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Eucharist

SJESJ - Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 9:30am.
Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 pm (Our Lady's Chapel);
Holy Days 12:10pm (Church) or as posted

Church of St. Mary- Sunday Masses at 8:00am & 11:00am
Sunday, 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 p.m. and communally during
Advent and Lent, or by request. At **St. Mary's** on Thursday
evening at 5:30pm.

Baptism

Celebrated weekly, except during Lent. Contact the 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 and service 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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	7/28/18	4:00 PM	Wilfred Poirier, 10 th Anniversary, <i>by wife Diane & daughter Paula;</i> Elinor Connell, <i>by Rita & Michael Zenzen.</i>
Sunday	7/29/18	9:30 AM	Jack & Mary Keenan, <i>by Jack Millea;</i> Leo F. Salvagni, <i>by Maria Quattrocci;</i> Vincentia C. Mahar, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucci;</i> Mary G. Spath, <i>by Cynthia & Dennis O'Sullivan;</i> Maria Antoniella Barbalace, <i>by Joe, Lou, & Mario Mosca.</i>
Tuesday	7/31/18	12:10 PM	John S. O'Brien, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	8/2/18	12:10 PM	Andrew & Julie Hart, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	8/4/18	4:00 PM	James S. Millea, Jr., <i>by Jack, Brian & Sheila;</i> Harriet & James S. Millea, Sr., 75 th Wedding Anniversary, <i>by Jack, Brian & Sheila;</i> Margurite McCormick, 6 th Anniversary, <i>by Michael & Rita McCormick;</i> William M. Lape, <i>by Estate.</i>
Sunday	8/5/18	9:30 AM	Bertina Macci, <i>by the Family;</i> Jack Hammond, <i>by cousin Joan Gochee;</i> Dylan Pollock, <i>by SJESJ Rosary Altar Society;</i> Leo F. Savagni, <i>by Ada Marcoccia.</i>

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." Joseph Buono, Marge Davitt, Bob Grant, Marie Ladouceur, Joan McLean, Bill McLoughlin, Jackie Nardacci, Jacqualine Reed, Ann Reilly, Harry Seaburg, and Wayne Simmons **Please Note:** Permission must be obtained from the person being prayed for or from a family member, to be included on our prayer list. Persons are removed after three months unless a special request is made. ***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.

NEW CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

New cemetery rules and regulations are available at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery or at the Cemetery Office in the Parish House.

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	7/29	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Sat.	8/4	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	8/5	9:30AM "One Man Short" at Mass 1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

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### **SECOND COLLECTION JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>**

There is a second collection this weekend **July 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**, for ***Peter's Pence***, which provides ***Pope Francis*** with the funds needed to carry out his charitable works. Please be a **"Witness to Charity"** and be as generous as possible! Thank You in advance!

### **SPECIAL MASS PERFORMANCE**

***"One Man Short"***, directed by Paul Hook, is an eight member group of the Saint Rose music community. They are happy to once again provide music for a service at St. John's/St. Joseph's, scheduled for **Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am Mass**. They presented their first performance in 1995 at the Cathedral to benefit the College's Masterworks Chorale. Many performances have followed: benefit concerts, commencement exercises, sporting events, weddings and sacred services, TV and radio performances. The group has a wide repertoire – "from Bach to Billy Joel" – from sacred and classical to folk, barbershop, popular and patriotic selections.

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

***This week pantry needs include:*** Canned tuna, chicken noodle soup, and toilet tissue. Thank You! Colleen and Mary D.

Don't forget the **Back to School Supplies Program!** The supplies list is posted at the back of church. Collection of supplies ends on **August 10** to be ready for distribution. **Kindegarden through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade sign up now\*\*.** Must bring 2018-2019 Class school supply list, proof of current address, & proof of income. No appointment necessary to pick up supplies on **Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. **\*\*We will provide for High School Students once they receive the school supplies information from their teachers.**

## Missionary Collection August 2018

### Alleviating Human Suffering

*Please join us in welcoming Fr. James Kagunya, a priest from Kenya who is visiting our parish this August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*Fr. James Kagunya is a diocesan priest from the Diocese of Nakuru. Presently, the Diocese of Nakuru is involved in pastoral care and promoting human development activities to a Catholic population of approximately 650,000 in the counties of Nakuru and Baringo.*

