

Mass Intentions

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

Wednesday February 14th, 2024—Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM Service
5:00 PM Mass

Friday February 16th, 2024
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 17th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu

Sunday February 18th, 2024—First Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + Shirley Schoeberl by Don & Karen Jahnke
 + Henry Nicholas Sanna by Debi & Henry Sanna
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

February 3rd & February 4th, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 740.00	\$ 1,714.00	\$ 2,454.00
Candles			\$ 46.25

“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: 02/17/2024 & 02/18/2024

3:45 PM: Melinda McTaggart

10:30 AM: Sean Filipowski

Eucharistic Ministers: 02/17/2024 & 02/18/2024

3:45 PM: Theresa Clements

10:30 AM: Dorothy Kupres

Altar Servers: 02/18/2024

10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelley, Lola Kelley

Greeter: 02/18/2024

10:30 AM: Alyse Snyder

Ushers: 02/18/2024

10:30 AM: Emily Snyder, Angel Mravlja

Readings for the week of February 11th, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

February 11th, 2024—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 672—“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Psalm 32: “I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy salvation.”

Off. 709— “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Comm. 696—“In Every Age or 780 Bread for the World”

Cl. 685—“See Ye First”

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

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of 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 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.

Who is the Least of my Brothers?

We should all treat others as though they are Christ wearing a disguise. Keep in mind this Lenten season and always that we should focus on Corporal works of Mercy, like feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the prisoners, burying the dead, and giving alms to the poor.

Scripture says Whatever you do to the least of my Brothers you do to me. Matthew 25: 31-46



Starting on Ash Wednesday, 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.**



Black Native Latin American Second Collection

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for Black, Native, Latin Americans. This collection enable’s the missions to spread help and support to our brother’s and sister’s in Latin America. Missionaries help in teaching and building up of communities. Please be generous in fostering the spirit of this mission. Thank you.

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 11th**

Fr. Joe will be having a special celebration for all married couples this weekend. 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.

**Discipleship Faith Formation
Food Pantry Challenge**

Starting on February 18th through March 24th, the Discipleship Faith Formation program will be having a Food Pantry Challenge. This is to teach the children about sacrifice and almsgiving, which falls under one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy, (feeding the hungry). The prize for doing this is the joy it will bring to one who is in need.

Each child is to give up something they really LOVE to eat. If a child loves macaroni and cheese, puddings or Oreo, they would give them up and donate it to the food pantry challenge.

Please pray for our children to succeed in obtaining the gift of the Catholic faith.



“To be a Servant of Christ is to be truly free”...St. Agatha

St. Scholastica
Feast Day—February 10th



St. Scholastica, the sister of St. Benedict, most probably his twin, was born in 480. She followed Benedict when he moved to Monte Cassino and established his own monastery. Scholastic settled nearby in Plombariola and founded a community of women, also believed to be under the direction of Benedict. Scholastica is considered to be the first Benedictine nun. The only knowledge we have of her is from an incident St. Gregory the Great describes.

She met with her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed in the monastery, Benedict would come to meet her in a home with several of his followers. At their last meeting, sensing that her death was near, Scholastica was anxious to continue their conversation throughout the night and asked Benedict to remain with her to praise God. When Benedict sought to go, Scholastica began to pray, and such a violent storm arose that he could not go out the door. "I asked you a favor and you refused," she said. "I asked it of God and he granted it." Benedict left the next morning. Three days later, Scholastica died and Benedict saw her soul ascending to God like a dove. (reprinted from Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

Lord, we thank you for hearing the prayers inspired by our love.

Fat Tuesday



What do Catholics do on Fat Tuesday? This day is commonly called "Fat Tuesday" because it's tradition to eat food made with butter, eggs, and fat, such as meat and desserts. It's a day of celebration before many Catholics give up these delicacies for the duration of the Lenten season.

Christian teaching and morals took root, but there always remained a strong need to blend ancient Roman traditional practices with the growing Christian faith. The blending of tradition with new religious beliefs as a common practice in the ancient world and it helped people to transition away from paganism. In fact, there are a number of ancient Roman Catholic Church to this day, where they continue to guide the faithful.

Still, the original intent of Mardi Gras has always been to indulge, within the context of Catholic morality and reason, the last day before the start of the Lenten season. While Lent is a season of self-sacrifice and repentance, it is not meant to be a period of self-punishment or extreme hardship.

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, 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>



Stations of the Cross
Friday-7:00 pm



Each Friday, during Lent, we will be enacting the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please come and participate in this spiritual journey. Let us worship together! God bless.

Sincerest Condolences



Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph's would like to express their sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to Joanne Chamberlin and the Morton family for the passing of Tom, a great husband, father and grandfather.

We pray for the repose of his soul. May our Lord give him eternal reward! May he rest in peace! Amen

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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!

February 11th, 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!

Some People to Be Shunned?



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?**