

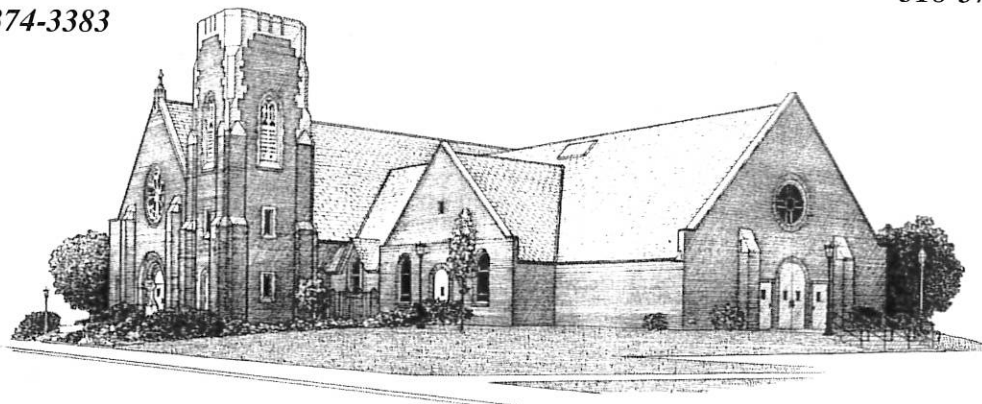
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HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening — 4:00 PM

Sunday Morning — 9:00 AM

Holy Days: as scheduled

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available prior to any
Saturday evening liturgy.*

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*A registered parishioner who wishes
to celebrate his or her marriage at St. Joseph's
is asked to contact the Parish Office
at least six months prior to the anticipated date
(and before any other arrangements
are made) in order to begin
sacramental preparation.*

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

*If you or someone in your family
is going to the hospital for surgery,
please request the Sacrament of Anointing
by calling the Parish Office.
Due to federal regulations, the parish is
unable to access inpatient information
from hospitals and nursing homes
without your consent.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*For registered members of the parish,
baptism may be arranged during
a weekend liturgy.
Parents should contact the office to attend class
in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism.*

NEW PARISHIONERS

*Catholics moving into the area
are invited to register in the
parish by calling the parish office.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
JULY 25TH THROUGH AUGUST 2ND, 2020**

7-25	4:00 PM	The Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church
7-26	9:00 AM	John Barberis - The Family John Gawlas - The Gawlas Family
7-27	9:00 AM	No Mass
7-28	9:00 AM	No Mass
7-29	9:00 AM	No Mass
7-30	7:00 AM	No Mass
7-31	7:00 AM	No Mass
8-1	4:00 PM	Tom Gatta - The Family Mary Ann & Diamond Romano - The Zuppa Family
8-2	9:00 AM	Leonard Burke - wife, Helen

Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 7/27	Jer 13:1-11	Mt 13:31-35
Tues. 7/28	Jer 14:17-22	Mt 13:36-43
Wed. 7/29	Jer 15:10, 16-21	Jn 11:19-27
Thur. 7/30	Jer 18:1-6	Mt 13:47-53
Fri. 7/31	Jer 26:1-9	Mt 13:54-58
Sat. 8/1	Jer 26:11-16, 24	Mt 14:1-12
Sun. 8/2	Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35, 37-39	Mt 14:13-21

~~SANCTUARY CANDLE~~

Lit in Remembrance of Patty and Allan Johnson's Wedding Anniversary



Prayer Requests ~ at this time we are unable to have our Prayer Book of Intentions on display. We would ask that you write your prayer intention on the back of your Attestation Form that you

need to bring to mass each weekend and we will see that your intentions are inscribed in the book. We are sorry for this inconvenience.



Pyramid Life Center is offering a **Young Adult Retreat** on August 7th-9th. This is a great opportunity for young adults (20-30 ish) to gather at Pyramid Lake to build community, pray together and explore the beautiful scenery. Space is limited ~ please register ASAP at www.pyramidlife.org.

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	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
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BREAD 4	B. Keegan	D. Stec
USHER	TBD	P. Shave
USHER	TBD	A. Mitchell
USHER	TBD	R. Schiavone
USHER	TBD	C. Reynolds
GREETER (INSIDE)	M. Pooler	A. Seaver
GREETER (INSIDE)	P. Zeglen	TBD
GREETER (OUTSIDE)	R. Higgins	TBD
CLEANER	M. Militano	T. CALDWELL
CLEANER	B. Keegan	S. CALDWELL
CLEANER	TBD	TBD

We have **12 volunteer positions** (including lector and one Eucharistic minister) that need to be filled for each mass. If you were unable to attend any of the three "training" sessions that were offered before we opened and are willing to volunteer, please contact Deb Griffith (518-810-8911 or email dgriffith@albany.twcbc.com).



