

Mass Intentions

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
 + Mary Longendyke by Amy & Bernie
 For an End to Abortion by Bill Colin

Wednesday December 13th, 2023
9:00 AM No Mass

Friday December 15th, 2023
 No Mass

6:00 PM 1st Reconciliation & Communal Penance Service

Saturday December 16th, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM + Joann Guernsey by Don & Karen Jahnke
 For an End to Abortion by Bill Colin

Sunday December 17th, 2023—Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM + Mary Kersman by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + Mary Longendyke by Jim Longendyke
 + Doris Colin by Bill Colin
 For an End to Abortion by Bill Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

December 2nd & December 3rd, 2023

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$644.00	\$1,316.05	\$ 1,960.05
Xmas Bout.			\$ 928.10
Xmas Raffle			\$ 1,700.00
Candles			\$ 54.00
Poor Box			\$ 2.00

“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: 12/16/2023 & 12/17/2023

3:45 PM: Bill Fredette

10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Eucharistic Ministers: 12/16/2023 & 12/17/2023

3:45 PM: Tina McGurrin

10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 12/17/2023

10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Griffin Kelley

Greeter: 12/17/2023

10:30 AM: Molly Snyder

Ushers: 12/17/2023

10:30 AM: Quinn Serdy, Emily Snyder

Readings for the week of December 10th, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



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, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

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 5,737.00 in donations from 23 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.

Community Christmas Baskets



Thank you to all of our parishioners who donated to our Community Christmas Baskets. Many families will be thankful for receiving such needed food at this time of year. God bless!

Jesse Tree Decoration



Students from Discipleship Formation will continue decorating the Jesse Tree at the 10:30 a.m. Mass,. 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.

St. Joseph’s Parish Annual Raffle Winners

Anne Sally—\$300.00

Joan DeBenedittis—\$ 100.00

Josh Atwood—\$100.00

Millie Kenyon—\$50.00

Arthur Verity—\$50.00



“Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us. Both are good when both are possible, otherwise, prayer is better than reading. In confession there is Mercy. Believe it firmly, do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God”...St. Isidore of Seville

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!!

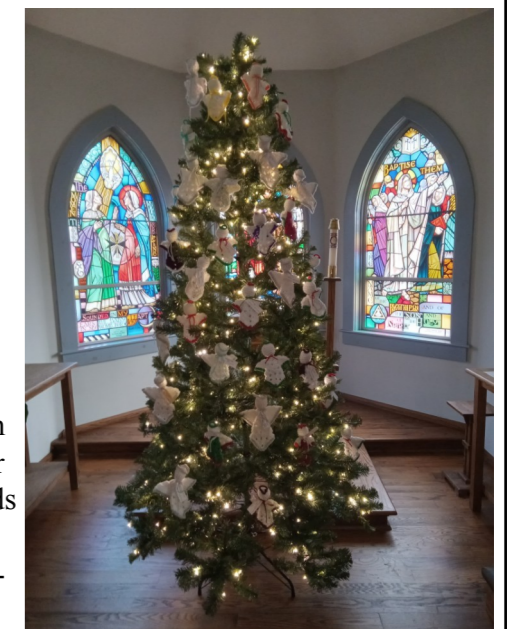
1st Reconciliation & Communal Penance Service

We have a communal penance service for all the parishioners and also, the 1st Reconciliation Service for Lucas McHargue, Hanna Lorenz and Peter Daempfle on December 15th at 6:00 p.m. 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 angels will be displayed on the Christmas tree by the baptismal font in the church.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe
Feast Day—December 12th**



On December 9, 1531, ten years after the Spanish conquest of Mexico, the Blessed Virgin appeared on the Tepeyac hill, then three miles from Mexico City, to Juan Diego, an Indian convert who was on his way to catechetical instructions. She told him she wished a shrine to be built there. When Juan Diego told Bishop Zumarraga what had happened, he refused to believe him and asked for a sign.

Three days later, on December 12, the Blessed Mother appeared again to Juan and told him to gather in his coarsely woven cloak, roses which she arranged. When they were presented to Bishop Zumarraga he saw a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe impressed on the cloak. The shrine at Guadalupe, where the picture is kept, was built in 1709 and is one of the great Marian shrines in the world and a national treasure for the Mexican people.

The hill of Tepeyac had a special meaning for the Indian people. A temple dedicated to the mother of a pagan god once stood there. The appearance of Mary dressed in their own clothing was a powerful incentive in the conversion of the native people to Christianity.

Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas. (reprinted from The Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
pray for us sinners.*

**Christmas Party/Story Time
Discipleship Formation and All
December 21st—5:30 p.m.**

**“For the Young and Young at Heart”
Readings by Jeanette Castro & Barbara Guilfoyle**

“The Wise Men Who Found Christmas”
“The Legend of the Candy Cane”

**Hot chocolate, snacks and crafts to follow
Christmas Movie for the younger classes
Christmas Caroling for the youths
(battery operated candles will be provided)**

PLEASE DRESS WARM

(We will have a list of the homebound for cookie delivery)



GOD BLESS!!!



Knights of Council 5419



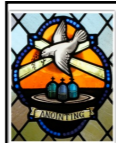
Knights of Columbus Meeting— Tuesday, December 12th at St. Joseph’s in Worcester. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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



St. Joseph’s Holiday Mass Schedule

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

This 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.

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.

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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!

Preparing for the Lord’s Coming

Pioneers and Trailblazers



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?**

December 10th, 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!