

Presider: Father John Rosson

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 20th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu
 + Diane Mustico by Mustico Family

Sunday January 21st, 2024—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Fr. Ron Green by Debi & Henry Sanna
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Wednesday January 24th, 2024
9:00 AM No Mass

Friday January 26th, 2024
12:00 PM No Mass

Saturday January 27th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu

Sunday January 28th, 2024—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Sophie Jahnke by Don & Karen Jahnke
 + Manuel Alvarez by Debi & Henry Sanna
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

January 13th & January 14th, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$737.00	\$1,231.00	\$ 1,968.00
Scholarship			\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary			\$ 5.00

“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: 01/27/2024 & 01/28/2024

3:45 PM: Ed Hillebrand

10:30 AM: Dorothy Kupres

Eucharistic Ministers: 01/27/2024 & 01/28/2024

3:45 PM: Joe Polisenio

10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Altar Servers: 01/28/2024

10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Jason Krueger

Greeter: 01/28/2024

10:30 AM: Molly Snyder

Ushers: 01/28/2024

10:30 AM: Quinn Serdy, Emily Snyder

Readings for the week of January 21st, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

January 21st, 2024—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 578—All Creatures of Our God and King or 598—Sing a New Song

Ps. R & A__Missa__ Psalm 25: “Teach me your ways, O Lord.”

Off. 824— Christ, Be Our Light

Comm. 644—Your Words are Spirit and Life

Cl. 835—Companions on the Journey

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

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

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.

Altar, Greeter & Usher Schedule

The new altar server, greeter server and usher schedule is completed. Please pick up your copy in the mailbox by the Sacristy door.

Another schedule will follow, which will include the Holy Week schedule as well. As expressed before, anyone who cannot be present on the date you are scheduled, please call Corinne Connington as soon as possible at 845-728-3733.

God Bless, Corinne Connington, DFFC



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.

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.



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.**

Planting A Seed

Teaching the prayers given in class and attending Mass on Sundays; being involved in the life of the parish community will encourage your children to do the same. The best way we can encourage our children is to cultivate a faithful life and lead by example. When our children go to mass, they hear the word of God and all the prayers and all who praise Him.

The foundations of our faith are repeated week after week and they will stay with our children forever.



**Heart of Mary Scholarship
2nd Collection**



This weekend, there will be a second collection for the “Heart of Mary Scholarship Fund.”

This scholarship is open to Senior High School students registered as a practicing parishioner and who is enrolled or will be enrolled as a student in an undergraduate college or vocational school in the upcoming academic year.

Please support this worthy scholarship to help our young people in their educational endeavors.

“It is better to be a child of God than the King of the world”...St. Aloysius Gonzaga

**St. Agnes
Feast Day—January 21st**



Toward the end of his reign, Emperor Diocletian fearful that Christians were causing the gradual decline of the Roman empire, began a general persecution of the Church in year 303. For about two years, the Christians of Rome lived in fear.

Agnes, born in a wealthy family, was a beautiful young girl of thirteen. She was brought before the Roman governor by some young men incensed by her refusal to marry them. They thought the ordeal of a trial would shake her belief in Jesus Christ and bring her over to their sensual style of life. At first, the judge tried to coax her to renounce her faith by promises of a luxurious and comfortable life. When Agnes remained firm, he tried to terrify her by showing the instruments of torture she would experience if she did not yield. Agnes was then sent to a house of prostitution. Upon her release, she angered the governor when she bravely defended her vow to give herself only to Christ. As a result, he had her executed by the sword. Christians honored this young, defenseless girl for her invincible faith and celebrated her memory by building a shrine in Rome over the place where she was buried on the Via Nomentana. (reprinted from Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

***The Lord is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall want.***

In honor of today's feast of St. Agnes the following is a recipe for Agnesenplätzchen (St. Agnes Cookies), adapting the recipe found in [Cooking with the Saints](#). The recipe for these delicious jam filled shortbread cookies was originally from an old German cookbook first published in 1924.

Agnesenplätzchen (St. Agnes Cookies)

Ingredients:

- 1 1/3 cup butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 jar apricot jam
- powdered sugar (optional)

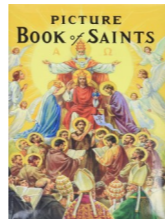
Directions:

Cream the butter with the sugar. Gradually incorporate the flour until it becomes a smooth dough. Refrigerate for about 10 minutes.
On a clean work surface, roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thick. Cut out an even number of circles about 2 inches in diameter. Let the dough rest for about 30 to 60 minutes.
Place on a cookie sheet and bake in a preheated oven at 350°F for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.

Remove from the oven, transfer the cookies to a wire rack and cool completely. Spread apricot jam on the top of one cookie and cover with a second cookie.
Dust with powdered sugar, if desired.



**St. Joseph's Parish Library
Library News**



To this year's resolutions you might consider reading a book on the Lives of the Saints. We have a number of these books in the library, plus we have a number of DVD's in the library, that may be of interest to you or your family. They make for a pleasant evening.

**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 an integral part of many families lives throughout our community.

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, Sharon Heller, Dan Twomey and Alice Hughes 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!

Time Is Running Out



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?

January 21st, 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!