

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

**Lectors: 10/11/2025 & 10/12/2025**

**3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory**

**10:30 AM: Michael Jonker**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 10/11/2025 & 10/12/2025**

**3:45 PM: David Clements**

**10:30 AM: Corinne Connington**

**Altar Servers: 10/12/2025**

**10:30 AM: Pete Daempfle & Julianne Militello**

**Greeters: 10/12/2025**

**10:30 AM: Joan DeBenedittis**

**Ushers: 10/12/2025**

**10:30 AM: Knights**

Readings for the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2,11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 585—Praise to the Lord

Psalm 95: If Today You Hear God’s Voice

Off. 702—Prayer of St. Francis

Comm. 802—One Love Released

Cl. 675—For You Are My God

Weekly Offering Table

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup> & Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

	Sat	Sun	Total
<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$ 668.00</b>	<b>\$1,169.00</b>	<b>\$1,837.00</b>
<b>Catholic Univ</b>	<b>\$ 229.00</b>	<b>\$ 374.00</b>	<b>\$ 603.00</b>
<b>Candles &amp; Poor</b>			<b>\$ 79.00</b>

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.”

**Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.**

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

*Cantata Choir  
Rehearsals*

October 7: Tenors and Basses

October 14: Sopranos and Altos

October 21, 28, November 4, 11: All parts

November 25, December 2, 9 all parts with accompaniment

December 14: Cantata performance at 3 pm

December 21: Snow date

*Harvest Dinner-October 18<sup>th</sup>*

We are asking all of our parishioners to help make this dinner a great success. Please volunteer, if you can prepare one of the items needed or, if you like to bring a specialty of your own. We will greatly appreciate it. **There are sign-up sheets on the piano podium.** Aluminum trays for you to bring your delicious contribution in will be available shortly.

*October Mass Count*

It is that time of year that we have to count the number of parishioners attending mass each weekend for the Diocese. With your help we can make our counts better than last year. Please attend mass!!

**Thérèse of Lisieux**

Called "the greatest saint of modern times" by Pope St. Pius X, Thérèse of Lisieux lived a hidden life in a Carmelite monastery and died at only twenty-four years old. Yet, her "secret" of sanctity has made her not only a great modern saint, but a Doctor of the Church. She promised to spend her Heaven helping those on earth. Her simple spirituality, humility, and complete trust in God revolutionized the twentieth century. Over 100 years after her death, she continues to inspire millions of people, help them in their lives, and draw them closer to God.

This film tells the story of her life and message, intertwined with the personal stories of twelve people from around the world who testify to the great impact Thérèse has made on their lives. Including very rare footage of the inside of her monastery at Lisieux, we also meet a taxi driver in Rome, a famous radio priest in the Netherlands, a wedding dress designer in Paris, a teenager in Lebanon, a Protestant professor at Harvard Divinity School, a mother of twelve children in Nigeria, a stockbroker on Wall Street, and others, who share their moving personal stories of how Thérèse, and her "secret," has changed their lives. Her secret is so powerful that it confirms her mission to "Love Jesus and to make Him loved by others."

**Watched on Formed!**

Can you help us financially?

Thank you for your generous support to St. Joseph. Your donation helps us to pay the bills. Without you, what will we do? Please attend mass and help us with your offering. Now you can make your weekly offering to St. Joseph by mail or place it in our side door rectory drop box. You are all in my prayers and masses. God Bless You! Fr. Joe

*Knights of Columbus  
Chicken Barbecue*

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Chicken BBQ on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. BBQ Delights will again be preparing the food. Starting time is 3 p.m. and it will go until sold out. Dinners are \$15.00 and include 1/2 chicken, potato, coleslaw and a roll...Or you can get just a 1/2 chicken for \$10.00. Pickups available at the church between 5-6 p.m. or they can be picked up at Ace Hardware parking lot in Cobleskill between 3-6 p.m.

*OCIA Program*

St. Joseph’s Church is inviting the people to OCIA program. OCIA is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation with specific liturgical rites for seekers and inquirers. Seekers and inquirers are un-baptized adults; Catholics who have been baptized but not received the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation; Catholics baptized, received communion but not received confirmation who desire full communion in Roman Catholic church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a full Catholic, please call the Rectory.

*Public Rosary Rally*

Join us on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at noon to pray at our Annual Public Rosary Rally. We will be 1 of 20,000 Rallies nationwide. It is always held on a Saturday closest to October 13<sup>th</sup>, which commemorates the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in 1917 at Fatima, Portugal. We will meet in front of Brooker Hall. Bring a chair if you desire.

