

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S UP AT ST. JOE'S

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THE BELLS ARE BACK!

St. Joseph's bell tower is graced with a set of 10 bells (known as a complete peal) that was made at the foundry of Clinton H. Meneely in Troy. The bells were cast in 1906 at a cost of \$8,800. The largest one is the church bell, weighing 4,000 pounds and with a diameter of 5'10". It is was a gift of the parishioners and was affectionately dubbed "Big Joe."

Last fall Historic Albany member George Neary and a crew of stalwart volunteers trudged up the bell tower laden with safety equipment, shovels and buckets to tackle the pigeons that had taken over the tower, making the bells off limits with their mess. Once the tower was clean and pigeon free, George contacted bells enthusiast Joe Connors of All Chimes to undertake repairs. Joe replaced the deteriorated leather straps that worked the Meneely Bells. Finally, on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, George, Joe, fellow bell enthusiast Gayle Q. Walrath, and former bell ringer and longtime Ten Broeck Triangle resident Lucy Wong ascended the tower to play the bells publicly for the first time in decades. The event helped announce Historic Albany's 2010 Endangered Historic Resource list. As St. Joseph's was on the 2000 Endangered Historic Resource list, the uplifting chimes are a sign of hope for the ten resources on the 2010 list that with hard work and dedication also can be saved.

On Christmas Eve, Joe and Gayle also treated the Ten Broeck Triangle neighbors to a concert. This time HAF Executive Director Susan Holland was one of the bell ringers who played Christmas carols for all to hear.

THE PROM, HEAVY AND REST FEST

During the summer of 2010, St. Joseph's hosted three major events bringing more than 1,000 people into the church. For many it was their first St. Joseph's experience.

The **Awesomely Adult Prom** on Saturday May 28 was complete with decorations, a DJ and guests sporting their prom best. The event party was hosted by the Albany Society for the Advancement of Philanthropy (ASAP). DJ Yosh spun and Q103 and Empire Wine sponsored the event. Guests danced the night away and received souvenir photos of themselves and their dates. A very special thank you to Jasen Von Guinness and ASAP.

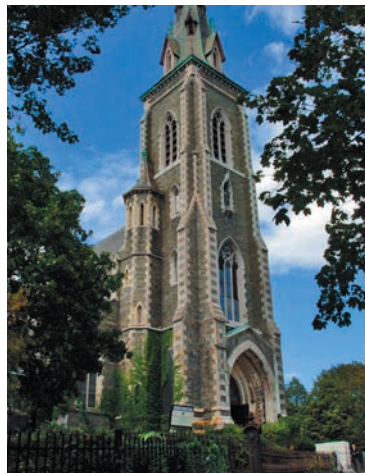
The **Heavy** art show, hosted by Samson Contompasis and The Marketplace Gallery, spanned two weekends—July 23-25 and July 30 -31. More than 900 people attended and were treated to an amazing feast for eyes and ears from 37 artists from the United States, Europe, and Israel and dancers and musicians from the Capital Region. Media coverage was fantastic thanks to the Times Union, nippertown.com, alloveralbany.com and photographers who posted pictures on Facebook and other Internet outlets. Thank you to Samson, all the artists and volunteers, and the sponsors: Bread and Jam Café, Capital Wine & Liquor, Cardonas Market, Drops of Jupiter, Floressence, Hannaford, Debbie Klauber, Landmark Consulting, Jack Moodie, Our Town Magazine, A Perfect Blend, Price Chopper, Quintessence, Spectrum 8 Theatres and New World Bistro Bar, Ten Broeck Triangle Preservation League, The Daily Grind, The Healing Arts & Chiropractic Center, The Hidden Café, Wine and Diner, and our many anonymous friends.

B3nson Productions held **Rest Fest**, an Indie rock concert featuring 16 local artists on August 28 and 29. The festival brought together the burgeoning local music scene and attracted a large, enthusiastic audience for two nights of music and art. The festival was sponsored by 97.7 EXT and alloveralbany.com. A portion of the proceeds benefitted St. Joseph's restoration. Thank you to Alex Muro, Louis Apicello, the volunteers, and all the bands and artists who took part. Stay tuned for dates for Rest Fest 2011!

Visit the new Historic Albany website, www.historic-albany.org for the schedule of upcoming events at St. Josephs Church for the 2011 season.

