

Presider: Father John Rosson

Mass Intentions

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

Wednesday January 31st, 2024
 9:00 AM No Mass

Friday February 2nd, 2024
 12:00 PM No Mass

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

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 January 20th & January 21st, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 512.00	\$ 954.25	\$ 1,466.25
Heart of Mary	\$ 326.25	\$ 5,583.00	\$ 5,909.25
Candles			\$ 70.50
Poor Box			\$ 23.00

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: 02/03/2024 & 02/04/2024
 3:45 PM: Diane Fedor
 10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Eucharistic Ministers: 02/03/2024 & 02/04/2024
 3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory
 10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 02/04/2024
 10:30 AM: Lola Kelley, Hugo Kelley

Greeter: 02/04/2024
 10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder

Ushers: 02/04/2024
 10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja

Readings for the week of January 28th, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

January 28th, 2024—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 677—“Blest Be the Lord” or 528—“Save Us, O Lord”
Ps 72 Psalm 95: “If Today You Hear God’s Voice”
Off. 664— “Dwelling Place” or 644 “Your Words are Spirit and Life”
Comm. 673—“Be Not Afraid”
Cl. 841—“Beautiful Savior”

2nd Collection—Fuel & Heat

This weekend there will be a second collection for fuel and heat to ensure that our buildings are heated through the cold months of winter and early spring. Thank you for your generosity.

The Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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.

Sowing and Growing



Words are powerful things, and the right words should be deep seeded in our children’s memories. Suddenly the seed will blossom when its least expected especially when it is most needed.

Make Mass a common place for family, come to all to the table of the Lord. When we bring our children to mass as well as ourselves, we are bringing them to the perfect sacrifice offered to God the Father for the salvation of the human race. We are bringing them to Jesus-Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is important for the children to see the parents on their knees before the Lord.

Keep in mind Jesus’ words:

Let the little children come to me do not stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:13-14



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 this weekend for all married couples.

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.

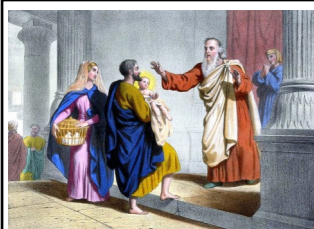


**Heart of Mary Scholarship
 2nd Collection**



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Heart of Mary Scholarship. Our students will be very grateful for your support for this worthwhile scholarship.

“Since God does so much for me, what could I do for Him”...St. Emily De Vialar



Presentation of the Lord Feast Day—February 2nd

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by

Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. St. Luke reports the event:

When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every First-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words:

"Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word.

For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see;

A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."

This feast, celebrated by the Christian Churches of East and West at an early date, has also been called "Candlemas Day" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles." (reprinted from Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple.

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>

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St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats February 3rd & 4th

During the weekend masses, there will be a special blessing of the throats. Please come and join us.



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' Healing Words and Hands



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 28th, 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!