If you cannot attend the Rosary Rally, please pray at 12:00 p.m. for St. Joseph wherever you are. Thank you.

*40 Days for Life Baby-Shower*

The Altar Rosary Society is throwing a 40 Days for Life Baby Shower from September 24<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>. The ARS is asking for contributions of new baby items to be put in the bassinet in the Church hallway. Monetary contributions are welcome—please make checks out to St. Joseph’s Altar Rosary Society.

*Harvest Dinner Meeting*

On Wednesday, October 8th at 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall, we will be having a meeting to conclude the items we discussed at our previous Harvest Dinner meeting. Please make sure you attend.

**\*For Healing Rosary—Friday— 7:00 p.m.\***  
Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978  
Password: 104215





***Our Lady of the Rosary  
Feast Day—October 7<sup>th</sup>***

"The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted to honor Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory." The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the best prayers to Mary, the Mother of God.

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

This feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam. Lepanto, perhaps the most complete victory ever gained over the Ottoman Empire, on October 7, 1571, is commemorated by the invocation "Help of Christians," inserted in the Litany of Loretto. At Belgrade, the Turks were defeated on the Feast of Our Lady ad Nives in 1716. A second victory gained that year on the Octave of the Assumption determined Pope Clement XI to command the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII added the invocation "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us," to the Litany of Loretto. The Feast is in reality a great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Queen.

The word *Halloween* is really just a reconstructed version of *Hallows' Eve*

- **“Hallow”** means "holy" or “saint”
- **“E’en”** is simply short for “evening”

So, Halloween literally means the Eve of All Saints Day—a vigil before one of the Church’s greatest feast days.

Catholics are generally aware that many saints have feast days in the liturgical calendar. However, there are only 365 days in the year, so All Saints Day provides a chance to celebrate and commemorate every soul in heaven.

From the earliest days of Christianity, Catholics honored the martyrs and saints with prayer vigils on this “saints’ evening.” Candles lit up the night, reminding the faithful that the lives of the saints bring light into a darkened world. All Saints’ Day (November 1st) and All Soul’s Day (November 2nd) became the anchor of this holy season, turning late October into a time of reflection on **heaven, holiness, and the hope of eternal life.**

This October the Discipleship Formation will be having their All-Saints group class and they also will be having Halloween at St. Joseph’s Church. If anyone would like to donate candy for the month of October there will be marked candy in the parish hall in which you may place the candy. Thank you and God Bless!!

**Prayer Remembrance**

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all the cancer patients! Pray for all of our veterans and soldiers and especially for all the soldiers who are in war zones!! Special prayers for Arthur Verity, Maryann Legaspi, Ean Shirm, Joseph Fedor, Alfred Staudohar, Judy Staruck, JoAnn Barnhart, Grace D. Leggio, Frances Florance, Nick Wiecowski, Karlene Tausel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy for a speedy recovery.



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**Harvest Dinner**  
**Saturday, Oct. 18th**  
**5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**  
**(or until food runs out)**  
**\$12.00 adults/\$6.00 child**  
**Menu:** Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Stuffing,  
Delicious Desserts & Much more!!!  
**Take outs available**  
**Come & Enjoy a Festive Night**  
**with Friends & Family!!**

# ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Mission Statement:** To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.

**Vision Statement:** St. Joseph is a Vibrant, Welcoming, Evangelizing and Transforming Catholic Community!

***Increase Our Faith***



**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

**Secretary:** Joan DeBenedittis

**Cemetery Manager:** Kelly Daniels

**Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children:** Corinne Connington

**Music Director:** Terry Hait

**Guitarist:** Richard Gruber

**Bookkeeper:** Mike Argiras

**Trustees**

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Cheryl Jory

**Finance Chairperson**

Amy Muehl

**Will you please remember “St. Joseph’s Church”  
in your Last Will?**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday Evening: 3:45 PM**

**Sunday Morning: 10:30 AM**

**Weekday Masses**

**Wednesday: Mass 9 AM**

**Friday: Adoration 11 AM—Mass 12 PM**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Wednesday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Friday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Sacraments**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 PM –3:30 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month.  
Contact the Parish Office for additional information.

**The Sacrament of Matrimony**

Arrangements for wedding should be made at least six months prior to the marriage.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call our Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

Please call the Parish Office

**All are Welcome to St. Joseph!**