

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday** December 30th, 2023—Vigil  
 3:45 PM + Anna Diehl by Karen Jahnke  
 \*For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu

**Sunday** December 31st, 2023—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 10:30 AM + Elsie Conte by Bill Colin  
 \*For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu

**Monday** January 1st, 2024—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
 11:00 AM Adoration  
 12:00 PM “For the Parishioners of St. Joseph”

**Wednesday** January 3rd, 2024  
 9:00 AM

**Friday** January 5th, 2024  
 12:00 PM \*For the Departed Souls of St. Joseph Parish

**Saturday** January 6th, 2024—Vigil  
 3:45 PM + Betty Norman by the Family  
 + Mary Ann Dewitt by Vincent Moreno  
 \*For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu

**Sunday** January 7th, 2024—The Epiphany of the Lord  
 10:30 AM + Sister Louise Grube by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 \*For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu

**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

December 23rd & December 24th, 2023

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$765.00	\$1,044.00	\$ 1,620.00
Christmas			\$ 5,292.00
Xmas Flowers			\$ 445.00
Candles			\$ 60.00
Poor Box			\$ 17.25

“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: 01/06/2024 & 01/07/2024**

3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory

10:30 AM: Sean Filipowski

**Eucharistic Ministers: 01/06/2024 & 01/07/2024**

3:45 PM: David Clements

10:30 AM: Dorothy Kupres

**Altar Servers: 01/07/2024**

10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Emily Snyder

**Greeter: 01/07/2024**

10:30 AM: Griffin Kelley

**Ushers: 01/07/2024**

10:30 AM: Lola Kelley, Quinn Serdy

Readings for the week of December 31st, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3 ;12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Solemnity of Mary: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38

**Bible Study Class**

Bible Study Class will resume on Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 PM.

**“The Lord Is More”**



Start your New Year with a healthy relationship with the Lord. No need to run after the relics! Come and see the Lord at Adoration.

**The Responsorial Psalm**

May God bless us in his mercy.

**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.



**Three Kings Day**

Come All, to see our Discipleship Formation children participate in all **Kings Day** on the **Solemnity of the Epiphany** on January 7th during the 10:30 am Mass. On this Feast day, the Church celebrates the manifestation of Christ to all nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi’s (they are also referred as wise men and kings.)

The Date of the Epiphany is on the general calendar of the church as January 6th, in the United States and in other countries, it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so that all Catholics can participate in the Mass.



The Lord comes into the lives of the fisherman and he transforms the meaning of the nets. Christ gives the fisherman the strength of faith to be fishers of men. This allows them to catch the souls in the new nets. Christ works to transform all our lives. The nets of our hearts where we hold everything that is dear to God will be caught in the net with love. Believe and have faith as the Apostles did, and leave a small prayer intention in the net by writing the intention of the fish.

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.

Happy New Year from Fr. Joe and staff.

May you have a joyful New Year with your family  
 God Bless You!!

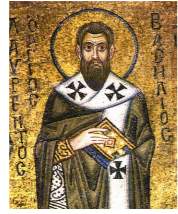
**Discipleship Formation  
 2023 Christmas Pageant**

On Sunday, December 25, 2023, the children of our Discipleship Formation class presented to our parishioners the Nativity of Our Lord pageant. Here are a few pictures of the children for you to enjoy!!



“If there be a true way that leads to the Everlasting Kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured”.....St. Colette

**St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen**  
**Feast Day—January 2nd**



These two saints are honored together because they were friends on earth. School-mates at Athens, they were baptized on the same day and they both became holy priests and bishops.

**St. Basil the Great** was born in Caesarea, Capadocia, Asia Minor in 330. He came from a saintly family that kept the Christian faith through years of terrible persecution. His grandmother, Macrina the Elder; his father and mother, Basil the Elder and Emmelia; his sister, Macrina; and his younger brothers, Gregory of Nyssa and Peter of Sebaste, are all venerated as saints.

He attended schools in Caesara, Constantinople and Athens. In Athens, Basil formed a deep friendship with Gregory Nazianzen, a fellow classmate.

About 358, Basil founded a monastery by the Iris River in Pontus. He lived there for about five years, praying and studying. While there, he wrote a rule of monastic life based on his experience. Monks and nuns of the Eastern Church today still follow his rule. Basil's monastic rule is to the Eastern Church what St. Benedict's rule was to the Western Church.

Basil was ordained in 363 and became Bishop of Caesarea in 370. He was an eloquent teacher who fearlessly upheld the rights of the Church against the Arian heresy. Arianism denied the divinity of Christ, and many Orthodox Christians were persecuted by Emperor Valens.

Basil died in 379 and is considered one of the great Doctors of the Church.



**Knights of Council 5419**



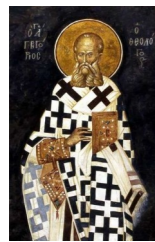
The Knights of Council 5419 would like to wish **Father Joe and all of the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish a very blessed 2024!!**



**St. Joseph's Holiday**  
**Mass Schedule**



Saturday Mass—Dec. 30th—3:45 pm  
 Sunday Mass—Dec. 31st—10:30 am  
 New Year's Day—Jan. 1st  
 Adoration—11:00 am  
 Mass—12:00 pm



**St. Gregory Nazianzen** was of a different temperament than Basil. He was born in Nazianzus, Cappadocia, in 330. His parents, Gregory Nazianzen the Elder and Nonna, are also venerated as saints. After attending school in Athens with Basil, he soon joined him at the monastery in Pontus. Gregory was sensitive, peace-loving, retiring, and had no taste for the rough political struggles and intrigue that marked the Church of his day.

He was reluctantly ordained a priest by his father in 362, and became the Bishop of Sasima in 372. Gregory, along with Basil, was a staunch defender of the Church against Emperor Valens and the Arian heretics. Upon the death of the emperor, Gregory was named the Bishop of Constantinople in 380.

As Bishop of Constantinople, he was treated with contempt by the majority of his people who were turned against him by jealous rivals. At one point, he had only one small church from which he could speak, but his words and holiness soon became known throughout the Christian world.

In 382, when order had been restored, Gregory retired to Nazianzus where he spent the rest of his years in prayer and reflection. One of the great Doctors of the Church, Gregory died in 389. He is often called "the Theologian" because of his spiritual poetry, his writings on the Trinity, and the eloquence of his sermons. (reprinted from Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010).

**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!

For Holy Families Today

A Family Where Children Can Grow Up



**December 31st, 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?**