

# The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph

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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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> : Nicholas Cristo, <i>by Gail Giagni</i> ; Anna Zalucki, 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, <i>Frederick &amp; Joanne Zalucki</i> ; Leo Salvagni, <i>by the St. Anthony's Society</i> .
Tuesday	8/28/18	12:10 PM	Nicholas Cristo, 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance, <i>by Rose &amp; Pat Cristo</i> .
Thursday	8/30/18	12:10 PM	For the people of the Parish.
Saturday	9/1/18	4:00 PM	William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i> ; Albert P. Hopeck, <i>by Ken Hopeck</i> ; Carolina Tobia, <i>by sister Maria Petrosin</i> ; Elinor Connell, <i>by sister Ann</i> .
Sunday	9/2/18	9:30 AM	Carmela Vona, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, <i>by Joseph, Mary Ann, &amp; Linda</i> ; Chester Macci, <i>by the Family</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.

## **HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

**Bread and Wine:** In Memory of Mary E. Cooley, by daughter Joan.

**Sanctuary Light:** In Memory of Mary E. Cooley, by daughter Joan.

## **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, Richard Palmer, Anita Parese, 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.

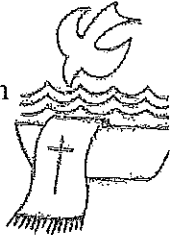
## **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

### **AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>**

There is a second collection this weekend, August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Kevin Thomas Paduano is Baptized into faith this **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**. Blessings and congratulations to him and his family as they grows in faith and love!



## **CoNSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS**

**This weeks special needs include:** Canned tuna, hearty soups and canned fruit. Thank You! Colleen and Mary D.

## **SAVE THE DATE- SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

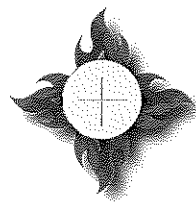
We invite you to save the date for the inaugural **Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress**, to be held **September 22**, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. A "Eucharistic Congress" is a special gathering led by the Bishop focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity, and will be a time of spiritual renewal for our diocese. See the flyer for details. Sign up sheets at the back of Church.

## **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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:dslcny@nybiz.rr.com) or [www.dslcny.org](http://www.dslcny.org).

## **In The Parish This Week**

Sun.	8/26	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM <i>Begin Hosting of Family Promise</i>
Mon.	8/27	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group
Sat.	9/1	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	9/2	<i>End Hosting of Family Promise</i> 1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM



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# *Hearts Aflame*

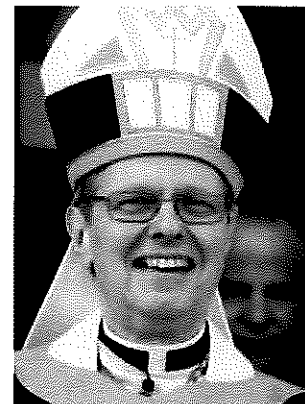
## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

### A Letter from Bishop Ed Scharfenburger

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I am announcing a major event for the Diocese of Albany. On September 22, 2018, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, we will be holding the *Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress*.

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 spiritual event, hallowed in part by the very ground on which it is held. We will celebrate Mass, host inspirational speakers, have a Eucharistic Procession, and offer activities for children. My hope is that the Holy Spirit will make this a powerful time of spiritual renewal for our entire diocese.



Often when I see sports stadiums packed for big games—the NFL playoffs come to mind—I often wish we could muster as much enthusiasm for our faith. The truth is that we have far more to celebrate: we have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who offers forgiveness, grace, and eternal life!

To continue the sports analogy, our Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress will be like a Catholic “Super Bowl” where we celebrate our faith with enthusiastic joy!

In the Diocese of Albany, our “stadium,” so to speak, is the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. It was built to hold ten thousand people, but there has not been a “Super Bowl” held there for decades. In recent years, smaller gatherings at the Shrine—which have been very powerful—have convinced me that the time is right for a large diocesan gathering.

So this fall, on September 22, I ask that the Shrine become a pilgrimage site for Catholics from every corner of our diocese. I want to be very clear: I invite every single Catholic in our diocese to attend, as well as our non-Catholic friends and family.

In particular, I ask that parishes make a coordinated effort to bring large groups of parishioners to Hearts Aflame. For some parishes, this may be a caravan of cars; for some it may mean chartering a bus; other parishes may have creative ways to bring youth groups or Knights of Columbus councils. More details about how to promote the event in your parish will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

We are most recognizable as Catholic when we gather in unity around the Blessed Sacrament. I hope you will join with me this fall as we ask the Lord Jesus to set our Hearts Aflame!

Sincerely Yours in the Peace of Christ,

*+Edward B. Scharfenburger*

Most Rev. Edward Scharfenburger  
Bishop of the Diocese of Albany

**Deacon's Desk:**

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354 - 430)**

As a pagan youth, he was fixated on material pleasures and pursuits. Born in modern day Algeria, he and his friends once stole fruit from a garden, not because of hunger, but because it was something illegal to do. As a teenager, he began an affair with a woman, fathered a son, and ended it fifteen years later only when he was planning to marry another woman of wealth.

Those plans ended, when after years of prayer from his Christian mother St. Monica, and St. Ambrose of Milan, he suddenly converted to Christianity at the age of 31 and entered the seminary for priesthood.

He was a brilliant student, and would be ordained in 391, become a famous preacher, and be named coadjutor Bishop of Hippo in 395. He would write his *Confessions*, then *City of God* in 410 following the sack of Rome.

His writings had a profound effect on the Church. His work on original sin helped develop the institution of infant baptism. He defended the thought of the ever-Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. He fought the heresies of the day and embraced the idea of critical analysis of Sacred Scripture rejecting literal interpretation. His own failings as a youth helped form his ideas of the struggle we face between good and evil. He taught that God orders all things while preserving human freedom.

There are those who spend a lifetime examining Augustine and his writings. He leaves us with this understanding of our relationship with Christ: ***Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.***

Augustine remains for us a pillar of the Church, a Doctor, theologian, philosopher and writer. As St. Jerome described him, he "established anew the ancient faith." St. Augustine's feast is August 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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Serving Next Weekend 9/1 - 9/2	
If unable to serve, please find a replacement.	
NOTE: Summer Schedule	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4:00 PM Mass</b>
Center Host	Mary Ann West
Tabernacle Cup	John M. White
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I & II	Dawn Gillan
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 AM Mass</b>
Center Host	Kathleen Morris
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Joseph's Cup	Mary Reilly
Lector I & II	Sean Burek

**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!

**46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARRIAGE JUBILEE  
CELEBRATION**

This celebration will be held **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. All couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, etc. or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00pm and then greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through our Parish office at 518-465-0482. Sign up sheets are also at the back table in the Church. Jubilee Certificates will be issued to those who sign up by September 26<sup>th</sup>, whether or not participants attend the event.

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<b>Week Ending August 19, 2018</b>	
Amount Received from Collection	\$2,545.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$335.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$2,880.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,412.00
Last Week's Difference <b>Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$1,531.50)</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>	
Received Year-to-Date	\$31,618.00
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$35,296.00
Year-to-Date Difference: <b>Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$3,678.00)</b>

**Assumption Holy Day: \$724.00**  
**Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,505.00**  
**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$3,952.25**  
**Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.**

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