

Mass Intentions

Saturday **March 2nd, 2024—Vigil**
3:45 PM +Leon & Francis Hermanowski by Golja Family
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday **March 3rd, 2024—Third Sunday of Lent**
10:30 AM +James Lavery by Debi & Henry Sanna
 +Charles DuFresne by Richard & Lorraine Gruber
 +Neil Corcoran Sr. by Jeanette Castro
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday **March 6th, 2024**
9:00 AM +Louis Nicholson by Joan & Jim Tiner
 +Mary Lane by Hannah Fitzgerald

Friday **March 8th, 2024**
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Mass
 +Gino Comino by Jim Longendyke

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday **March 9th, 2024—Vigil**
3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday **March 10th, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Lent**
10:30 AM +Winifred Dempsey by Henry & Debi Sanna
 +Tom Morton by Chris Gartung
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
February 24th & February 25th, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 903.00	\$ 849.50	\$ 1,752.50

“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!

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
 Meeting I.D. 284 272 6978
 Password: 359189

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 03/09/2024 & 03/10/2024
3:45 PM: Bill Fredette
10:30 AM: Janet Wenner

Eucharistic Ministers: 03/09/2024 & 03/10/2024
3:45 PM: Tina McGurrin
10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 03/10/2024
10:30 AM: Liam Serdy

Greeter: 03/10/2024
10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelley

Ushers: 03/10/2024
10:30 AM: Jason Krueger & Griffin Kelley

Readings for the week of March 3rd, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

March 3rd, 2024—Third Sunday of Lent

Op. 352—“Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days”
Psalm 19: “Lord, You Have the Words”
Off. 678— “O, God, You Search Me or 626 Come to the Water”
Comm. 770—“In This Place”
Cl. 692—“I Heard The Voice of Jesus or 364 Save Your People”

“That which God commands seems difficult and a burden. The way is rough; you draw back, you have no desire to follow it. Yet do so and you will attain glory....” St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

The Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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 7,087.00 in donations from 28 of our parishioners. **We are still in need of \$10,116 to meet our assessment.** 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.

Come to the Well

We are all in need of conversion although we may not idolize pagan gods, we idolize something in our lives. We must seek and quench our thirst; we can only do that with God. He will reveal his desire for us and wait for us to thirst for him.



**Catholic Relief Services—
Second Collection-March 10th, 2024**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps support grants to not only aid people with urgent needs, but also solve long term challenges. Building water access points delivering feed supplements for livestock affected by lack of water. Your support makes life saving positive impacts in people lives.

Thank you for revealing Christ’s love to people living on the margins of society.

**Discipleship Formation
Easter Basket Raffles**

Discipleship Formation is raffling off two beautiful Easter Baskets. Please stop by the parish hall after 10:30 mass or at the Fish Frys to purchase tickets. Tickets -\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. 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



**We Are Back!!!
St. Joseph’s Annual Fish Fry**

Our annual Fish Frys have started. 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!!



Holy Week Choir

This year St. Joseph’s will host the Easter Vigil Mass. The choir will sing on Sunday, March 24th at the 10:30 am Palm Sunday Mass and on Saturday evening March 30th for the Easter Vigil Mass. Rehearsals will be on Thursday, March 14th from 7-9 pm and Thursday, March 21st from 7-9 pm. We will work on Palm Sunday music and Easter Vigil music. (Please bring your Holy Week music notebook if you took yours home last year). If you would like to join us, contact Terry Hait at 607-652-3347.

CRS Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. During Lent, when you fast or sacrifice, put the amount in the rice bowl and bring it to mass on Holy Thursday.



St. Joseph's 150TH JUBILEE

“OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S FAITHFULNESS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH.”

We will be having at St. Joseph our 150th year Jubilee kickoff on June 9th, 2024. Our theme for our jubilee is “OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S FAITHFULNESS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH.” Our church was organized in 1874 and the cornerstone was laid on the land in 1875.

We have set up different committees to plan events and projects. Over the next few months, we will be having meetings to discuss what and how we are going to celebrate our jubilee.

We have formed the following committees:

- Finance Committee
- Reception Committee
- Historical Committee
- Social/Media Committee
- Fundraiser Committee
- Liturgy Committee
- Monthly Hospitality Committee
- Church Ground Committee



These committees will form sub-committees by recruiting other members of our parish to help out with planning.

If anyone has photos of Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations, Weddings or any other celebrations or events that occurred with previous pastors of St. Joseph’s to please bring them to the rectory. We can then pass it on to the committees.

Please mark your calendars for June 9th, 2024 (Kickoff) and June 8th, 2025 (Final Celebration).

St. Casimir—Feast Day—March 4th



Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir’s father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the “enemy”; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor’s daughter. He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father’s absence. He died of lung trouble at 25.

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, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire and Felix Dziembowski for a speedy recovery.



K of C Council 5419



Attention Men of St. Joseph’s Parish Have you thought about becoming a King of Columbus? We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Church to pray Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to recite the Rosary. Our meeting follows at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and to plan our various works of service to the parish and the community. We’d love to have you join us!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 12th.

For more information, visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>



Easter Mass Schedule for Holy Week



Holy Thursday—March 28, 2024—7:00 pm—St. Vincent de Paul’s

Good Friday—March 29, 2024—3:00 pm—Stations of the Cross—St. Joseph’s Mass —7:00 pm—St. Vincent de Paul’s

Holy Saturday—8:00 pm—St. Joseph’s

Easter Sunday Mass—8:30 am—St. Vincent de Paul’s, 10:30 am—St. Joseph’s

Intention Fish Net

Don’t forget to put your intentions on the fish by the baptismal font and place them on the net throughout lent.



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!

March 3rd, 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!

The House of My Father



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?