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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	9/15/18	4:00 PM	Ann Mary Lupian, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucki</i> ; Joseph Hall, 1 st Anniversary, <i>by his Sister</i> ; Gordie Winters, <i>by Julie Ebert</i> ; Healing Service following the Mass.
Sunday	9/16/18	9:30 AM	Emma "Emily" Scheibly, <i>by Romana Salvagni</i> Celebration of St. Pio of Pietrelchina
Tuesday	9/18/18	12:10 PM	Rita & Alexander Forcinella, <i>by Barbara Forcinella</i>
Thursday	9/20/18	12:10 PM	Richard Ryan, Birthday Remembrance, <i>by Granddaughter Mollie.</i>
Saturday	9/22/18	4:00 PM	Agnes Kowsky & Mary Beth Hester, <i>by Carolyn O'Donnell</i> ; Richard Ryan, Birthday Remembrance, <i>by the Family</i> ; Robert Yonkers, 25 th Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> . Lillian Garrett, <i>by Anne & Brian Trent</i>
Sunday	9/23/18	9:30 AM	Emerson Davitt, <i>by Marge & Carol Davitt</i> ; Jerry Van Voris, <i>by wife Jean</i> ; Casimiro Crescenzi, <i>by the Family</i> ; Patricia Grimaldi, <i>by husband Joe.</i>

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." Mary Lou Beaucha, Joseph Buono, Joe Carney, Marge Davitt, Mary Frazier, Bob Grant, Peter Gutter, Marie Ladouceur, Joan McLean, Jackie Nardacci, Richard Palmer, Anita Parese, Harry Seaburg, Wayne Simmons, Greg Scheider, and Ron Wager. **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.

CoNSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

Pantry needs are: canned tuna, can fruit (no applesauce) and canned meals! Thanks! Colleen & Mary.

In The Parish This Week

Sun.	9/16	10:45AM Brunch Senior Center McManus 1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Mon.	9/17	2:00PM Prayer & Worship Cmt-Parish H. 7:00PM Knights of Columbus East St. Hall
Tues.	9/18	6:30PM Pastoral Council- SJESJ
Wed.	9/19	10:00AM Choir- Rm 100, McManus
Thu.	9/20	12:00PM PLD Luncheon @ SJESJ
Sat.	9/22	Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress 1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun.	9/23	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The weekend of **September 22nd & 23rd**, there will be a second collection for The Catholic University. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A DAY TRIP!

The **Rosary Altar Society** is sponsoring a day trip on **Wednesday, October 3rd**, to Fawn Ledge Farm in Jamaica, Vermont to enjoy a fall day visiting **Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer**. This is a replica of the home where our Blessed Mother lived in Ephesus, Turkey. Bus will leave Yankee Trails at 9:00am and return around 4:00pm. Bring your own lunch, a beverage will be provided. Cost per person \$40.00. Sign up at the back table in church or make a reservation at 518-465-0482. Payment due by September 26th.

NEXT WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

We invite you to 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. See the flyer for details. Sign up sheets at the back of Church.

PADRE PIO CELEBRATION AND BRUNCH

This weekend on Sunday, September 16th, Celebrate St. Pio of Pietrelchina with **Mass at 9:30am and brunch at 10:45 after Mass** in the Senior Center of the McManus building. Adults \$15, children under 12- \$8, children 5 and under are free. **The Van Voris Trio** will play prelude music for the Padre Pio service. They all have a prestigious musical history here in the Capital district. John is the son of Jean Van Voris.

*The Rosary Altar Society of
St. John the Evangelist & St. Joseph's Church
Presents:*

*On Wednesday, October 3rd
A Day Trip to Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer.
At the Fawn Ledge Farm
35 Fawn Ledge Lane
Jamaica, Vermont 05343*

The Fawn Ledge farm is a gift to everyone. The House of Prayer is a quiet place to come and pray. The Stations of the Cross are in the woods behind the main building, there is a small chapel inside and is always open for prayer. Upstairs is a comfortable room for reading, watching religious videos or watching EWTN, a Christian network. Everyone is welcome!

