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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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	8/18/18	4:00 PM	Silvano DiPierdomenico, <i>by daughter Angela DeThomasis</i> ; Thomas Cramer, <i>by Richard & Fran Carpinello</i> .
Sunday	8/19/18	9:30 AM	Emma "Emily" Scheibly, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> ; Renato Bonanni, <i>by Pasqualina Barbieri</i> ; Leo F. Salvagni, <i>by Joan Gochee</i> .
Tuesday	8/21/18	12:10 PM	Dan Lioi, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	8/23/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Robert Buckley, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	8/25/18	4:00 PM	Nicholas Mugrace, <i>by daughter Maria</i> ; Loreta DeThomasis, <i>by daughter Maria Petrosino</i> .
Sunday	8/26/18	9:30 AM	Connie Zobie, 3 rd Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> : Nicholas Cristo, <i>by Gail Giagni</i> ; Anna Zalucki, 40 th Anniversary, <i>Frederick & Joanne Zalucki</i> ; Leo Salvagni, <i>by the St. Anthony's Society</i> .

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Bread and Wine: In Memory of Harriet & James S. Millea, Sr., by Sheila Millea.

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of James S. Millea, Jr., by Sheila Millea.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." Joseph Buono, Joe Carney, Marge Davitt, Bob Grant, Marie Ladouceur, Joan McLean, Jackie Nardacci, Anita Parese, 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.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS!

If you would like to have an announcement of a birthday, anniversary, or a special accomplishment (graduation, wedding, etc.) at the end of Mass, drop a note in the collection basket the **WEEK BEFORE** or call the office at **518-465-0482** and Deacon will announce it at Mass!

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	8/19	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Mon.	8/20	7:00PM Knights of Columbus- East St. Hall
Sat.	8/25	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	8/26	<i>Begin Hosting of Family Promise</i> 1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

AUGUST 25TH & 26TH

There is a second collection next weekend, August 25th and 26th, to support the ***Catholic Home Missions Appeal*** which strengthens the Church here at home. Please be as generous as possible and ***Thank You*** for your continued support!

CoNSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

This weeks special needs include: Canned tuna, hearty soups and boxed macaroni & cheeze. Thank You! Colleen and Mary D.

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. See the flyer enclosed for details.

SCRIPTURE SERIES FOR MEN & WOMEN

"The Jesus of John's Gospel" (1 of 7) will be held at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center beginning **Tuesday, August 28th, from 7-9 pm**. Held Tuesdays: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2 & 9. The series will be presented by Sr. Victoria Battell, RSM. This series of sessions will select themes from John's Gospel in order to explore his image of Jesus. \$10/per session or \$65 for all 7. Come to any or all as they are independent of each other. For information call the center at 518-393-4169 or email: dslcny@nybiz.rr.com or www.dslcny.org.

HOSTING OF FAMILY PROMISE

Hosting of Family Promise will begin August 26th and end on Sunday, September 1st. Please check with Deacon Greg to verify if there are families assigned that week.

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A central logo featuring a white heart with a flame-like border, set against a dark background with a sunburst effect.

# Hearts Aflame

## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

On behalf of Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, we cordially invite you to register for the inaugural *Hearts Aflame: Eucharistic Congress*, to be held September 22, 2018 at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville.

We encourage you to invite others in your parish to this historic day of faith, worship, adoration, and fellowship in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please register today, and feel free to **contact us** at any time.

In Christ,  
**Eucharistic Congress Committee**  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

In our Catholic tradition, 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.

All Catholics in the diocese are invited to attend. Parishes are strongly encouraged to organize groups to travel to the event.

## EVENT DETAILS

### The day will include:

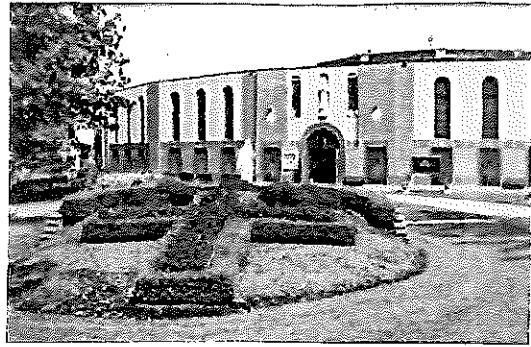
- Mass with the bishop
- Inspirational speakers
- Activities for Children
- Eucharistic Adoration & Procession
- Tours of the Shrine
- Fellowship & unity with other Catholics

**Cost:**

Hearts Aflame is a **free event** open to all; there is no cost to attend. Lunch will be available for purchase online ahead of time or you may bring your own.

**Location:**

Hearts Aflame is being held at the "spiritual center" of our diocese, the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. The Shrine is a beautiful 600-acre property situated on the banks of the Mohawk River. It commemorates the martyrdom of three Jesuit missionaries, as well as St. Kateri and other heroes of the faith who impacted this part of the country.



