

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday August 8th, 2026—Vigil
3:45 PM + Ryan Laskey by Debi & Henry Sanna
+ Victoria Rose Tauzel by Jim & Toni Tauzel
+ Joe Fedor by Debi & Henry Sanna
* For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday August 9th, 2026—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Mary Margaret Longendyke by Jim Longendyke
+ Helen Tiffany by Chuck & Janet Papst
+ Robert Bob Putnam Sr. by Richard & Lorraine Gruber, Zachary Hogan
* For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday August 12th, 2026—
9:00 AM + Ann Doyle by Debi & Henry Sanna
+ Ronal Picht by Debi & Henry Sanna
+ Francisco Miccio by Lynn & Bob Abarno

Friday August 14th, 2026
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Mass
+ Dr. Anya Bitterman by Debi & Henry Sanna
+ Francisco Miccio by Constance Ruehle

Saturday August 15th, 2026—Vigil
11:00 AM Funeral Mass— Mary Bonczek
3:45 PM + Rosea Herb Hinsch by Debi & Henry Sanna
+ Peter & Bobby Conti by Jim & Toni Tauzel
+ Fr. Ron Green by The Fedor Family
* God’s Blessings, Peace and Good Health for the Gusmano Family by The Gusmano Family
* For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday August 16^h, 2026—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Sister Mary Louise Grube by Debi & Henry Sanna
+ Dan Twomey by Rose Twomey & Family
+ Peter Johnson by Millie Kenyon
* For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

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

Lectors: 08/15/2026 & 08/16/2026
3:45 PM: Pat Fowble, **10:30 AM:** Theresa Olsen
Eucharistic Ministers: 08/15/2026 & 08/16/2026
3:45 PM: David Clements, **10:30 AM:** Matt Vaitekunas
Altar Servers: 08/16/2026
10:30 AM: Jasper Cole, Brian Hogan
Greeters: 08/16/2026
10:30 AM: Natalie Provencher, Joan DeBenedittis
Ushers: 08/16/2026
10:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

Readings for the week of August 9th, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13/ Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60-63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Aug 9th, 2026

Op. 692—I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Ps 85: Let Us See Your Kindness
Off. 706—Peace is Flowing Like a River
Comm. 818—Here I Am, Lord
Cl. 682— Though the Mountains May Fall or 686—
How Can I Keep from Singing

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00			
Aug 1 st & Aug 2 nd , 2026			
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 788.00	\$ 1,937.10	\$ 2,725.10

“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!



Parish Family Picnic Invitation

Dear Friends,

You are warmly invited to our **Parish Mass and Picnic on Sunday, August 23rd** at 11:00 a.m. at the Borst Field Pavilion, Schenevus. Mass will be at **11:00 a.m.** and the picnic followed thereafter.

This special gathering is much more than a picnic. It is an opportunity for us to come together as one Family—our parish family, our faith family, and God’s family. Through prayer, fellowship, laughter, and sharing a meal, we strengthen the bonds that unite us in Christ.

Please do not miss this joyful celebration! Bring your family and friends and joins us for a wonderful day of fun, friendship, and community.

There are sign-up sheets available for the food and desserts, a sign up sheet for helping with setting up and cleaning after the picnic and a sign up sheet if you are planning to attend.

Your kindness and generosity will help make this event a great success, so please take a moment to sign up.

We look forward to celebrating with all of you!

May God bless you and your families,

Your friend,

Fr. Joe



Sincerest Sympathies & Condolences

Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph would like to express our sincere sympathies and condolences to George Bonczek and his family for the loss of Mary Bonczek a loving wife. She will be dearly missed by all. May her soul rest in peace.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Saturday, August 15th at 11:00 a.m. There will be a reception following the burial in the parish hall.

Parish Picnic Meeting

This Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall, there will be a 2nd meeting to discuss the updates for the Parish Picnic. Please come and join us!

Discipleship Catechist Teachers Needed

Corinne Connington is in need of catechist teachers for the upcoming Discipleship Formation Year. Please contact her at 1-845-728-3733 if you are interested in helping. 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



Edith Stein

This is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman, as well as the great conflicts from her decision to convert to Catholicism.