*With your support and prayers, the Diocese of Nakuru will provide food, water, and medical supplies to thousands of people affected by drought in many parts of the diocese. There are reports of human and livestock deaths because of acute food shortage. There is also an increased migration of pastoralist communities due to depletion of pasture and water for livestock. This situation has sparked off conflict over dwindling pasture and water resources.*

*School drop-outs have increased significantly with children abandoning learning to become migrant herders. In most of the parishes, priests and nuns are serving hundreds of families with much needed food, water and medical supplies. Please be as generous as possible and help alleviate human suffering for our brothers and sisters in need.*



*great is the hope  
to which we are called*

**Deacon's Desk:**

**St. Birstan, Bishop of Winchester**

Like many of the saints of old, little is known of his life, other than what may be found in surviving official documents. Also known as Brinstan (b. c.870), he was a spiritual student of St. Grimbald, a Benedictine monk. It is also known that he served in the household of King Aethelstan as one of the royal priests and thought to be in charge of the palace relics. He was an official witness to the Kings emancipation of a slave called Ealdred. The King made it a policy of appointing Bishops in his realm, and when St. Frithestan retired as Bishop of Winchester in May 931, he appointed Birstan hoping to gain greater control and support of the City.

St. Birstan was said to have been a man of exceptional piety and charity. He was devoted to prayers for the dead and, he daily did his best to help the poor. He founded the Hospital of St. John in Winchester which is still an institution in the city today.

A Norman Chapel replaced the original and, there, St. Birstan's image can still be seen in the stained glass today. The Bishop is found in extant records witnessing the grant of Stoneham to a Saxon nobleman by King Edward the Elder. He died, while at prayer, after only a very short tenure on November 1, 934.

The most significant event around his life occurred years after his death. Toward the end of the 10th century, St. Aethelwold, then Bishop of Winchester, was visiting the graveyard of the Old Minster where he was shocked to find himself being addressed by the spirit of St. Birstan proclaiming:

*"I am Birstan, former Bishop of this town" (and pointing with his right hand), "This is Birinus, who first preached here," (and with his left), "This is Swithun, particular patron of this church and city."* The Bishop was so impressed that he reinstated the veneration of the saint, though he was never much known outside Hampshire. His feast day is 4th November.

In peace,

*Deacon Greg*

**CONCERT FOR VOCATIONS**

This year's Concert for Vocations takes place on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville. The evening begins at 6pm with a Holy Hour and Benediction with Bishop Scharfenberger and will conclude with about 90 minutes of music, then light refreshments at a reception about 8:30pm. Over 600 people attended last year! Enjoy!

| Serving Next Weekend 8/4 - 8/5                 |                     |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| If unable to serve, please find a replacement. |                     |
| NOTE: Summer Schedule                          |                     |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                                | <b>4:00 PM Mass</b> |
| Center Host                                    | Mollie Shook        |
| Tabernacle Cup                                 | Rita Zenzen         |
| Joseph's Cup                                   | Deacon Greg         |
| Lector I & II                                  | Cynthia Buono       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                                  | <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> |
| Center Host                                    | Kathleen Morris     |
| Tabernacle Cup                                 | Deacon Greg         |
| Joseph's Cup                                   | Theresa Baird       |
| Lector I & II                                  | Rick Harbeck        |

**LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS**

The Diocese of Albany sponsors a wide range of support groups throughout the greater Capital Region. If you or a loved one is seeking assistance and support in the areas of Bereavement, Cancer Support, Domestic Violence, Mental Health, Separated & Divorced, Hospice, Suicide, 12 Step Addiction, Widows & Widowers, know that you are not alone. Visit the diocesan website at [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org) Under the "Offices" tab, go to "Parish Services" to learn about the ongoing support groups available.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

VBC will be held the week of August 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 12:00pm at St. Mary of Clinton Heights. Information is available by contacting Maureen Billa at 518-449-2232 or [Maureen@stmaryny.org](mailto:Maureen@stmaryny.org).

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| Week Ending July 22, 2018 | |
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| Amount Received from Collection | \$3,439.00 |
| Amount Received from E-Giving | \$235.00 |
| Total Received Last Weekend | \$3,674.00 |
| Budgeted Weekly Need | \$4,412.00 |
| Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget | (\$738.00) |
| Year-to-Date Fiscal Year | |
| Received Year-to-Date | \$16,650.50 |
| Budgeted Year-To-Date | \$17,648.00 |
| Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget | (\$997.50) |

Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,505.00
Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,162.63
Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.

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