**Bus leaves Yankee Trails at 9:00 am
Enjoy a leisurely drive to Vermont on a Fall Day.
Visit the beautiful grounds at Fawn Ledge Farms,
Visit the replica of Our Lady of Ephesus home,
pray the Rosary,
And visit the Stations of the Cross.
Please pack your own lunch, a beverage will be provided.
There will be a lunch break at a convenient time.
Bus leaves to come home at 4:00 pm.**

**Cost: \$40.00 per person.
A \$10.00 deposit is required to reserve a place on the bus.
Full payment required by September 26th.**

**Contact Carrie Mahar @ 518-436-1677 for more information
Or Call the Parish Office at 518-465-0482.**

September 16, 2018

Deacon's Desk: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

~ Corrie Ten Boom ~

Rarely has those words resonated so well as in these times. Surrounded by accusations of abuse by the leaders of our Church, those who committed these atrocities and those who covered them up either by their actions or inactions, we find ourselves stricken as people who have been betrayed by those we trust. Imagine how much deeper the pain the victims feel.

Some may give up and walk away. Some who have already left, may find satisfaction in their decision to do so. During this time of trial for our Church, many will come forward declaring it an institution broken and irrelevant.

Isaiah gives us some insight to our response: Trust in God! Facing his own death at the hands of his nation's and religious leaders, he could rely on God's mercy and help in his time of trial. So can we.

It is now we need to, like Isaiah, turn to God for our help and strength. Trusting that since we are the Body of Christ, we are the Body Broken on the Cross. Jesus is our image of hope that, in spite of the sins of our Fathers, we see God at work healing and making us a people renewed in this mercy and forgiveness.

I am not sure, and I do not believe anyone truly knows, what form we will have when this is all over. But in a world of unknowns, we do know this: Jesus is in charge, and we can take comfort in that.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

**THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. KATERI
TEKAKWITHA CELEBRATION**

On October 17th, at the River Stone Manor in Glenville, NY from 6-9 pm, the National Shrine is celebrating its 80th Anniversary. To mark this special occasion, they are hosting a Gala Celebration honoring the Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger. To join us or become an event sponsor contact the Shrine at 518-853-3646 or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com>.

**ST. MARY'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY POT
LUCK SUPPER & CHINESE AUCTION**

Tuesday, September 18th at 5:45pm in the church hall. Please bring a dish to feed 6-8. Beverages will be provided. There will be a collection of adult toiletries to be donated to the food pantry at The Anchor in Castleton. Contact Mary Bobersky @ 518-465-8773 if you are able to attend or for more information.

Serving Next Weekend 9/22 - 9/23	
<i>If unable to serve, please find a replacement.</i>	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>
Tabernacle Host	Nancy Agans
Tabernacle Cup	Sheila Millea
Center Host	John White
Joseph's Host	Sandy Raus
Joseph's Cup	Mollie Shook
Lector I	Cynthia Buono
Lector II	Diane Allen
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>9:30 AM Mass</u>
Tabernacle Host	Agata Verrelli
Tabernacle Cup	Mary Reilly
Center Host	Bill Mahar
Joseph's Host	Dawn Gillan
Joseph's Cup	Stephen Janenka
Lector I	Sean Burek
Lector II	Peter Mahar

**46TH ANNUAL MARRIAGE JUBILEE
CELEBRATION**

This celebration will be held **Sunday, October 7th, at 2:00pm** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. All couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 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, or email @ Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. Sign up sheets are also at the back table in the Church. Jubilee Certificates will be issued to those who sign up by **September 26th**, whether or not participants attend the event.

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Week Ending September 9, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,162.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$1,045.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,207.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,412.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	(\$204.50)
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$42,716.00
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$48,532.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$5,816.00)

Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,505.00
Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$3,883.27
Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.

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