# REGISTER TODAY EVENT CONTACTS



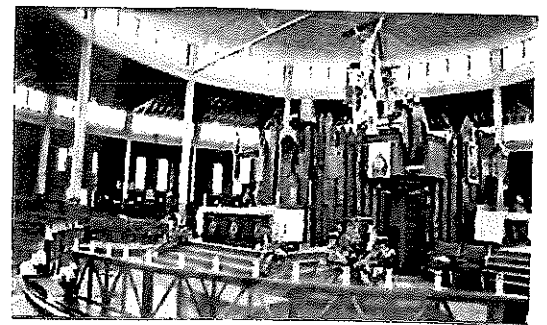
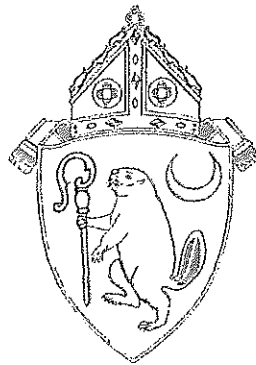
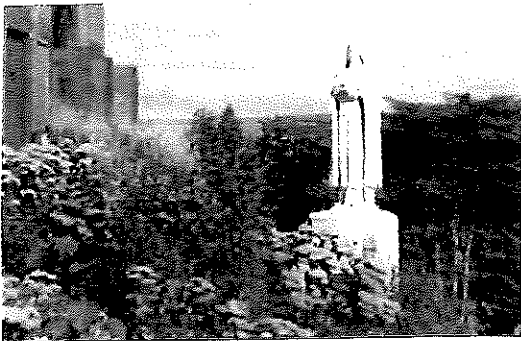
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**Deacon's Desk:**

***St. Mechtilde of Helfta (1240/1241 – 1298)***

St. Mechtilde was born to a wealthy and noble family in what is today central Germany. Her older sister was the abbess at Helfta when she joined her at the age of seventeen. She soon became known for her piety and zeal. She eventually became headmistress of the convent school where she was given charge of a five-year old girl who would become, under her tutelage, the future St Gertrude the Great.

Because of her musical and vocal talents, she taught and led the choir. Her saintliness caused her to be sought out as advisor and mentor to many. She became known for her mystical visions. One vision revealed to her "the smallest details of creation are reflected in the Holy Trinity by means of the humanity of Christ, because it is from the same earth that produced them that Christ drew his humanity."— Her prayers and spiritual reflections were an inspiration to many, and, unknown to her, were compiled in a book, *The Book of Special Grace*, authored by the same Gertrude. Another vision was when Christ spoke to her: "Consider how great is my love: If you want to know it well, you will not find it expressed more clearly anywhere than in the Gospel. No one has ever expressed stronger or more tender feelings than these: As my Father has loved me, so have I loved you."

Her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was the focus throughout her life. She died on November 19, 1298. St. Gertrude waited until her passing before publishing her *Book*, which was widely received, especially in Florence. Some people even speculate that her life and visions was an inspiration in Dante's Purgatorio. Today, the Sisters of St. Benedict's of Ferdinand, Indiana, sponsor a "Mechtilde of Hackeborn Sacred Music Series" in her honor.

In peace,

*Deacon Greg*

**DAUGHTERS OF SARAH SENIOR  
COMMUNITY**

You are cordially invited to an evening of humor, storytelling and wisdom, **Tuesday, August 28, 2018**, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center, 180 Washington Ave. Ext, Albany. "***What will they say about you when you are gone?***", with Daniel Cohen, Motivational Speaker and Author, Co-Host with Reverend Greg Doll of the radio show "The Rabbi and the Reverend" Live inspired! Reservations requested at 518-724-3261, there is no cost to attend.

| Serving Next Weekend 8/25 – 8/26               |                     |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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                                 | Susan Shook         |
| Joseph's Cup                                   | Deacon Greg         |
| Lector I & II                                  | Diane Allen         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                                  | <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> |
| Center Host                                    | Theresa Baird       |
| Tabernacle Cup                                 | Deacon Greg         |
| Joseph's Cup                                   | Stephen Janenka     |
| Lector I & II                                  | Lynda DeCelle       |

**HOLY SEPULCHRE RULES AND  
REGULATIONS**

The Rules and Regulations for Holy Sepulchre Cemetery have been completed and are available at the cemetery, Parish Office and at the rear table in church. Deacon Greg, the Trustees, and Don Terry have worked very hard to complete this mission. Our goal is a beautiful, peaceful and sacred place for our beloved deceased. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUNDAES ON SUNDAY**

**This weekend-** Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00PM to 4:00PM, at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, 1945 Union St., Niskayuna, join us for a **FREE** Old Fashioned Ice Cream Community Extravaganza! There will be musical choir concerts at 1PM and 2:30 PM. There will be a **Child ID Program** as well as an **\*\*Adult Medical Safety ID Program provided by New York Life. For information call 518-393-4169.**

**\*\*For Adults-** bring a list of current prescriptions and names and phone numbers of your doctors. This information goes on the card you will receive.

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| <b>Week Ending August 12, 2018</b>                  |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Amount Received from Collection                     | \$3,935.50          |
| Amount Received from E-Giving                       | \$380.00            |
| Total Received Last Weekend                         | \$4,315.50          |
| Budgeted Weekly Need                                | \$4,412.00          |
| Last Week's Difference <b>Over (Under) Budget</b>   | (\$95.50)           |
| <b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>                     |                     |
| Received Year-to-Date                               | \$28,737.50         |
| Budgeted Year-To-Date                               | \$30,884.00         |
| Year-to-Date Difference: <b>Over (Under) Budget</b> | <b>(\$2,145.50)</b> |

**Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,505.00**  
**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,105.38**  
**Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.**

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