Deeply influenced by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she joined the Carmelites, took the name of Teresa of the Cross, was put to death in Auschwitz in 1942, and canonized by John Paul II in 1998. This film shows how two worlds, the Jew and the Christian, were united within her in absolute coherence in her search for truth. She has become one of the most beautiful symbols in a horrifying period of history because she sought to transform her sufferings under the Nazis into a journey through the "interior castle" as the way to mystical union with God. One phrase, "Love Conquers Fear," embodies her philosophy of life. Shot in a kind of rich expressionist realism, it's backed by poignant chant music that makes every frame haunting and alive. Actress Maia Morgenstern (The Passion of the Christ) stars in a powerful performance as Stein.

A challenging, often fascinating film, The Seventh Chamber, is a gratifying tribute to a great saint. It shows that for Edith Stein it is only by knowing God that we know ourselves; only through Jesus that we know God; and only through the cross that we can know Jesus.

We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Watch on Formed!!

Healing and Anointing of the Sick

The weekend of August 16th at the end of the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. Joe will offer prayers and anointing of the sick for healing. If you wish to attend or if you know anyone who would like to attend, please come and join us.

Registration Forms

St Joseph's Discipleship for Children and Youth registration forms have been mailed out. Please send back as soon as possible so that we may order all the material needed for 2026-2027 school year. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child for the program, please call Corinne Connington (845)728-3733 or call St Joseph’s Rectory at (607)397-9373.

***St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Feast Day—August 9th***

It is popular these days to dismiss the idea of good and evil as the nonsense of another age. But evil exists. Our tendency is to think of evil as something far away. Until one day you turn the corner and there it is, and your life will never be the same.



The sad and tragic truth is that evil is never far away. Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, also known as Edith Stein, experienced this truth firsthand in one of the most evil atrocities in all of human history.

Edith Stein was born into a devout Jewish family in Germany, on October 12, 1891. She was an intellectually gifted child who, by her adolescence, declared herself an atheist.

Her journey into academia led her to the University of Göttingen, where she completed her doctorate on the topic of empathy, which only became more important in her later religious vocation. Her conversion to Catholicism in 1922 was sparked by an encounter with the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, which revealed to her that intellectual pursuits and spirituality could go hand in hand. As Nazism spread across Germany, Edith's dual identity as a Jew and a Catholic placed her in the crosshairs of escalating persecution. She didn't back down. Instead, she entered the Carmelite convent in 1933, adopting the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

The escalation of World War II forced Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a convert, to relocate to a Carmelite monastery in the Netherlands for safety. But when a Dutch Bishop publicly condemned Nazi policies, the Gestapo retaliated by arresting Teresa and her sister and bringing them to Auschwitz.

One of the officials at Auschwitz was so impressed by Teresa Benedicta's peace and spiritual strength that he offered to help her escape. This was her response: "If somebody intervened at this point and took away my chance to share in the fate of my brothers and sisters, that would be utter annihilation."

Teresa Benedicta, her sister Rosa, and many others were executed in a gas chamber on August 9, 1942.

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross never doubted the existence of good and evil. She chose the good, clung to the good, and brought the good to others in the worst of circumstances. Her life challenged the depths of evil with the profound power of faith and sacrifice.

Patron Saint of: Europe, Loss of Parents, Converted Jews, and Martyrs. (reprinted from Dynamic Catholic)

Prayers for Corinne Connington and Joan DeBenedittis!



"The world is a book and those who do not travel Read only one Page."

Set a goal to travel with Fr. Joe to Greece.

October 30th—November 9th, 2026

For additional information, please visit <http://www.206Tours.com/cms/frarockiasamy>



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Fellowship Meeting —Tuesday, August 11th at St. Joseph's in Worcester. Eucharist Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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, Alfred Staudohar, Judy Staruck, JoAnn Barnhart, Grace D. Leggio, Frances Florance, Nick Wicowski, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Beverly Erway, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Adrian Origon, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly, Gene Rothe, Ed Hillenbrand, Alvira Braga, Matt Mantione, Charlene Tiffany, Dannah Carter, Walter Marchlowski, Nathan Clements, Joyce Hennelly, Carol Rooney, Ernie Gartung, Fred Kersman, Tracie Newkirk, Fr. Ed Golding and Frank Brimlow for a speedy recovery.



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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!

*Tell Me to Come to
You across the Water*



August 9th, 2026

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!

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

Secretary: Joan DeBenedittis

Cemetery Manager: Kelly Daniels

Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children and Youth: Corinne Connington

Music Director: Terry Hait

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

Will you please remember "St. Joseph's Church"