

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil</b>
3:45 PM	+ Maureen Barry by Debi & Henry Sanna + George E. Clements by David & Theresa Clements * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026—The Baptism of the Lord</b>
10:30 AM	+ Mary & Joan Longendyke by Jim Longendyke + Ed Cacioppo by Debi & Henry Sanna * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>
9:00 AM	No Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>
11:00 AM	No Adoration
12:00 PM	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil</b>
3:45 PM	+ James Schildt by Debi & Henry Sanna + Halley Ferris by Debi & Henry Sanna * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
10:30 AM	+ Karen Heaton by Debi & Henry Sanna + Gary Schmitt by Amy & Bernie + William & Mary Gartung by David & Theresa Clements * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

## Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> & Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 616.00	\$ 1,647.00	\$ 2,263.00
Solemnity of Mary			\$ 515.00
Candles/Poor Bx			\$ 73.02

"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!

## Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 01/17/2026 & 01/18/2026

**3:45 PM: Melinda McTaggart, 10:30 AM Michael Jonker**

Eucharistic Ministers: 01/17/2026 & 01/18/2026

**3:45 PM: Pat Fowble, 10:30 AM Barbara Guilfoyle**

Altar Servers: 01/18/2026

**10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelley, Charlotte Kelley**

Greeters: 01/18/2026

**10:30 AM: Helen Siems & Natalie Provencher**

Ushers: 01/18/2026

**10:30 AM: Knights of the Columbus**

Readings for the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:14-20/Mt 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1-21/Mk 2:13-17

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
The Baptism of the Lord

Op. 712—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Psalm 29: The Lord Will Bless His People

Off. 623—I Have Loved You

Comm. 798—Spirit and Grace

Cl. 573—All the Ends of the Earth

## Lector &amp; 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

## St. Joseph

## 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 \$6,499.00 from 17 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish.

Saint Theodosius  
Feast Day—January 11<sup>th</sup>

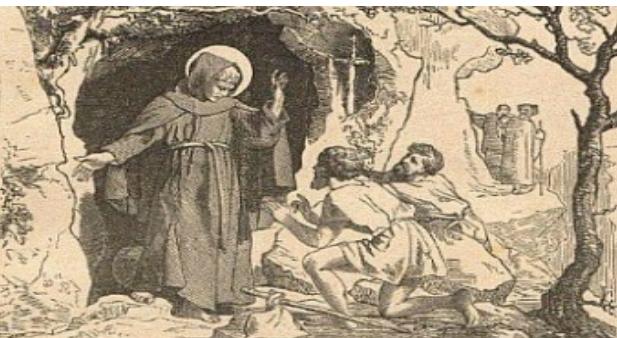
Theodosius was born in Garissus, Cappadocia in 423. He took to the road as a pilgrim, and, in his travels visited the famous St. Simeon the Stylite on his pillar.

Eventually, he retired as a hermit to a cave on a mountain near Bethlehem, but his sanctity and miracles attracted many who wished to serve God under his direction.

A spacious monastery was built on a place called Cathismus, which became a haven of saints in the desert. Persecuted by Emperor Anastasius who favored the Eutychian heresy, Theodosius traveled extensively through Palestine exhorting the faithful to remain strong in the faith of the four general councils.

The Emperor ordered the saint's banishment, which was executed, but Theodosius died soon after in 529 at the advanced age of one hundred and five.

His funeral was honored by miracles, and he was buried in his first cell, called the Cave of the Magi, because the wise men who visited the Infant Christ were said to have lodged in it. (reprinted from Our Lady of Fatima)



## 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.

## 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



A Franciscan priest and theologian, Bl. Duns Scotus famously debated against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, defending Mary's Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Bl. Duns Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power. His public defense of the papacy as the head of the Church eventually got him thrown out of the country.

## WATCH ON FORMED!!

Evangelization  
Process & Obstacles

On Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., John Fencik will present a program on Evangelization to our Pastoral Council and any of our parishioners who may be interested in participating in bringing others into our Catholic faith.

For over 30 years, the Church has called for a "New Evangelization". This program will present a definition of evangelization and why it is critical for the life of the Church and our Diocese today.

What does it involve? Who should be involved? Is this another program? Why should I care? Do I have a role in the new evangelization? What's the goal?

If you can not attend on Wednesday, the program will be offered on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul in Cobleskill.

## Eucharistic Ministers &amp; 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.

## Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

(Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas)

## 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.

## 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 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 Addesso, 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>

**Building Fund 2nd Collection**  
Next weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for the Building Fund. Your donations help St. Joseph's stay up with the needed repairs each year. Thank you.



## 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!

*This is My Beloved Son*



## 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

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Cheryl Jory

**Finance Chairperson**

Amy Muehl

Will you please remember "St. Joseph's Church"  
in your Last Will?

**January 11<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!**