

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

**Sunday** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
**10:30 AM** + Marie Roberts by Lisa Roberts  
+ Eva Gran by Millie Kenyon  
+ Dan Twomey by Rose & children  
+ Hannah Marie Emhof by Rose & Family  
+ Jack & Marlene Risley by Debo & Henry Sanna  
\* Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family  
\* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
**9:00 AM** No Mass

**Friday** April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM** Mass  
+ Deceased Members of the 5th Special Forces, Vietnam by Jim Longendyke  
+ Peter Mravlja by Anka Wilkens  
+ Violet Muehl by Debi & Henry Sanna

**Saturday** April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** + Neil Corcoran by Jeanette Castro  
+ Johann Golja by the Golja Family  
\* Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family  
\* Praying for all those away from the Church by Antoinette & Frank Competiello  
\* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Divine Mercy Sunday  
**10:30 AM** + Joan Longendyke by Jim Longendyke  
+ Angela & Arcaugelo Barricella by Frank & Antoinette Competiello  
+ Linda Clements by Mary Jones  
+ Alexander Mustico by Christine Gartung  
\* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin



\*For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.\*  
Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978  
Password: 104215

**Lectors: 04/27/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 04/27/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Helen Reilly**  
**Altar Servers: 04/27/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger, Tallulah Kelley**  
**Greeter: 04/27/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder**  
**Ushers: 04/27/2025**  
**10:30 AM:**

Readings for the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Easter Sunday

Op. 401—Jesus Christ is Risen Today  
Psalm 118: “This Is The Day”  
Off. 626—Come to the Water or How Beautiful  
Comm. 754 —Worthy Is the Lamb  
Cl. 412 —Let Heaven Rejoice

Weekly Offering Table

	Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41		
	April 12 <sup>th</sup> & April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$617.00	\$2,219.85	\$2,836.85

“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!

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has 2<sup>1/2</sup> months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal is at 11,861.00 in donations from 36 of our parishioners. We really **need** your help to make our goal this year!! Thank you, Fr. Joe



A NEW BEGINNING

Many non-Christians believe that the soul is immortal. Even people of no particular religion admit they have an instinctive belief in the afterlife. There is something fundamentally human about this. Something in us knows that death is not the end. But Christian faith is more demanding than that. Christian faith reveals much more and demands much more. Christians believe not only in the survival of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body. We believe that humans are creatures composed of body and soul. These elements are separated at death; the soul is sundered from the body, and so human life cannot continue. But the day will come when soul and body are reunited — and life begins again. Our creeds speak of this. If we were to recite them in their original Greek we would say that we believe in the resurrection, not simply “of the body,” but “of the FLESH.” The Greek word for flesh is (*sarx*)

In the creed it means the meat that hangs on our bones. Back in 1274 the Council of Lyons stated clearly: “We believe in the true resurrection of this flesh that we now possess.” This flesh will rise. It won’t be something else, or somebody else’s. It will be this flesh.

When Jesus rose again, he rose in the physical body he was born with at Christmas— The body that had been crucified he still had his wounds (see John 20:27), but they no longer hobbled him. Christian poets say that he wore his scars and wounds like jewels — like trophies of victory.

“The flesh is the hinge (cardo) on which salvation turns So said one of the early Christians. And our Catechism insists on the point: “We believe in God who is creator of the flesh; we believe in the Word made flesh in order to redeem the flesh; we believe in the resurrection of the flesh, the fulfillment of both the creation and the redemption of the flesh.”

On the last day we will rise again with our bodies, now glorified.

We believe not just in the survival of the soul, but in the resurrection of the body. We were created to live forever and find peace and satisfaction in a way that is fully human — in both flesh and spirit. We were made for this, and nothing else will do. The promise of Easter is the fulfillment in God’s presence of hope, love and peace through Jesus’ Resurrection and reminds us that even through despair, the risen Christ offers us a new path of beginnings.

May you all have a Blessed Easter!

The Last Days:  
The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ w/Jonathan Rourke



“The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ” is a filmed presentation of a live theatrical production that movingly recreates the final days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. (Produced by G.K. Chesterton Entertainment)

Starring Actors/Producers/Directors Jonathan Rourke (The Chosen) and Maria Vargo (Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy), along with a devoted cast of 19 others.

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus’ earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death.

The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

View this powerful presentation on **FORMED!**

Thank you to all who participated in our 40 hours devotion, and setting aside time to spend with the Lord. Your prayers and intentions of your deep love of our Lord shows our spiritually in serving our Holy Father. God Bless!!



Altar Rosary Society News



The Altar Rosary Society is collecting old rosaries to pass on to those who are in need of them. Please place them in the mailbox by the ladies bathroom. Thank you!

The Altar Rosary Society will also be meeting to pray the rosary on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Please come and join us.



St. Joseph’s “Heart of Mary”  
Scholarship



You are invited to apply for the “St. Joseph’s Heart of Mary” scholarship. The scholarship is open to eligible Senior High School students registered as a practicing parishioner and who is enrolled or will be enrolled as a student as an undergraduate college or vocational school in the upcoming academic year 2025-2026.

Applications are available at the parish office and can be picked up on Wednesday’s & Friday’s from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closing date for applying is Wednesday, June 25th, 2025. Please contact the Parish office at 607-397-9373 for further details.



*Happy Easter!!*

*Fr. Joe and the staff of St. Joseph would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Blessings through the year!! Thank you for all of your support of our parish.*



### *Divine Mercy Sunday*



Next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> after Mass we will be observing Divine Mercy. We will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament, Reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.



### *K of C Council 5419*



**Divine Mercy Sunday**—April 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's in Worcester. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our hospitality and doing a presentation on that day.

For more information, visit us on the web at: <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>

### *2025 Fish Fry*

This year we had the most successful fish fry to date. We sold a record of 1,044 dinners and our profit was \$8,988.09. Thank you to all who came worked, donated and ate our delicious meal. Without you, we could not have the continued success!! Thank you again and God bless!!

### *Prayer Remembrance*

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all the cancer 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, Karlene Tazuel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold, Bob Colichio, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Salley Obeldobel and Ramona Adesso, Mary Ellen Vohs, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner and Ruth Vinci for a speedy recovery.



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### *Spring Cleanup Day*

Please save the date—Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come and help us make our church and grounds crystal clean. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the piano podium.



# 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!

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### 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

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for additional information.

### 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

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Please call the Parish Office

**All are Welcome to St. Joseph!**



### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

**Secretary:** Joan DeBenedittis

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**Music Director:** Terry Hait

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**Will you please remember “St. Joseph's Church” in your Last Will?**