

Presider: Father John Rosson

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 3rd, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM + Betty Norman by the Norman Family
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Sunday February 4th, 2024—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Anna Diehl by Don & Karen Jahnke
 + Bishop Hubbard by Debi & Henry Sanna
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Wednesday February 7th, 2024
9:00 AM No Mass

Friday February 9th, 2024
12:00 PM No Mass

Saturday February 10th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM + Robert Hermanowski by the Golja Family
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Sunday February 11th, 2024—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Gombatista “Jumper” Leggio by Lorraine & Richard Gruber
 + Gina Bermel by Debi & Henry Sanna
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

January 27th & January 28th, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 784.00	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 2,719.00
Fuel/Heat	\$ 370.00	\$ 476.00	\$ 846.00
Heart of Mary	\$ 40.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 540.00

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.”

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Instagram

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



Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 02/10/2024 & 02/11/2024

3:45 PM: Teresa Millias

10:30 AM: Kathy Filipowski

Eucharistic Ministers: 02/10/2024 & 02/11/2024

3:45 PM: Denise Weber

10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Altar Servers: 02/11/2024

10:30 AM: Liam Serdy

Greeter: 02/11/2024

10:30 AM: Quinn Serdy

Ushers: 02/11/2024

10:30 AM: Quinn Serdy, Griffin Kelley

Readings for the week of February 4th, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

February 4th, 2024—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 593—“Lift Up Your Hearts” or 448—Holy, Holy, Holy

Psalm 147: “Praise the Lord, Who Heals the Brokenhearted”

Off. 549— “Holy Darkness” or **614** “How Great Thou Art”

Comm. 779—“In the Breaking of the Bread”

Cl. 566—“Holy God We Praise Thy Name”

Eucharistic Ministers & 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.

The Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

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 6,387.00 in donations from 26 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.

Change of Heart, The New Evangelization

When it comes to evangelization and how we can spread Christ’s mission, then we need to ponder on these words, “**How can I change?**”...

Not “**What Can We Change?**” If you want to change the world, we need to alter what is inside our heart, that is where peace begins.



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 on the fish. God bless!!

Starting on Wednesday, February 14th, we will have our Intention Net placed by the Baptismal Font. If anyone wishes to have a person’s name placed on it, there will be a basket with the fish in it. Please write the name of the person with your intention and we will place it on the fishermen’s net throughout our Lenten Season.



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



**Coming Soon!!
St. Joseph’s Annual Fish Fry**

Starting on Friday, February 16th, we be starting our annual Fish Frys during Lent. Adults—\$15.00/ Children 1/2 portion—\$6.50. Please mark your calendar and come join us for this delicious meal and gathering.

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!!

****We are in need of volunteers to work at the Fish Frys and again, we will need donations of desserts which will be greatly appreciated.** A sign-up sheet for volunteers to work will be on the piano podium.**

**Love Beyond Words
World Marriage Day
February 10th-11th**

Fr. Joe will be having a special celebration for all married couples during the weekend masses.

The symbol of World Marriage Day (WMD) uses **two people as candle-like figures** that are meant to show that the love of a marriage is often used to help bring light to the world. The symbol then joins the couple with a heart, representing the power of love and unity that can give life and inspiration to others.



Mardi Gras Hospitality



Please join our Discipleship Formation Children at our pre-Mardi Gras hospitality on Sunday, February 11th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Learn the connection with Mardi Gras and Lent and why Catholics celebrate it. “Bring your favorite Mardi Gras recipe to share.” Hope to see you all there!!

“He must increase, I must decrease”...St. John the Baptist

**St. Paul Miki & Companions
Feast Day—February 6th**

St. Paul Miki was born at Tounucumada, Japan in 1562, and joined the Society of Jesus in 1580. Paul, along with twenty-five other Christians, was executed by crucifixion on February 5, 1597, at Nagasaki, Japan, by officials determined



to eradicate the Catholic Church from that country. Three Jesuits: Paul Mike, John Goto and James Kisai; six Franciscans: Peter Baptist, Martin De Aguirre, Francis Blanco, Francis of St. Michael, Philip de Las Casas, and Gonsalo Garcia; and seventeen Japanese laymen, all Franciscan tertiaries, were martyred.

A gifted preacher, Paul spoke his last sermon as he died. He proclaimed himself a good Japanese and a good Christian. "As I come to this moment," he told onlookers, "I tell you plainly that Christianity is the only way to salvation. I pardon my enemies and all who offend me, as my faith instructs me. I gladly pardon the emperor and all who sought my death. I beg them to be baptized and become Christians themselves."

Paul urged the others being executed to be strong in faith. They sang psalms and repeated the names of Jesus and Mary. Finally, their executioners killed them one by one with swords.

For almost two centuries after its founding by St. Francis Xavier in 1549, the Japanese Church suffered severe persecutions. Almost 4,000 Japanese Catholics were put to death during that time. Foreign missionaries and priests were banished from the country, churches were destroyed and religious practices prohibited. Not until the late nineteenth century was the Church able to function freely again. (reprinted from Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

**God our Father,
strength of your saints and martyrs
from age to age;
give us courage to be loyal
until death in professing our faith.**

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, Linda Clements, Sharon Heller, Dan Twomey, Alice Hughes and Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire for a speedy recovery.



K of C Council 5419



Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, February 13th at St. Joseph's in Worcester. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

**Ash Wednesday
Distribution of Ashes**

Fr. Joe will be distributing ashes at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

**St. Joseph's Church
150th Year Jubilee Meeting**

There will be a meeting on February 13th in Brooker Hall at 6:00 p.m. for all of the 150th Year Jubilee committees. Please bring any information that you have been able to obtain for this celebration for discussion. Thank you and see you soon.

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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!

**Jesus Healed Many
Who Were Suffering**



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?**

February 4th, 2024

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!