

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday** January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil  
 3:45 PM + James Schildt by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Halley Ferris by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Robert Haskell by Barbara Evans  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 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

**Wednesday** January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

9:00 AM No Mass

**Friday** January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
 11:00 AM No Adoration  
 12:00 PM No Mass

**Saturday** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil  
 3:45 PM + Matthew LaPierre by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Sophie Jahnke by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 \* In honor of St. Jude for prayers answered\* by Barbara Evans  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 10:30 AM + Fr. Ronald Green by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Elena Jimenez Romero by Antoinette Competiello  
 + Jean Winter by Jim Longendyke  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

## Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> & Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 639.00	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 2,003.00
Fuel & Heat	\$ 784.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 1,344.00

"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!

## Liturgical Ministers

**Lectors: 01/24/2026 & 01/25/2026**

3:45 PM: Ed Hillenbrand, 10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle

**Eucharistic Ministers: 01/24/2026 & 01/25/2026**

3:45 PM: Joe Poliseno, 10:30 AM: Catherine Snyder

**Altar Servers: 01/25/2026**

10:30 AM: Pete Daempfle, Liam Wellington

**Greeters: 01/25/2026**

10:30 AM: Helen Siems & Samantha Hoecker

**Ushers: 01/25/2026**

10:30 AM: Riely Poole & Nolan Stroosnyder

Readings for the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 818—Here I Am, Lord

Psalm 40: Here am I

Off. 548—Precious Lord or 816 Servant Song

Comm. 785—Behold the Lamb

Cl. 682—Though the Mountains May Fall

## 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.

A Big Welcome  
to  
Our Visiting Priests

Fr. David Mickiewicz will be presiding at our masses this weekend. This is Fr. David's first time at St. Joseph's. Please let's welcome him to our parish!!



Fr. John Rossom will be returning to St. Joseph's for three weeks while Fr. Joe is away. We are asking anyone who is interested in donating some food items for Fr. John who is staying here, please call the rectory for any items you would like to drop off.

## January Birthdays

This weekend we will be having a birthday cake celebration for the month of January. Please come and join us after the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome!!



## Building Fund 2nd Collection

This 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.

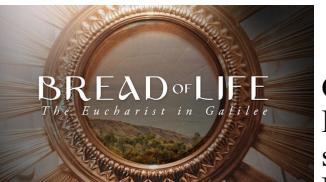
## Out of the Office

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



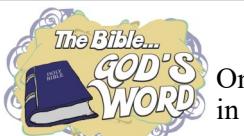
Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray in Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

## WATCH ON FORMED!!

Learn and pray with Brother Francis in any of the four seasons offered below!



Season 1: Daily Meditations (New This Year!)  
 Season 2: 4-part Series  
 Season 3: Let's Learn about Lent  
 Season 4: The Stations of the Cross  
 Watch of Formed!!



Bible Study Class  
 On Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m., come join us in reading scripture with John Fencik, and getting insight and understanding what the coming Sunday's readings try to convey. We do discuss and you may present questions to John to better appreciate the readings for that week. Please call the office for additional information.



Many thanks to all who contributed to our Heat & Fuel Collection last weekend. Without your help, we could not keep our buildings warmly heated throughout our cold winter!!

## 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.



## St. Margaret of Hungary Feast Day—January 18<sup>th</sup>

### Vowed to God

Margaret was born to King Bela IV of Hungary and his wife Mary Lascaris at a time when the Tatars were invading Hungary.

The king offered to dedicate their child to the Church if Hungary was freed from the Tatars. It was, and so Margaret was brought to the Dominican convent at Vesper time at the age of three.

Somewhat later, Bela and his queen built a convent for their daughter on an island in the Danube near Buda, and there, when she was twelve years old, she made her profession.

### Refuses marriage

When Margaret was 18, Ottokar, King of Bohemia, sought her hand in marriage, even after he had seen her in her religious dress. A dispensation could easily have been arranged, and Bela was inclined to favor it for political reasons. But Margaret declared that she would cut off her nose and lips rather than consent to leave the cloister. In fact, when she became aware of a tendency to treat her with special consideration, she deliberately sought to perform the services that were most menial and repulsive, and with an extraordinary tenderness and charity. Probably she was allowed her own way in this where a stronger superior might have prevented excesses.

### Excesses and miracles

In the process for her beatification begun soon after death, many of her contemporaries told of these excesses and of miracles in which Margaret was involved. The sacristan told how Margaret would stroke her hand and coax her to leave the door of the choir open after Compline so that she might spend the night before the Blessed Sacrament when she ought to have been sleeping.

One of the convent maids fell into a well and was on the point of drowning but was saved by Margaret's prayers. Asked what she thought of Margaret, she said, "She was good, holy and edifying in her conduct, a lot humbler than we serving-maids". Intense too were Margaret's prayer life and penance. She spent every Friday in tears, contemplating the suffering of Jesus. She worked much for the relief of the poor and sick.

### Extravagance of austerities shortened her life

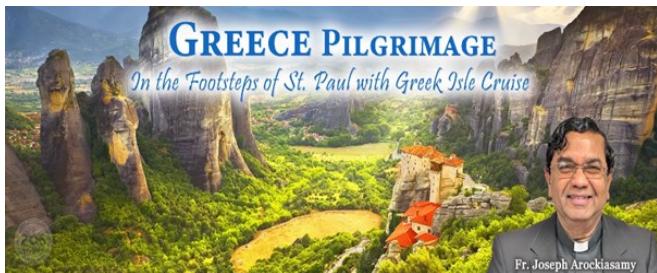
No doubt Margaret shortened her life by her austerities. At the end of every Lent, she would be exhausted by fasting and lack of sleep. On Holy Thursday she claimed the right as the daughter of the convent's founders to wash the feet not only of the sisters but also the servants. Worn out by her efforts, she died on 18 January 1270 aged only twenty-eight. Her cause began soon after and there is much contemporary evidence of her life, but she was not canonized till 1943 (by Pope Pius XII). (taken from EWTN)



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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>

### Prayer Remembrance

Please, remember all of our home-bound, 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 Ed Hillenbrand, Adrian Origoni and Alvira Braga for a speedy recovery.

### 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

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**Pastoral Council Chairperson**

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# 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!

**January 18<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!**

