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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 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday	6/23/18	4:00 PM	James West, 29 th Anniversary, <i>by Mary Ann West;</i> Rose Bix, <i>by Joan Uvyn;</i> Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family.</i>
Sunday	6/24/18	9:30 AM	Dan Lioi, <i>by Estate;</i> Elizabeth Sepcilka, <i>by sister, Joan Gochee;</i> Vincenza "Jennie" Testo, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucki;</i> Debra A. Graves, <i>by the Bereavement Ministry.</i>
Tuesday	6/26/18	12:10 PM	For the People of the Parish.
Thursday	6/28/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Charles Lockwood, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	6/30/18	4:00 PM	Rose M. Hopeck, <i>by Ken Hopeck;</i> The Di Blasio Family, <i>by your Daughter</i>
Sunday	7/1/18	9:30 AM	Salvatore Scattareggia, 1st Anniversary, <i>by sister Marge;</i> Mario & Sandro Marcoccia, <i>by wife & mother, Ada Marcoccia;</i> Carol Luizzi Francisco, 5 th Anniversary, <i>by Marge Scattareggia.</i>

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Bread and Wine: Galluzzo Family, by Rose & Pat Cristo

Sanctuary Light: Cristo Family, by Rose & Pat Cristo

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Bread and Wine: In Memory of Floyd Smith, by
Suzanne Polsinello

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Floyd Smith, by
Suzanne Polsinello

PRAYERS REQUESTED

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." Noelle Barresi-Jones, Marge Davitt, Daniel Gallucci, Bob Gawel, Sharon Griffith, Alex McClenton, Joan McLean, Sue Parry, Jacqueline Reed, Ann Reilly, Wayne Simmons, Marge Waterbury, and Christine Wilson.

For those who would like a special Mass said for a seriously ill family member or friend, Mass Cards are available for \$10 and intentions will be listed.

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: Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner), canned meals and hearty soups (no tomato). Thank You! Colleen and Mary D.

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	6/24	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Mon.	6/25	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group
Wed.	6/27	12:00PM Staff Meeting for CSM at Dominican Retreat House, Nis Cayuna 6:30PM Baptismal Prep - SJESJ
Sat.	6/30	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	7/1	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

CoNSERNS-U FREE BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPPLIES PROGRAM

Last week a letter was included in the bulletin explaining the program. (Copies available at the back table.) At the back of church, there are baskets, and the check list, designated for drop off of school supplies. Drop off can always be made directly to CoNSERNS-U. Please have supplies in by **Friday, August 10th**. To take advantage of the program for Kindergarten thru 8th Grade for students residing in Southern Rensselaer County, sign-ups begin **July 2nd**. More info to come!

FAITH FORMATION AT ST. MARY'S OF CLINTON HEIGHTS 2018 - 2019

Faith Formation Registration forms are due by June 30th. If you have not received a form or were not enrolled in the program last year, contact Maureen Billa or Terry Kois at 518-449-2232 or at maureen@stmaryny.org for a new form. Let us have all our children enrolled!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

VBC will be held the week of August 6th-10th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm at St. Mary of Clinton Heights. Registration form and information is available by contacting Maureen Billa at 518-449-2232 or Maureen@stmaryny.org.

SAVE THE DATE- SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

We invite you to save the date for the inaugural **Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress**, to be held **September 22**, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. A "Eucharistic Congress" is a special gathering led by the Bishop focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity. This will be a time of spiritual renewal for our whole diocese. More to come - stay tuned!



Deacon's Desk: This saint was recommended to me, but may become one of my favorites. **St. Herman of Alaska - Wonderworker of All America**

St. Herman was born in 1756, in the city of Serpukhov, in the Diocese of Moscow. He entered the Trinity-Sergius Hermitage at the age of 16. While there, he suffered from an abscess of the throat, so severe, it was difficult to swallow. Praying to Mary, and near death, he was cured overnight.

After several years at Valaamo Monastery, as the Russian Empire expanded to Alaska, in 1793 Fr. Herman was asked to join in a mission to teach the Gospel message to the native Alaskan tribes. They met much success with thousands converting to Christianity. A church, school and monastery was built to establish the Orthodox faith in America. As his mission grew, he centered the order on Spruce Island in the Kodiak Archipelago, with the name New Valaamo. First living in a hand dug cave, he would eventually have built wooden chapel and house. Living alone, it would be his home for forty years until his death.

Fr. Herman lived the simple life of a monk, working a garden, in prayer, fasting, and spreading the faith. His diet were fish and garden vegetables. His clothes were the same year-round. He ministered to the needs of the local natives, either spiritual or physical, and interceded for them with the local Russian governor and worked tirelessly during an influenza epidemic that killed dozens. His prayers protected the monastery and natives from a wildfire that struck the island. When a flood threatened the island, he placed an icon of the Blessed Virgin on the beach, and after praying to Mary, the waters stopped before reaching the image. His prayers are attributed to the healing of many gravely ill natives.

He build a school and orphanage for the Aluet children and administered the sacraments faithfully. He was well respected for his holiness and preaching. He continued to minister to the people for the rest of his life and on December 25, 1836, he passed away and was buried in the original cave he dug as his first home. Today, pilgrims continue to journey to Spruce Island to visit the hermitage, chapel and tomb of St. Herman of Alaska, the patron saint of the Orthodox Church in America.

In peace,

Deacon Greg



Serving Next Weekend 6/30 - 7/1	
If unable to serve, <i>please find a replacement.</i>	
NOTE: Summer Schedule	
SATURDAY	4:00 PM Mass
Center Host	Mollie Shook
Tabernacle Cup	Sandy Raus
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I & II	William Wohlleber
SUNDAY	9:30 AM Mass
Center Host	Stephen Janenka
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Joseph's Cup	Mary Reilly
Lector I & II	Bill Mahar

"FIND A SAINT"

Have you a special Saint in mind you'd like to know more of? If you would like to have answers, drop a note, email or call the office this summer and they'll be highlighted in the weekly "Deacon's Desk" this Summer!

SAVE THE DATE

Attention: Altar Servers, Children's Choir and Instrumentalists: On Saturday, July 14th, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, the FunFlex Fun Park has been reserved for you as a thank you for all your great work serving in your ministry in the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph this past year. (Food and drink is additional and can be purchased at the park). More information to come, stay tuned!

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Our newest issues of Living Faith are now available at the main doors of the Church. Please feel free to take an extra copy home for any family member or friend who may be homebound or ill and cannot be with us.

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Week Ending June 17, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,035.00
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$405.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$3,440.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	(\$887.00)
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$214,773.84
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$220,677.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$5,903.16)

Catholic Communication Campaign: \$646.95

Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,505.00

Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,211.25

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

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