

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 16th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM *For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 17th, 2024—Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + Nicholas Sanna by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + Beatrice Sauter by the Basile Family
 + Rosa Gallina by the Basile Family
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu Colin

Tuesday March 19th, 2024—St. Joseph’s Mass
12:00 PM In Celebration for Stanislaw Sz wajc er and Piotr Pasciak Birthday’s by Maggie Pasciak

Wednesday March 20th, 2024
9:00 AM +Peter Granger by Jim Longendyke
7:00 PM Penance Service

Friday March 22nd, 2024
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Mass
 Norlee & Richard Hyde (Living Intention) by Lena & John Nahor

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 23rd, 2024—Vigil
3:00 PM + Joe & Mary Bobnick
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 24th, 2024—Palm Sunday of Lent
11:00 AM + Robert Fay by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + Beatrice Sauter by the Basile Family
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

March 9th & March 10th, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 463.00	\$ 1,222.00	\$ 1,685.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 244.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 502.00
Candles		\$ 60.00	
Poor Box		\$ 39.00	

“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!

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 03/23/2024 & 03/24/2024

3:00 PM: Diane Fedor, Bill Fredette

11:00 AM: Kathy Filipowski, Theresa Olsen, Lynn Hait

Eucharistic Ministers: 03/23/2024 & 03/24/2024

3:00 PM: Mike Fay

11:00 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 03/24/2024

11:00 AM: Lola Kelley & Liam Serdy

Greeter: 03/24/2024

11:00 AM: Molly Snyder

Ushers: 03/24/2024

11:00 AM: Quinn Serdy, Angel Mravlja

Readings for the week of March 17th, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

March 17th, 2024—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Op. 500—“Lift High the Cross”

Psalm 51: “Create a Clean Heart” (alternate refrain 1)

Off. 689— “Shelter Me, O God”

Comm. 725—“Unless a Grain of Wheat”

Cl. 682—“Though the Mountains May Fall”

“Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved”.... St. Robert Bellarmine

Instagram

St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul now have an Instagram. If you have Instagram, look for “[joevin138](#)”,

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Meeting I.D. 284 272 6978

Password: 359189

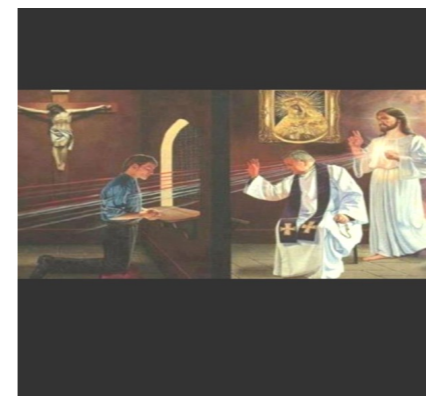
2023-2024 Diocesan Appeal



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 7,387.00 in donations from 29 of our parishioners. **We are still in need of \$9,816.00 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.

Penance Service



Every year the Church gives us the season of Lent, a time when we are invited to journey with Jesus through the desert, and on his way to the Cross. Lent is a period of 40 days of fasting, penance, prayer in our preparation for the glorious celebration, Easter.

Typically, parishes offer special times for Reconciliation during the season of Lent so we can prepare our souls for the Resurrection of Jesus. This Lent is the perfect opportunity for us to allow Jesus into our hearts and lead us into a moment of conversion.

On Wednesday, March 20th at 7 p.m., St. Joseph’s Church will be having a penance service. All Parents of Discipleship Formation and children are encouraged to be there. Take this opportunity to enter more deeply into a relationship with Jesus.

He will be waiting for you!

Healing and Anointing of the Sick

This weekend at the end of the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. Joe will offer prayers and anointing to the sick for healing. If you wish to attend or if you know anyone who would like to attend, please come and join us.



The Responsorial Psalm

Create a clean heart in me, O God!

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

Forty Hours Eucharist Devotion



Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion will start on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to come and spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. Forty Hours is a traditional Lenten time for prayer in the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As the national Eucharistic Revival continues, this is a great time to spend an hour with the Lord.

There is a sign-up sheet by the side door of the church leading to the parking lot.

St. Joseph’s Day Mass



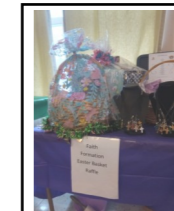
On Tuesday, March 19th at 12 Noon, there will be a mass celebrating St. Joseph’s Day. Please come and join us at this special mass.

Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, March 31st after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children will meet in the Parish Hall before the hunt. Refreshments will be served for parishioners.

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. Drawing will be held on Palm Sunday after the 11:00 am mass.

St. Joseph’s Annual Fish Fry



One more Fish Fry to go. Don’t miss out! 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!!

St. Joseph's 150TH JUBILEE

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

We had our second meeting of the committees to discuss what ideas have come up for the 150th jubilee.

We are moving forward with the graphic design which will be using for the various fund raising projects.



Many of our committee members have presented themes that we will be displaying throughout the year in honor of different parish programs.

On the June 8th, 2024 (Kickoff), we will have prayers to St. Joseph, litany songs and prayer of the faithful. On June 9th, 2025 (Final Celebration) Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will be attending along with many priests that have been a part of St. Joseph throughout the years.

Anyone who has pictures that they would like to have displayed as part of our Jubilee, please contact Jeanette Castro.

St. Joseph

Feast Day—March 19th



St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus Christ, was a descendant of King David, according to the genealogy presented by the Gospel. Betrothed to Mary, he decided to divorce her quietly when he found she was with child, but an angel of the Lord told him to take her as his wife, since the child to be born was the “Holy One of God.”

Joseph assisted at the birth of Jesus and became his support and guide through childhood. In a dream he was told by an angel to flee Bethlehem with the infant and his mother, lest Herod kill the child. He accompanied them to the temple where Jesus was presented to God. With Mary, he sought the boy Jesus when he was lost on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In his work as a carpenter, he shared the many hours of his trade with his young son.

Joseph, a man of faith, a just man, was a worthy successor to the great patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He followed the call of God through the mysterious circumstances that surrounded the coming of Jesus. God entrusted this silent, humble man with the unique privilege of raising his only Son as a growing child.

A saint close to God, he is honored as the patron of the universal Church. (reprinted from The Book of Saints, The Regina Press, 2010)

*Remember us, St. Joseph,
and pray for us to your foster child.
Guard and protect the Church on earth,
till its time is fulfilled.*

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



The men of Council 5419 meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in Church to pray with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to recite the Rosary. Our meeting follows at 7:00 PM for fellowship and to plan our various works of service to the parish and the community. We'd love to have you join us!

For more information, visit our website:

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



Holy Week Schedule



Penance Service Wednesday—March 20, 2024—7:00 pm—St. Joseph's

Palm Sunday —March 23, 2024— 3:00 pm & March 24, 2024—11:00 am—St. Joseph's

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

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

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

Lawn Mowers Wanted



Spring is upon us and we are still in need of able bodied volunteers who can cut and weed wack the cemetery and surrounding grounds.. If you are in need of extra exercise, would like to meditate and offer your skilled services to St. Joseph's, please sign up on the Cemetery Maintenance sheet on the piano podium.

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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!

Losing One's Life to Find Life

Like a Grain of Wheat



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?

March 17th, 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!