

Mass Intentions

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

Wednesday January 10th, 2024
 9:00 AM No Mass

Friday January 12th, 2024
 12:00 PM No Mass

Saturday January 13th, 2024—Vigil
 3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu

Sunday January 14th, 2024—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 AM + Ilma Acello by Richard & Lorraine Gruber
 + Marie Saginario by Mary & Phil Saginario
 + John Gartung by Henry & Debi Sanna
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 December 30th & December 31st, 2023

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$589.00	\$1,012.00	\$ 1,620.00
Christmas			\$ 260.00
New Year's			\$ 447.00
Solemnity Of Mary			\$ 290.00
			\$ 2,617.00

“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: 01/13/2024 & 01/14/2024
 3:45 PM: Pat Fowble
 10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen

Eucharistic Ministers: 01/13/2024 & 01/14/2024
 3:45 PM: Mike Fay
 10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 01/14/2024
 10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Emily Snyder

Greeter: 01/14/2024
 10:30 AM: Lola Kelley

Ushers: 01/14/2024
 10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja, Griffin Kelley

Readings for the week of January 7th, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 55:1-11 or Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Catechists Needed

Discipleship Formation for Children is in need of volunteer and substitute catechists for the program. Please contact Corinne Connington at 845-728-3733 if you are interested in helping. Thank you.

2023 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the year 2023 will be sent only to those who request them. If you wish to receive a statement of your donations for tax purpose, please call the parish office. Thank you very much for your generosity.

The Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

What’s more life-giving than investing in the generation that will be sharing the Gospel when we’re not here anymore?

Every investment in your children’s ministry is an investment in the future of your church. Invest wisely.



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!!



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.

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 this Sunday (pending inclement weather). Catechists will be in contact with parents or guardians. Thank you.

**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!!

**Knights of Council 5419
 Coats for Kids**



The Knights of Council are continuing their mission to provide free coats and other items for the children in our area this year. The coats are available in the Parish Hall hallway and if you know of any child or children in need, please come and browse the selection.

**Ash Wednesday—February 14, 2024
 Palm Collection**

We will be collecting blessed palms to be used on Ash Wednesday Services. Please bring any you may have and put them on the table by the Parish Hall. Thank you.

“Your God is ever beside you—indeed, He is even within you. To Sing is to pray twice”...St. Alphonsus Ligouri



St. Raymond of Penafort
Feast Day—January 7th

St. Raymond of Penafort was born in Penafort, Catalonia, Spain in 1175. His family was very prominent and was allied to the kings of Aragon. He was an exceptional student and taught philosophy at the age of twenty in Barcelona.

In 1210, Raymond left Barcelona and went to Bologna to study canon and civil law. He received his doctorate in 1216 and was made archdeacon by Bishop Berengarius of Barcelona in 1219. In 1222, he entered the newly founded Order of St. Dominic, eight months after the death of its founder.

Pope Gregory IX called Raymond to Rome in 1230, and Raymond became his confessor. Pope Gregory IX also commissioned Raymond to collect and codify the papal decrees which had last been done by Gratian in 1150. Raymond completed this task in about three years, and his work became known as the five books of the ‘Decretals.’ This study became the cornerstone of canon law for nearly 700 years.

Raymond was named Bishop of Tarragona in 1235, but had to resign because of ill health. He returned to Barcelona and was elected third master general of the Order of St. Dominic in 1238. He revised the Dominican code and resigned in 1240 at the age of 65.

Over the course of the next thirty-five years, Raymond worked and prayed for the conversion of the Moors. He died in Barcelona on January 6, 1275. (reprinted from Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

*May the God of peace and love
give our hearts rest
and speed us on our journey;
guarding us till we come at least
to that vision of peace
where we know only his riches.*

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 Tausel (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, Sharon Heller and Dan Twomey for a speedy recovery.



Knights of Council 5419



The Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, January 9th at St. Joseph’s in Worcester. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

January 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. The weekend of January 14th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will be having a birthday cake celebration. All are wel-

St. Joseph’s Church
150th Year Jubilee

We will be celebrating the St. Joseph’s Church 150th year Jubilee in 2025 and your help will be greatly appreciated.

We are looking and asking for anyone who has photos of Baptisms, Communions, Confirmations, Weddings or any other celebrations or events that occurred with previous pastors of St. Joseph’s to please contact the rectory. We would love to include these items as part of our celebration.

Thank you for your help in making our Jubilee a remembrance of the many years our church was a integral part of many families lives throughout our community.

ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!

Light Revealed to the Nations
A Savior For All the World



January 7th, 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!

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?**