

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 09/27/2025 & 09/28/2025

3:45 PM: Teresa Millias

10:30 AM: Sean Filipowski

Eucharistic Ministers: 09/27/2025 & 09/28/2025

3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory

10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle

Altar Servers: 09/28/2025

10:30 AM: Julianne Militello & Pete Daempfle

Greeters: 09/28/2025

10:30 AM: Samantha & Chris Hoecker

Ushers: 09/28/2025

10:30 AM: Knights

Readings for the week of September 21st, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c -12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

**September 21st, 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 593—Lift Up Your Hearts

Psalm 113: “Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.”

Off. 644—Your Words Are Spirit and Life

Comm. 697—Because the Lord is My Shepherd

Cl. 677—Blest Be the Lord

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Sept 13th& Sept 14th, 2025

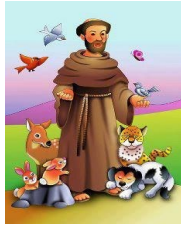
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$624.23	\$1,556.00	\$2,180.23
Candles & Poor Bx			\$ 32.00

“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!

Blessing of the Animals



On Saturday, October 4th, Fr. Joe will be blessing all of the animals of our church at 12:00 p.m. Please bring your little friends (or big) to receive this special blessing.



Cantata Choir Rehearsals



Cantata Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesdays this year from 7-8:30pm. (Our accompanist is only available on Tuesdays.) Please sign up on the Choir sheet at the piano podium.

The first 4 weeks will be split voice rehearsals. Thereafter the whole choir will meet each week.

New members may contact Terry Hait after mass or call 607-652-3347.

September 23: Tenors and Basses (lower voices)

September 30: Sopranos and Altos (higher voices)

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 18th

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!!



Volunteer Appreciation Day Dinner

Fr. Joe is having a Volunteer Appreciation Day dinner on September 30th at 6:00 p.m. A signup sheet is on the podium for anyone who volunteers and wishes to attend. Any questions, please call the rectory. Thank you.

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 10th. 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.

Join Brother Francis and his friends as they embark on an adventure to explore the many rich aspects of our faith through Adventure Catechism!

A great new program on Formed!!



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Public Rosary Rally

Join us on Saturday, October 11th 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 13th, 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.

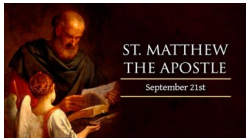
40 Days for Life Baby-Shower



The Altar Rosary Society is throwing a 40 Days for Life Baby Shower from September 24th through November 11th. 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. Thank you!

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

St. Matthew
Feast Day—September 21st



No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican, who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with other Jews. While seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at St. Matthew and said to him “Follow me.” This was all that was needed for Matthew to rise, leaving all his wealth to follow Christ. His name was Levi, and his new name in Christ, Matthew, which means “Gift of God.” After his conversion, Matthew threw a dinner party for Christ and His disciples, to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus eating with publicans, but Jesus explained that he had come “not to call the just, but sinners.” Traditionally St. Matthew’s Gospel has been considered the first in the New Testament. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, and the purpose was to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia, and was martyred on the orders of the King of Ethiopia while celebrating Mass. Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew’s Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament. Matthew is also the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel faithfully reports how Jesus described who will be truly blessed by God in the Kingdom and the attitudes and actions that are required for those who follow the new Law Jesus came to bring. After Jesus’ Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. The symbol for Matthew’s Gospel is a man with wings. Matthew wrote about Jesus’ Incarnation and his Gospel makes clear that Jesus was true God and true man. Matthew is the patron saint of bankers, because he dealt with money as a tax collector. But anyone who reads Matthew’s Gospel knows that money was not important to him. What was important was believing in and living as a follower of Christ. Matthew helps us Matthew to remember that it is our faith in Jesus that makes us truly rich! St. Matthew is the patron saint for accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, and tax collectors.

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”— *Matthew 11: 28-30*

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 Wicowski, Karlene Tauzel (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 and Wade Lewis 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!!!
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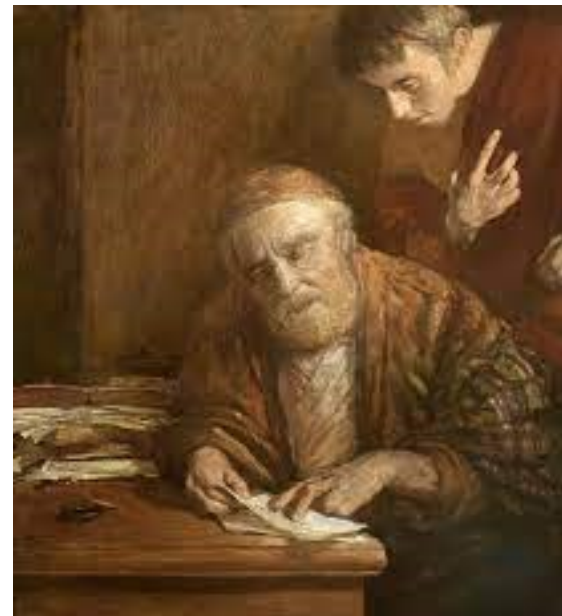
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Mission Statement: To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.

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

No Servant Can Serve Two Masters



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

Secretary: Joan DeBenedittis

Cemetery Manager: Kelly Daniels

Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children: Corinne Connington

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Guitarist: Richard Gruber

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

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

September 21st, 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!