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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	5/5/18	4:00 PM	William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i> ; Geraldine Ryan, <i>by Sue & Dan Shook</i> ; Mark Powers, <i>by Ann Ryan</i> ; Father Joe Cotugno, <i>by Estate</i> ; Joan Dwyer, <i>by Raymond & Susan Verrelli</i> .
Sunday	5/6/18	9:30 AM	Crowning of Our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary 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> .
Tuesday	5/8/18	12:10 PM	Mary Gilbert, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	5/10/18	12:10 PM	Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation Deceased members of the Parish.
Saturday	5/12/18	4:00 PM	Jose Mauro, <i>by wife Edie</i> ; Mary Bonacher, <i>by the Family</i> ; Emma "Emily" Scheibly, <i>by Dianna, Mimmo,, & Family</i>
Sunday	5/13/18	9:30 AM	Mother's Day - John & Mary Burns, <i>by granddaughter Joan Gochee</i> ; Agnes Kowsky & Mary Beth Hester, <i>by Carolyn O'Donnell</i> ; Natalie Mansfield, Seventh Anniversary, <i>by Deacon Greg & Maria</i> ; Frank Welch, <i>by the SJESJ Choir</i>

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, Paul & Ann Reilly, 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 canned soups. Thank you for your support!

PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY

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

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	5/6	1:00PM Crop Walk in Albany 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Thur.	5/10	11:00AM Choir Practice- Church 12:10AM Mass of the Ascension of the Lord
Sat.	5/12	8:45AM Rosary in the Chapel 1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	5/13	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM Begin Hosting of Family Promise

RENSSELAER KIWANIS PASTA DINNER

Don't forget! TONITE! Saturday, May 5th, 2018, from 4pm to 7pm, at the Rensselaer Senior Center, tickets are \$10 at the door, Children 8 and under are \$5.00. Includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Soda, Coffee, and Sweets.

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses are as follows: 6:45am at St. Mary's
12:10pm at SJESJ, in Church
5:30pm at St. Mary's

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 16th to Friday, May 18th**, 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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL!

The Rosary Altar Society wants to extend special thanks to the "**Hill Country Cloggers**" who thoroughly entertained us at our annual Entertainment Show on Friday, April 27th. We had many door prize winners as well as numerous 'Special Raffle' winners. The winner of the 'Basket of Wine' was Jane Brown, Deacon Greg won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the Society, J. Reid won the '\$100 Money Tree' and donated back \$50 to the Society, thanks to both of them for their generosity! Finally, special thanks to Carrie Mahar for all her hard work and to all those who donated prizes and worked at making this event a success!

CROP WALK THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY @1 PM

May 6, 2018

Deacon's Desk: "The gospel of Christ must always be an open door with a welcome sign for all."
~ Johnny Cash ~

Our reading this weekend from the Acts of the Apostles is significant in the history of the Church. It is here where we truly become "catholic" (universal) as a community of believers. We shed our Jewish practices and set off on a tradition based on the New Covenant of Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection. We begin our identity as Christians.

Peter recognizes in the faces of his pagan friends the actions of the Holy Spirit. Cornelius and his family are being called to faith in Christ, and the fact that they are not Jews, is no hinderance to entering the faith. They are to be baptized.

Around us there are many who have heard, even practiced for a while, that faith. Life, time, personal choices have lead many to wander off onto a different path. If we are to live as disciples of Christ, we look to share the joy and comfort we find in our life of faith with others, no one should be excluded.

As we approach Pentecost, let's put out the welcome sign. If you feel there is goodness here, invite a family member of close friend. They may say no. That is ok. Just keep the door open to them by a gentle nudge. The Gospel message of forgiveness and healing is something to be shared. Why not now? Invitations are out for Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Share the love!

In peace,

Deacon Greg

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, WITNESS FOR LIFE TROY EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On Thursday, May 31st at 5:30pm, join us as we publicly express our belief in Christ on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The procession will start from St. Anthony of Padua Shrine Church, 28 State St. Troy, then process to Monument Square and return to St. Anthony's for Benediction. First communicants may wear their first communion attire. Sponsored by the Pro Life Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe of St. Joseph's Church, Troy. For information call Maurita McGuire 518-203-6311.

2018 SAGE COLLEGES' BASKETBALL CAMP

Basketball camp available for boys ages 7-15 on June 25th to June 29th, 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, check the flyer

Serving Next Weekend 5/12 - 5/13	
If unable to serve, please find a replacement.	
SATURDAY	4:00 PM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Sandy Raus
Tabernacle Cup	Susan Shook
Center Host	Rita Zenzen
Joseph's Host	Mollie Shook
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Walda Cobain
Lector II	Cynthia Buono
SUNDAY	9:30 AM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Marion Barlow
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Dorothy Martin
Joseph's Host	Bill Mahar
Joseph's Cup	Mary Reilly
Lector I	Rick Harbeck
Lector II	Lynda DeCelle

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 2nd 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/ All Women are invited!

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Week Ending April 29, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,261.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$45.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$3,306.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	(\$1,020.50)
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$185,127.09
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$186,061.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$933.91)

Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00
Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,207.43
Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.

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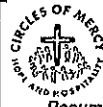


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