truths? Forget it. Everything can be defined by science which we can control, and what we don't know, will find out eventually.

What happens when this all falls apart? A value system based on *myself* has no foundation. There is no place to turn to, which is why we see such decay in our world today. Apocalyptic themes abound in our entertainment, a reflection of this despair.

As practicing Christians, we hold the key to hope in the Cross of Christ. Helen Keller lived that hope overcoming almost impossible odds. We need to bring the message God loves us and has given us a reason to hope. It is what we are living, it is what the world is searching.

In peace,

*Deacon Greg*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations and blessings to our parishioners receiving their First Eucharist this weekend, they are Maria Ibriham, McKayla Martin, Peyton Gardenier and Lucille Mueller.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP GRANTS**

Grants are available from the Diocese for those who are interested in developing their leadership skills in the Ministries of the Diocese of Albany. They may be used toward the fees for courses, workshops, and conferences.

Anyone interested contact the Parish Office at 518-465-0482. Deadline is May 15, 2018.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Please join us for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations on **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6-7pm** at Our Lady of Victory Church, 55 North Lake Avenue, Troy NY 12180. This is a free event sponsored by the OLV/OLS Vocation Ministry.

Serving Next Weekend 4/28 - 4/29	
<b>If unable to serve, please find a replacement.</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4 PM Mass</b>
Tabernacle Host	Rita Zenzen
Tabernacle Cup	Sandy Raus
Center Host	Mary Ann West
Joseph's Host	Dawn Gillan
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Cynthia Buono
Lector II	Walda Cobain
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 AM Mass</b>
Tabernacle Host	Agata Verrelli
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Mollie Shook
Joseph's Host	Bill McLoughlin
Joseph's Cup	Bill Mahar
Lector I	Judy Wainman
Lector II	Jerry Wainman

**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 next 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).

**CoNSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS**

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

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<b>Week Ending April 15, 2018</b>	
Amount Received from Collection	\$2,857.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$145.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$3,002.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget	<b>(\$1,324.50)</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>	
Received Year-to-Date	\$177,950.54
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$181,734.00
Year-to-Date Difference: <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget	<b>(\$3,773.46)</b>

**Mammano Fire Victims Collection: \$870.00**  
**Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00**  
**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,237.16**  
**Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.**

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