

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 2nd, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill Colin

Sunday December 3rd, 2023—First Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM + Henry Nicholas Sanna, William G. Gartung, Nicholas H. Sanna by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie
 + Al & Eva Gran by Millie Kenyon
 + Jadwiga Kruk by Maggie
For an End to Abortion by Bill Colin

Wednesday December 6th, 2023
9:00 AM + Angela Gallina by Tony & Maryann Basile & Family
 + Edith Jester by Henry & Debi Sanna

Friday December 8th, 2023—Immaculate Conception
5:00 PM Adoration
6:00 PM + For the Departed Souls of St. Joseph Parish
For an End to Abortion by Bill Colin

Saturday December 9th, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill Colin

Sunday December 10th, 2023—Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM + Virginia Ricciardi & Sister Paula DeRogatis by Marie Roberts
 + Mary Filipowski by Sean & Kathy Filipowski
For an End to Abortion by Bill Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 November 25th & November 26th, 2023

| | Sat | Sun | Total |
|---------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Regular | \$850.00 | \$1,225.00 | \$ 2,075.00 |

“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!

Instagram

St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul now have an Instagram. If you have Instagram, look for “[joevin138](#)”,

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 12/09/2023 & 12/10/2023
3:45 PM: Pat Fowble
10:30 AM: Janet Wennernker

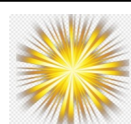
Eucharistic Ministers: 12/09/2023 & 12/10/2023
3:45 PM: David Clements
10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Altar Servers: 12/10/2023
10:30 AM: Emily & Molly Snyder

Greeter: 12/10/2023
10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder

Ushers: 12/10/2023
10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja & Lola Kelley

Readings for the week of December 3rd, 2023
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



**Discipleship Formation
 Donations Needed!!**



Discipleship Formation has been collecting unused Christmas cards recently. Along with the cards, we would also like to collect dollar store 2024 calendars and hand creams for the nursing homes in our local area. All donations may be dropped off in the parish hall with the unused Christmas cards. A container for donations will be provided in the hall. Please consider donating. Let’s be a beacon of light for the residents in the nursing homes. They are lonely and miss their loved ones and for some this is all that they may receive.
 God Bless, Corinne Connington –DFCC

The Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2023-2024 Diocesan Appeal



The Diocesan Appeal for 2023-2024 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners. Our assessment this year is \$17,203.00. To date, we have received 4,318.00 in donations from 22 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish and other parishes throughout the Albany Diocese. Thank you.

Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council meeting on December 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Community Christmas Baskets

Please donate the following items for our Community Christmas Baskets:
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Jams & Jellies
 Canned Vegetables



Place your items in the bin in the hallway through the 1st week of December.



**Jesse Tree Decoration
 December 3rd**

Students from Discipleship Formation will be decorating the Jesse Tree at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend, December 3rd. Please come and enjoy this special event.

Youth Baking—December 16th

On Saturday at 12:00 p.m. youth cookie making and preparing boxed cookies for home-bound. Any youth that cannot make it, are invited to come in the later afternoon to help package the homemade cookies.



No Mass

There will be no masses on December 12th through December 15th. A Communal Penance Service will be held December 15th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s.

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

December Birthdays

Honoring the day of one’s birth is important; it is a celebration of how unique we all are made. Though we are wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God, each one of us shine differently and have different attributes of God. This weekend, December 10th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will be having a birthday cake celebration. All are welcome!!

**1st Reconciliation &
 Communal Penance Service**

We have a communal penance service for all the parishioners and also, the 1st Reconciliation Service for Lucas McHargue, Hanna Lorenz and Peter Daempfle. Please come and join them. We encourage all parishioners to take this opportunity to attend and receive His mercy and forgiveness.