THANK YOU FOR THE \$100,000

Thanks to two Community Capital Assistance Program (CCAP) grants awarded in 2006 from New York State Assemblymembers Ron Canestrari and Jack McEneny, Historic Albany was able to repair the two western towers of the church. C.J. Smith was awarded the contract to do the repairs, which also involved replacing some of the roofing slate on each tower. The work was completed in December 2009. Meanwhile, the main roof of the church has been mostly watertight in the past year despite a great deal of bad weather. Historic Albany Foundation greatly appreciates the support from Assemblymembers Canestrari and McEneny.



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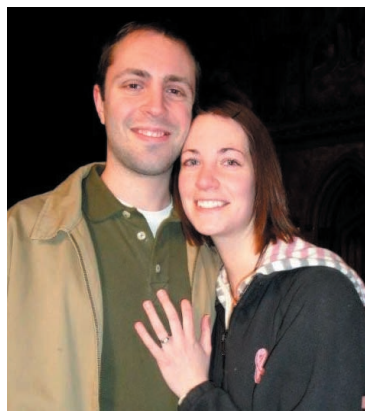
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FIRST MARRIAGE PROPOSAL IN YEARS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Brianne Young and Brandon Dingemon became engaged to marry at St. Joseph's church on February 15, 2010. With our own Jackie Burton and her accomplice, Nic Rangel, posing as tour guide and photographer for the unsuspecting bride-to-be, the groom-to-be popped the question to Brianne. She said "yes" and you can see the happy couple, captured by our "candid camera." Best wishes to Brianne and Brandon!



*Brianne Young and Brandon
Dingemon, newly engaged after a
romantic proposal in St. Joseph's*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR....

When I took the position of Executive Director in October 2005, a persistent question was, "What will become of St. Joseph's?" Over the past five years at Historic Albany, we have completed the stabilization and repair of the roof and made other emergency repairs, while at the same time searching for a suitable use for this historic structure. We are happy to report that the stabilization of the church is complete and the building is secure. We have raised more than \$350,000 during our stewardship of St. Joseph's church as we managed the stabilization in concert with John G. Waite Associates, Architects.

We've also worked to keep the building in the public eye through art shows, musical performances, open houses and tours. Over the years we've hosted more than ten open houses, four art shows, four performances spanning a variety of musical tastes from classical to the indie music scene and had a 70-piece orchestra and choir perform Handel's Messiah. We now say "St. Joe's is a seasonal performance and art center."

Over the years we've been approached by several individuals and organizations who have proposed various ideas about how the church could be reused, the suggestions ranging from continuing to be used as church to an arts center, a museum, a neighborhood library, and even a rock climbing center. With restoration and renovation costs ranging from a few million to as much as \$25 million depending upon how the building is fitted out, we know that adapting St. Joseph's will be a heavy lift. In the meantime, we will continue to invite the public to enjoy this remarkable historic building. We hope that you have participated in events there and will continue to visit. Also, please make as generous a donation as you can to help Historic Albany retire the Capitalize Albany loan.

Thank you!

Susan

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Heavy, July 2010

Since acquiring St. Joseph's church from the City of Albany in 2003, Historic Albany Foundation has managed the stabilization of the building with the assistance of a \$300,000 NYS Environmental Protection Fund matching grant and also received other funding to repair the building. To date we have raised well over \$350,000 as our part of the matching grant. Donations have come from Historic Albany members, from ad-hoc groups such as Committee 150 and from former St. Joes parishioners.

Furthermore, in order to advance the stabilization work on St. Joe's on schedule, we arranged for a cash flow loan for \$290,000 from the Albany Local Development Corporation (now Capitalize Albany). Historic Albany has repaid all but \$22,370 in principle plus \$12,542 in interest on that loan. As it turns out, the outstanding balance on the Capitalize Albany loan, about \$35,000, is a little less than all of our carrying costs on St. Joes from 2003 to 2010. These charges include insurance, utilities, and landscaping and amount to about \$5,000 a year. That's a total of nearly \$40,000 over the past eight years. Those carrying costs could not be paid with funds from the matching grant. Instead they have been borne by Historic Albany and its members.

What we've done so far for St. Joes has been a remarkable fundraising feat for a small not-for-profit organization like Historic Albany. Now to complete our loan obligation to Capitalize Albany we're asking you to donate to St. Joes one more time so that we can retire the loan and raise \$5,000 to pay the carrying costs on the church for 2011. With this in mind, we're asking our members and other supporters of St. Josephs Church for a gift of \$40, or any part or multiple of that amount. The Capitalize Albany loan and 2011 carrying costs for the church total about \$40,000, so please be as generous as you can.

DONATE TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

YES! I want to help Historic Albany Foundation retire the Capitalize Albany loan and assist with the St. Joe's carrying costs for 2011. Here's my donation: \$40 \$80 \$120 \$400 \$_____ other amount

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