

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 01/10/2026 & 01/11/2026

3:45 PM: Pat Fowble, 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: 01/10/2026 & 01/11/2026

3:45 PM: Denise Weber, 10:30 AM Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 01/11/2026

10:30 AM: Brian Hogan, Hugo Kelley

Greeters: 01/11/2026

10:30 AM: Helen Siems & Emily Snyder

Ushers: 01/11/2026

10:30 AM: Nolan Stroosnyder, Riely Poole

Readings for the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Epiphany of the Lord

Op. 329—We Three Kings

Gloria: 308 Angels We Have Heard on High

Psalm 72: Lord, Every Nation: use alternate refrain!

Off. 334—As With Gladness Men of Old

Comm. 328—The First Nowell

Cl. 314—Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Lector & Extraordinary Minister Schedule

The new January through June schedule is on the piano podium. Please pick up your copy to review and call the office if there are any changes to be made.

2025 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the year 2025 will be sent only to those who request them. If you wish to receive a statement of your donations for tax purposes, please call the parish office at 607-397-9373. Our hours are Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2025-2026 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners.

Our assessment for the Diocesan Appeal is \$20,049. Our contributions to date are \$4,699.00 from 16 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish.



Many thanks to all of the volunteers that worked at our Community Dinner this year and the delicious desserts that were donated. Without your help, we could not provide such a lovely gathering each year. We had 56 attendees. God bless!!

Christmas 2025 Annual Boutique

This past year at our Christmas Annual Boutique we made \$727.56. Without your support and all of our buyers, we would not be able to have this annual event and spread a lot of cheer.



Healing and Anointing of the Sick Service

Our monthly Healing Service will be held next weekend after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you know someone who is in need of healing, please bring them to our service.



Out of the Office



Fr. Joe will be out of the office from January 12<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup> for a much needed rest and recuperation from all of this past year’s work that he did at St. Joseph’s and St. Vincent de Paul’s Churches. We wish him safe travels and to have a relaxing time visiting friends and family.

There will be no weekday masses when he is away.

Heat & Fuel 2nd Collection

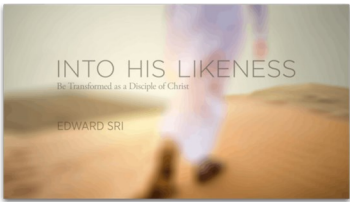
Next weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for Heat & Fuel. Thank you for your donations to help St. Joseph’s stay warm through these cold winter months.

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

Into His Likeness

In the ancient disciple-rabbi relationship, the disciple would follow the rabbi so closely that he would be covered in the dust kicked up from his rabbi’s feet. Thousands of years later, though we walk on roads of pavement and not dust, we are still called to be disciples—to follow our Rabbi, Jesus Christ, so closely that we are covered with his life, changed, and made new.



WATCH ON FORMED!!

We will consecrate all our families to the Heart of Jesus. May our Lord bless all our families.

Happy Holy Family Day!!



What do we celebrate at Epiphany?

Come all to see our Discipleship Formation children participate in all Kings Day on the Solemnity of the Epiphany January 4<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am Mass.

The Church celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God as the Savior and Messiah. Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany we recall the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus: “And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

The Date of the Epiphany is on the general calendar as January 6<sup>th</sup> in the United States and in other countries, it celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so that all Catholics can participate.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors for our Sunday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Joe or call the rectory.

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> & Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 633.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,878.00
Christmas			\$ 5,242.00
Xmas Flowers			\$ 1,035.00
Xmas Raffle			\$ 2,781.00

“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!



**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**Feast Day—January 4<sup>th</sup>**



Mother Seton is one of the key-stones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity.

She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others. The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new “holocaust,” as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness. At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805. To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809. The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

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**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 Tazul (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, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly, Gene Rothe and Ed Hillenbrand for a speedy recovery.



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**GREECE PILGRIMAGE**  
*In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise*  
 Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

**“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 30<sup>th</sup>—November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



***K of C Council 5419***



**Fellowship Meeting —Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

For more information, visit us on the web at:  
**<https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>**

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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!

## *We Followed His Star*



**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Corinne Connington

**Music Director:** Terry Hait

**Bookkeeper:** Mike Argiras

**Trustees**

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

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Cheryl Jory

**Finance Chairperson**

Amy Muehl

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