**Discipleship Formation
 Angel Sale**

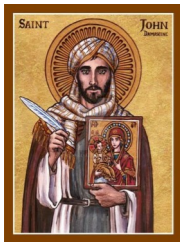


The children from Discipleship Formation are still selling Remembrance Angels for \$5.00 each to be put on the St. Joseph’s Christmas tree this year. These angels are not only for the deceased, they can be for the ailing or someone that needs prayers. They will be displayed at social hour in the parish hall and can be purchased at that time. The children from Discipleship Formation will place the angels on the their Christmas tree.

“A great means to preserve continual peace and tranquility of the soul is to receive everything from the hands of God, both great and small, and in whatever way it comes”...St. Dorotheus

*****For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.*****

Meeting I.D. 284 272 6978
 Password: 359189



St. John Damascene
Feast Day—December 4th

St. John Damascene was born at Damascus, Syria, about 674. He was the son of Mansur, a treasury official of Damascus, and was tutored by the monk Cosmas. When the Christians lost control of Damascus to Moslem invaders, his father continued to serve the new Moslem government of Caliph Yazid. It is thought that John succeeded his father in the post of chief revenue officer to Caliph Abdul Malek. As Moslem rule increasingly restricted the religious rights of Christians, John withdrew to the monastery of St. Sabas, near Jerusalem, about 715 and became a monk and priest.

In 726 the Byzantine Emperor, Leo the Isaurian, condemned the use of religious images by Christians. John spoke out for many of the bishops of the East against the interference of the secular government in religious matters. He gained the enmity of the Emperor and his successor, Constantine Copronymus, for his stand. Because Jesus Christ became flesh and lived, taught and died in human form, John wrote, the Christian faith supports the practice of representing the Lord, his mother, and the saints in pictures. Besides his defense of images, John wrote against other Christian heresies troubling the Church of this time.

Among John's extensive writings are the *Fount of Wisdom*, his synthesis of Greek theology, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, *The Discourses Against the Attackers of Holy Images*, and a number of beautiful homilies honoring Mary, the Mother of God. A brilliant theologian, poet, eloquent writer and speaker, he is the last great theological figure of the early Greek Church.

He died on December 4, 749, and his room is still preserved at his monastery near Jerusalem. St. John Damascene is a Doctor of the Church. (reprinted from *The Book of Saints*, Regina Press, 2010)

*O God, you nourished me with spiritual milk,
the milk of your sacred words.
You strengthened me with the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
O Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself
to bear on your shoulders the straying sheep that
was I, and feed me in verdant pastures,
and nourish me with true teaching, so that I,
in turn, could feed your flock.*

Prayer Remembrance

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all the cancer patients and COVID 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, William Libasci, and Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, Shannon Colin, Alexander Mustico, Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold, Bob Colichio, Tom Morton, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Charles Dufresne. Linda Clements and Sharon Heller for a speedy recovery.



Knights of Council 5419



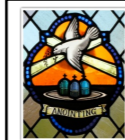
Coats for Kids— Beginning in December, the Knights of Council 5419 will distribute winter coats for children, youth and adults. If you know of anyone in need of a new or slightly used coat, please let a Knight know. Donations are welcome as well.

For more information, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419/coats-for-kids>



St. Joseph's Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception—Dec. 8th—5:00 pm—
Adoration, 6:00 pm—Mass
Friday—Dec. 8th—No 12:00 pm Mass
Saturday Mass—Dec. 23rd—3:45 pm
Sunday Mass—Dec. 24th—10:30 am
Christmas Eve—Dec. 24th—5:30 pm
Christmas Day—Dec. 25th—11:00 am
New Year's Day—Jan. 1st—12:00 pm



Healing and Anointing of the Sick

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

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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!

Lord, Let Us See Your Face

Have The Door Open When The Lord Comes



December 3rd, 2023

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

Contact the Parish Office

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please call the Parish Office

All are Welcome to St. Joseph!

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

Secretary: Joan DeBenedittis

Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children: Corinne Connington

Music Director: Terry Hait

Guitarist: Richard Gruber

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

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