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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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	11/03/18	4:00 PM	Stafford & Mary Gilbert, Wedding Anniversary, <i>by Estate</i> ; William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i> ; Theresa Pike, <i>by Sheila Millea</i> ; Jose Mauro, <i>by wife Edie Mauro</i> .
Sunday	11/04/18	9:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of Saint John's Class of 1958 ; Stella Theresa Pike, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucki</i> ; Fred & Helen Schultz, <i>by Marcia & Family</i> ; Jackie Nardacci, <i>by the Vona Family</i> ; Peggy Mink, <i>by Jim & Diana Venter</i> .
Tuesday	11/06/18	12:10 PM	Frank Forcinella, 4 th Anniversary, <i>by his wife Barbara</i> .
Thursday	11/08/18	12:10 PM	For the People of the Parish.
Saturday	11/10/18	4:00 PM	Daniel Kiley, <i>by Rita & Michael Zenzen</i> ; Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family</i> ; Jackie Nardacci, <i>by Loretta, Kelli, and Kevin Neville</i> ; Joseph V. Buono, <i>by Margaret Abele</i>
Sunday	11/11/18	9:30 AM	Joseph Kappes & Madeline Forgea, <i>by the Kappes Family</i> ; Joseph Buono, <i>by Frederick & Joanne Zalucki</i> ; Harry O. Gochee, <i>by his wife Joan Gochee</i> ; Richard Reilly, <i>by Flora Fiacco</i> .

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Martin Keenan,
by Sheila Millea.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." Joe Carney, Marge Davitt, Mary Frazier, Bob Grant, Peter Gutter, Frank Marshall, Joan McLean, Jackie 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.

ACCEPTING "NEW" COATS FOR KIDS

CONSERNS-U is collecting new winter coats for children age group 5-11. The program is for Southern and Rural Renss. County low income families, (Troy not included).

In The Parish This Week

Sun. 11/4	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM
Mon. 11/5	6:30PM Baptismal Prep - CSM
Tues. 11/6	Election Day
Wed. 11/7	10:00AM Choir Practice, Rm 100 McManus
Sat. 11/10	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun. 11/11	1:00PM NA Meeting McManus Rm 100 7:00PM LCC Mass at CSM

CONSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

Pantry needs are: Toiletries, Hearty Soups, and canned meals (ravioli, stew, etc.). **Thanksgiving Basket needs:** Turkey gravy, box stuffing, canned yams, box instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and Price Chopper gift cards to purchase turkeys and pies for dinner. **Food distribution for Thanksgiving is on Mon., Nov. 19th.** Thanks! Colleen & Mary.

ANNUAL MARIAN CONSECRATION, DECEMBER 8TH, 11:00 AM

Bishop Ed is inviting everyone to join him in a 33-day preparation with the book, "33 Days to Morning Glory", or a book of your choice. **Start Mon., Nov. 5th** to Consecrate/Renew our Consecration to Jesus thru Mary. Culminating with the Consecration at Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Cathedral. This Mass fulfills the holy day of obligation on Saturday, December 8th. For more information: www/rcda.org/marianconsecration.

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY NAMES

Leading-Her way! Please attend our open house for prospective students on **Wed., Nov. 7th**, at 6:30pm, 1075 New Scotland Avenue, Albany. Call Ann Rento at 518-438-7895 x202, or register on line at arento@ahns.org.

FLORIDA HURRICANE RELIEF

Anyone wishing to contribute to humanitarian aid and the needs of Churches devastated by hurricanes Florence and Michael may make out their check to:

National Collection for 2018 Diasters
C/O Catholic Charities
40 North Main Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Please mark the memo portion with: 2018 Disasters Emergency. You may mail them directly or drop them in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

Support Homeless Families

Purchase a \$25 fresh balsam wreath from St. Paul's Center and cover a night's stay in shelter for a mom or child!

