

# 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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> .
Tuesday	5/1/18	12:10 PM	Richard Zobie, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> .
Thursday	5/3/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Edward Konisky, <i>by Estate</i> .
Saturday	5/5/18	4:00 PM	William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i> ; Geraldine Ryan, <i>by Sue &amp; Dan Shook</i> ; Mark Powers, <i>by Ann Ryan</i> ; Father Joe Cotugno, <i>by Estate</i> ; Joan Dwyer, <i>by Raymond &amp; Susan Verrelli</i> .
Sunday	5/6/18	9:30 AM	Marie & Julian Erway, <i>by Jack Millea</i> ; Rose Bix, <i>by the Burns Family</i> ; Antonetta Bonanni, <i>by Pasqualina Barbieri</i> ; Nick Cristo, <i>by Joan Gochee</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, 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary, by Richard & Patricia Palmer

### **HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

**Bread and Wine:** Albert DeCelle, Jr., by Lynda DeCelle &  
Family

**Sanctuary Light:** Albert DeCelle, Jr., by Lynda DeCelle &  
Family

### **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.

### **CONSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS**

**This week pantry needs include:** Canned fruit, canned meals and toiletries. Thank you!

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

Sun.	4/29	7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Tues.	5/1	10:30AM Prayer and Worship Parish house 2:00PM Grief Support- CSM
Wed.	5/2	10:00AM Choir Practice- Rm 100 McManus 12:30PM Office Staff Meeting- Office Closed 5:30PM Supper/6:30PM Scripture Study
Sat.	5/5	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center 4-7PM Kiwanis Pasta Dinner Senior Center
Sun.	5/6	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

### **PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY**

Join the Rosary Society in the Chapel and pray the Rosary at **8:45am, Saturdays in May**, in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> or by email: [www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment).

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

Walkers are needed **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, for the **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Crop Hunger Walk 2018**, 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. Tickets \$10 at the door, \$8 pre-paid, Children 8 and under, \$5.00. Includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Soda, Coffee, and Sweets. Advance tickets contact: Cheryl Weathers-518-610-1607, Donna Baxter-518-472-8189.

#### **2018 SAGE COLLEGES' BASKETBALL CAMP**

Basketball camp available for boys ages 7-15 on **June 25<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 9am to 4pm, free early drop-off and late pick-up. For information call **Brian Barnes at 518-292-1969**, or [barneb@sage.edu](mailto:barneb@sage.edu), **check the flyer.**

**Deacon's Desk:** "Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast."

~ William Shakespeare ~

For the past few weeks we have been reflecting on the state of our Church in its many forms today. While it may seem depressing, it is at least a moment for pause and reflection. Just like the parable of the wedding feast, the invitations have gone out, but the response has been little. Like the king, we are now at a point to go out to the highway and byways inviting anyone we meet to the wedding feast.

Who will come? Those who need a home, a spiritual center of comfort and welcome: faces we may see on the street and have not yet met or family members who have distanced themselves from the banquet. We draw on those who have a hunger not fed by the world around them.

What's the message? All too long evangelization has been stuck in a holding pattern. Our programs, and they are "programs," focus on the teaching model of our younger days: learn the catechism and you will find Christ. Believe me, that approach is like trying to learn to drive a car by reading the manual. We need to introduce the world to Jesus, to build a relationship with Him. If Jesus brings us joy in our lives, we should be sharing it freely.

In a few week's we will be celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. I am asking everyone to invite someone to the party, a challenge to give up one hour for four Sundays and come and celebrate the Eucharist. Invite them to come and meet Jesus. In the weeks leading up to it, we'll look at the ways we can word that invitation. Look around and everywhere, we see the emptiness that only Christ can fill. Let's do something about it!

In peace,

*Deacon Greg*

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreat is the weekend of **May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>**, at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center Niskayuna, NY. Cost is \$195.00 for the weekend, financial assistance available, if needed. Participation is strictly confidential. For information or to register call: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160, Kathy Kelly, 802-282-2028, or Denise Freeman, 607-353-0039, or email: [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com). (A second retreat will be held on May 29-31, more info to follow.)

Serving Next Weekend 5/5 - 5/6	
If unable to serve, please find a replacement.	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4:00 PM Mass</b>
Tabernacle Host	Susan Shook
Tabernacle Cup	Mary Ann West
Center Host	Sheila Millea
Joseph's Host	John White
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Annette Sebuyira
Lector II	Diane Allen
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 AM Mass</b>
Tabernacle Host	Stephen Janenka
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Mary Reilly
Joseph's Host	Theresa Baird
Joseph's Cup	Kathleen Morris
Lector I	Peter Mahar
Lector II	Georgeann Greene

**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.**

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, is hosting a breakfast on **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am - 12pm** at the Holiday Inn Express Latham, 400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY. **Tickets \$25.00**, Clergy and Religious are Free! Guest speaker is Susan Conroy, speaker and show host from EWTN. All must register by **May 21**. Call Kathleen @ 518-930-8380 or [Magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/Albany-ny/](http://Magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/Albany-ny/) **All Women are invited!**

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<b>Week Ending April 22, 2018</b>	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,555.05
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$305.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$3,860.05
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget	<b>(\$466.95)</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>	
Received Year-to-Date	\$181,820.59
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$186,061.00
Year-to-Date Difference: <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget	<b>(\$4,240.41)</b>

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

**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,228.39**

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

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