Our income for the period **July 13th – July 19th** amounted to **\$8,265.60** and expenses for the same period were **\$3,895.75**.

Please be sure to drop your donation in the donation box on the way into mass. We cannot pass a collection basket at this time. Any donation for a special Second Collection must be in a separate envelope, clearly marked for the designated collection.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR AUG. 1ST & 2ND ~ Debt Reduction. Thank you for your generosity.



Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who have died recently, especially **Sarah R. Van Epps-Croto**, granddaughter of Sandy Van Epps. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.



Please welcome:

Easton Thomas Hopkins, son of Thomas and Laura; and **Daniel John Black**, son of Timothy and Shannon. They will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



This year's *Diocesan Appeal* is being handled in a much different manner than in years past. The Stewardship Office will be taking the lead in this year's campaign with a direct mailing to all parishioners. This mailing will include a gift/pledge form that will be barcoded and tied to your specific donor ID # on file with the Stewardship Office. ***It is extremely important that you return this form with your pledge or donation in order for St. Joseph's to receive the proper credit.*** It is also possible to go online to www.rcda.org and click on "Donate Now" in the upper left hand corner of the site which will bring you to the Stewardship Office ~ you will then click on "The Diocesan Appeal" to make a donation or pledge. St. Joseph's Assessment Goal for 2020/2021 is **\$60,910** (which is a decrease of \$3,206 from last year). The Appeal will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. We will keep you updated through the bulletin and on our website of our progress. As always, we are most appreciative of your support of this annual Appeal.

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Once again, we remind all parishioners that the dispensation from obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days **remains in force** even though our church doors are open. Those who are at risk or do not feel comfortable attending at this time, are encouraged to remain at home and participate via online recordings, live-stream masses or by any of the several broadcasts that are available. Check out the multiple listings on the last page of the weekly Evangelist. You may also go online to [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org) and click on the "**Watch Sunday Mass**" tab for a complete listing of local parishes and their mass times.

If you are experiencing **ANY** cold or flu-like symptoms, please, **DO NOT COME TO MASS**. This is for your safety as well as the safety of those who do attend mass.

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Join Patty Newmann and Grace Fay for a women's evening of worship, prayer and reflection entitled, "**Daughters of God**" on Friday, July 31st from 7 - 9 PM via Zoom. We will be looking at our role as daughters of God, women in the Church, and women who came Pre-registration is required. If you would like to register, please contact Grace. olgsjym@gmail.com

Peace, Love and Light, Grace

Registration Forms for the Youth Ministry sessions have been sent out via email. Please return those registration forms ASAP. This year is especially important as we figure out how many young people will be in each session. If you have any questions, please contact Grace.



Welcome Back! Thank you to all who have helped in the past two weeks as we adjust to a new way of worshipping during this period of COVID-19. At this time I would like to address some issues that have been brought up over the last two weeks and the reasoning behind what we have done here at St. Joseph's. As I told the volunteers who came to our training sessions before we opened, I was most grateful to the following parishioners who assisted me in making the decisions that needed to be made in order to open: **Dr. Audra Hanley, Patty Johnson, Jim Poirier, Carol Reynolds, Trustee, Dr. Kerry Ricker & Eric Yager, Ph.D.** Our ultimate goal to open was to keep everyone **safe**. To add to our considerations of what needed to be done was the fact that we have an aging parishioner base. While everyone does have their own personal opinions regarding this virus, I leaned heavily on the medical & scientific information that was given to me by professionals. One area that I struggled with was singing. While there is much that is still unknown, what is known is that singing and loud speaking are both thought to increase the spread of the virus. It was my final decision that, at this time, we would speak all previous sung responses and have instrumental music only. If and when new information is obtained, we may adjust as necessary. The Diocesan guidelines are just that; guidelines. While they do advise that there is to be NO choirs at this time, they also leave open that the parish administration may take a more strict approach based on what is best for their parish. Regarding masks, while there has been much published as to whether or not masks are necessary, the information that I have been given is that there is a form of protection with them. Given that the State is currently requiring masks to be worn in public places, this really is a non-issue. Some parishioners have stated they cannot wear a mask for any length of time and are not able to attend mass for that reason. While I can appreciate the uncomfortable nature of the masks (especially in the warmer months), we must abide by this rule and encourage those who cannot attend to watch and listen to masses via online or TV. I would encourage anyone who has any question(s) regarding our re-opening procedures to please contact me directly (518-810-8911) as that is the best way to address specific concerns. Again, in the end, our main concern here at St. Joseph's is the safety of all parishioners. Please remember what is taking place right now is **temporary** ~ we will get back to where we were before in the very near future. ~Debbie Griffith

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