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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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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>
Tuesday	5/15/18	12:10 PM	Frank & Flora Morrisey, <i>by Estate.</i>
Thursday	5/17/18	12:10 PM	Viola Gale, <i>by Estate.</i>
Saturday	5/19/18	4:00 PM	Pentecost: Robert Hill, 3 rd Anniversary, <i>by Phyllis Hill & Kristen</i> ; Yolanda Mugrace, 20 th Anniversary, <i>by Maria</i> ; Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family</i> ; Antonietta Bonanni, <i>by Sandy Raus</i> ; Christian Dabney, <i>by his Mom & Marc.</i>
Sunday	5/20/18	9:30 AM	Pentecost: Nick Cristo, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> ; Florence T. Janenka, 8 th Anniversary, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucki</i> ; Nick Cristo, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> ; Mary C. O'Neil, Birthday Remembrance, <i>by the Family.</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!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations and Blessings to all our young Parishioners who are graduating from college this May.

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	5/13	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Begin Hosting of Family Promise		
Tues.	5/15	6:30PM Joint Pastoral Council- CSM
Wed.	5/16	10:00AM Choir Practice- Rm 100
Sat.	5/19	8:45AM Rosary in the Chapel 1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	5/20	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
End Hosting of Family Promise		

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.

SPRING FLING CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, May 19th at Holy Sprit School Gymnasium, East Greenbush, NY, from **10:00am to 2:00pm**. There will be 20 vendors at the show, something for everyone! Help support this P.S.A. sponsored event.

PENTECOST WEEKEND, MAY 19th & 20th



Celebrate the Birthday of the Roman Catholic Church by bringing a friend, a neighbor, or a family member to Mass this weekend! Get reacquainted with Jesus! Then join us for a reception after the Masses to celebrate!

EACH ONE, BRING ONE!

MARCH FOR LIFE NEW YORK 2018

On June 4th at 10:30am meet for prayer at the Children's Memorial at the Empire State Plaza. We then march to the Capitol Building for a Pro Life Rally. Many pro life speakers, agencies and churches of all denominations will join us. We are hoping you will join us. **March for Life NY, Its For the Babies!**

PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR PENTECOST

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,

the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,

the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,

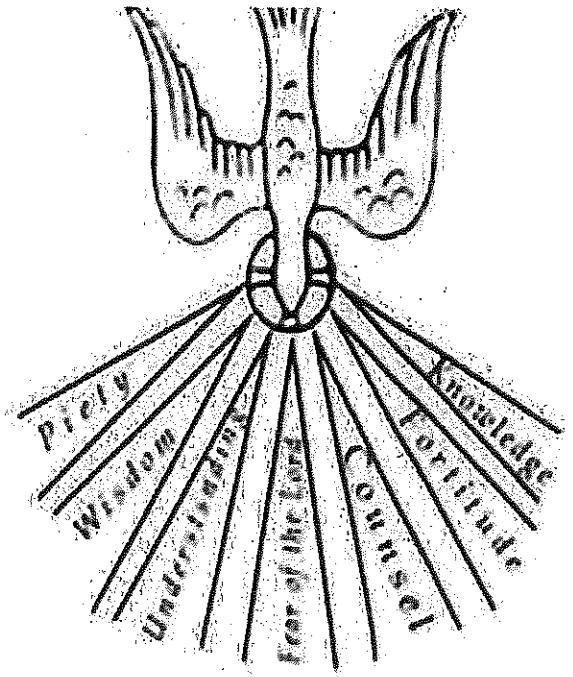
the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the knowledge of the Saints,

the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,

the Spirit of Awe that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may strive always to please Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit.

Amen.



May 13, 2018 – Mother's Day

Deacon's Desk: *We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence.* ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta ~

Human history has been plunged into silence on three major occasions. First came with the expulsion from the Garden, when the sin of Adam and Eve sent a rift into our relationship with God. Humanity spent countless generations seeking to redeem itself to no avail. Yes, there were some successes in moving back, but were reversed more times than not. God gave us the Law and the Prophets to guide us back. Yet, we seemed like blind people groping in the dark.

Then came the Incarnation, Christ with us. In Jesus, we could see the face of God once again. Again, sin seemed to win out at the Cross of Calvary, and then, the second silence of the Tomb. We waited three days in despair, but God had an end game for us.

The Resurrection lifted us up to a new life of hope and redemption. Sin has been wiped away. But then came the third and last silence: the span of ten days between the Ascension and Pentecost. This time there was no blindness, no despair. Jesus had promised us an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, and as Luke tells us in his Gospel, there was joy and celebration among the disciples in anticipation.

As we remember this weekend the silences of our own lives, the moments we may feel in error Christ is not with us, let us also remember our family, friends and neighbors who do live in that same darkness, those who have strayed away from Jesus. As we anticipate the celebration next week of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, I am asking you to invite someone you know to come and celebrate with us next Sunday the birthday party we have planned. Get reacquainted with Jesus.

Pray and celebrate. From those humble beginnings two thousand years ago, the Church blossomed and grew. It doesn't have to be any different today!

In peace,

Deacon Greg

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!

Serving Next Weekend 5/19 – 5/20	
If unable to serve, please find a replacement.	
SATURDAY	4:00 PM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Dawn Gillan
Tabernacle Cup	John White
Center Host	Mary Ann West
Joseph's Host	Sheila Millea
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Diane Allen
Lector II	Bill McLoughlin
SUNDAY	9:30 AM Mass
Tabernacle Host	Theresa Baird
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Jerry Wainman
Joseph's Host	Mary Reilly
Joseph's Cup	Agata Verrelli
Lector I	Georgeann Greene
Lector II	Peter Mahar

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 barnes@sage.edu, **check the flyer!**

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Amount Received from Collection	\$3,989.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$780.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,769.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,377.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	\$442.50
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$189,896.59
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$194,715.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$4,818.41)

First Street Fire Victims: \$547.00

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

Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,219.92

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