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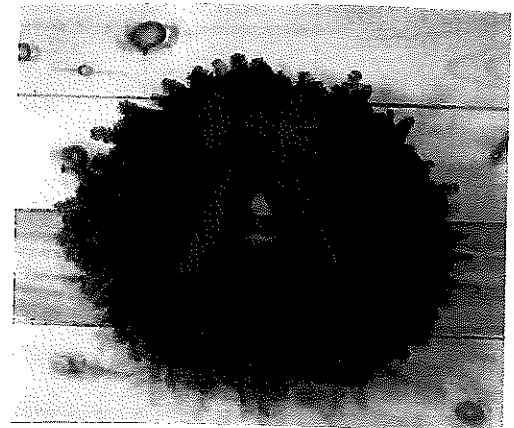
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With warm regard,

Tracy J. Pitcher, MSW
Executive Director

St. Paul's Center
BUILDING BRIDGES TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

November 4, 2018

Deacon's Desk: *"Safety comes in our nearness to God, not in our distance from our enemies."*
 ~ Dillon Burroughs ~

You could imagine the looks this scribe received from the rest of his companions following this discourse with Jesus. While the many of them were out to put an end to Jesus and his ministry, this one's response to Jesus' prodding must have stood them on end. His understanding of Jesus' message of love and reconciliation cut straight to the heart of who Jesus is, and what He offers us.

We can miss his point. Many may equate love of neighbor as tolerance, or maybe even a little bit of compassion in times of trouble. Offering a helping hand or encouraging word can fall into that realm of thought. But for Jesus, love of neighbor is rooted much, much deeper.

Taking our experiences of the depth of God's love for us and our response to it, means we are to model it for our treatment of one another. Saying we love God while despising anyone, anyone else, is to miss the mark. Love of neighbor begins with the acceptance that as creations of God's love, we are all equal and equally loved in the sight of God.

That means the stranger, the sick of mind, spirit or body, the gay, the different color, the other religion, are all deserving and recipients of God's love. Not quite the message we hear around us in this day and age! God's commandment calls us to approach all of these and more as we would approach our own child. It is that and much more.

Sympathy is to be replaced by empathy. Feeling regret gives way to embracing them as one with us. Of course, we need to embrace God's love as our own, and with eyes of love see ourselves as loved and desired by God. Then we can face up to all that tears us down by lifting one another up.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE.

In their Statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org to read the statement, watch videos, and access other great resources. *Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th!*

Serving Next Weekend 11/10- 11/11	
If unable to serve, please find a replacement.	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>
Tabernacle Host	Rita Zenzen
Tabernacle Cup	Sandy Raus
Center Host	Sheila Millea
Joseph's Host	Mary Ann West
Joseph's Cup	Deacon Greg
Lector I	Walda Cobain
Lector II	Cynthia Buono
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>9:30 AM Mass</u>
Tabernacle Host	Stephen Janenka
Tabernacle Cup	Deacon Greg
Center Host	Bill Mahar
Joseph's Host	Theresa Baird
Joseph's Cup	Dorothy Martin
Lector I	Rick Harbeck
Lector II	Peter Mahar

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!

FINGER LAKES WINE SEMINAR

To be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 732 Rt. 20, New Lebanon, NY, on Friday, November 16th, 6pm to 9pm. \$10.00/pp, includes tasting of 10-20 wines and appetizers. Sponsored by O-Neh-Da & Eagle Crest Vineyards. Seating is limited. Call Elizabeth Keefner at 518-794-7657 or email; icandsj@fairpoint.net.

ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT

A Ministry to Catholic Women, is hosting a Woman's Breakfast on Sat. November 17th, 9am to 12noon, at the Vista Restaurant, Van Patten Golf Club, 924 Main St., Clifton Park. Speaker Priscilla Muro. Call Kathleen @ 518-930-8330 or www.magnificat-ministry.net.

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Week Ending October 28, 2018	
Amount Received from Collection	\$4,290.00
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$45.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,335.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,412.00
Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget	(\$77.00)
Year-to-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year-to-Date	\$69,329.50
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$79,416.00
Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$10,086.50)

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

Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$3,851.64

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