

**Mass Intentions**

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

**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 & Lu

**Wednesday December 20th, 2023**  
**9:00 AM** + Morrisa McCoy by Jim & Joan Tiner

**Friday December 22nd, 2023**  
**12:00 PM** + For the Departed Souls of St. Joseph Parish

**Saturday December 23rd, 2023—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** \*For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu

**Sunday December 24th, 2023—Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30 AM** + Mary Longendyke by Amy & Bernie  
 \*For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu

**Sunday December 24th, 2023—Christmas Eve Mass**  
**5:30 PM**

**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

December 9th & December 10th, 2023

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$398.00	\$1,399.76	\$ 1,960.05
Xmas Bout.			\$ 93.00
Xmas Don			\$ 270.00
Xmas Flow			\$ 90.00
Bldg Fnd			\$ 35.00

“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: 12/23/2023 & 12/24/2023**

**3:45 PM: Ed Hillenbrand**

**10:30 AM: Kathy Filipowski**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 12/23/2023 & 12/24/2023**

**3:45 PM: Pat Fowble**

**10:30 AM: Linda Cacioppo**

**Altar Servers: 12/24/2023**

**10:30 AM: Lola Kelley, Griffin Kelley**

**Greeter: 12/24/2023**

**10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder**

**Ushers: 12/24/2023**

**10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja**

Readings for the week of December 17th, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66



**Discipleship Formation Donations Needed!!**



Discipleship Formation is still collecting 2024 calendars and hand creams for the nursing homes in our local area. All donations must be received by December 21st.

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**

**My soul, my soul rejoices in my God.**

**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.

**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**



A Big Thank You to all of the youths and helpers who made our cookie making and boxed cookies preparation for the homebound successful.

**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!!!**

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

Meeting I.D. 284 272 6978

Password: 359189

**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

**\*\*Discipleship Formation Reminder\*\***

Children must return for Discipleship Formation classes on January 7th. Please make note of this!! Thank you.

**“Occupy your minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones. Unoccupied, they cannot be...” St. John the Baptist**

**Lector & Eucharist 2024 Schedule**

The new schedules have been prepared for January, 2024 to June, 2024 and are located in the folder on the Sacristy door. Please take one and review it. If there are any conflicts that you may have with the dates assigned to you, please contact the rectory and we will make the necessary changes.

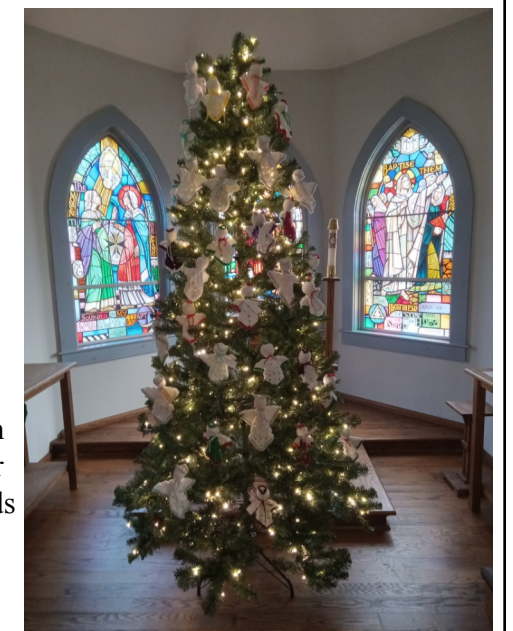
Thank you.

**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. There are only 3 Angels left in the parish hall

and can be purchased there. The angels will be displayed on the Christmas tree by the baptismal fount in the church.







**St. Peter Canisius**  
**Feast Day—December 21st**

St. Peter was born at Nijmegen, Holland, in 1521 into a prominent political family. He studied Canon Law at Louvain and received his master of arts degree at Cologne University in 1540. In 1543, while attending a retreat given by Blessed Peter Faber at Mainz, he decided to enter the Jesuits.

After some years of prayer and study in Cologne, Peter was ordained in 1546. He began a career of writing and preaching and went to the Council of Trent for two sessions as a delegate. He returned to Rome and was commissioned by St. Ignatius Loyola to teach in the first Jesuit school at Messina. In 1549, he went to Ingolstadt, Germany, at the request of Duke William IV of Bavaria. In 1552, King Ferdinand asked Peter to go to Vienna. Peter's mission in Germany was to labor for the Church in its struggle with the Reformation. He taught at universities in Ingolstadt and Vienna and his preaching caused a religious revival among the Catholic people. He founded a new college at Prague in 1556 and won the respect of both Catholics and Protestants. He lived in Augsburg from 1559 to 1565 as the Jesuit superior and directed the ministry of his community for the revival of Catholicism in southern Germany.

Peter was a prolific writer and his famous catechism, or **Summary of Christian Doctrine**, was published in 1555. He produced a number of well-known catechisms, theological writings, editions of the writings of early Church theologians, as well as controversial essays. He went to Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1580 to establish a university. Today, the University of Fribourg is the result of his efforts. Peter died at Fribourg on December 21, 1597, leaving behind a vast legacy of apostolic works for the Church he loved so dearly.

St. Peter Canisius has been called the "Second Apostle of Germany"—the first being St. Boniface. In his diary, he recalled the first commission he received in Rome to go to labor among the German people: "You know, Lord, how strongly and how often you committed Germany to my care on that very day. I was to continue to be solicitous for it thereafter; I was to desire to live and die for it." St. Peter Canisius is a Doctor of the Church. (reprinted from *The Book of Saints*, Regina Press, 2010)

**My Savior,**  
**You told me to draw the waters of my salvation**  
**from wellsprings.**  
**I am eager that the streams of faith, hope and**  
**love should flow into me from you.**

**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**



Wishing all our fellow parishioners a blessed Advent season!

For information on upcoming meetings and events, visit our website: <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  
Saturday Mass—Dec. 30th—3:45 pm  
Sunday Mass—Dec. 31st—10:30 am  
New Year's Day—Jan. 1st—12:00 pm

**Discipleship Formation**  
**Christmas Pageant**



Our Christmas pageant will take place on Sunday, December 24th during the 10:30 am Mass. Any children who are signed up, should be here no later than 9:45 am. Please come and enjoy this presentation of the Nativity performed by our Discipleship Formation children. And, please bring a friend!!

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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!

Exult For Joy

The One You Do Not Know



**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 17th, 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!**