

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday** April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** + Neil Corcoran by Jeanette Castro  
+ Johanna 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

**Wednesday** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**9:00 AM** \* Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family\*  
\* Myla for Physical Healing of Unidentified Symptoms” by Chuck and Janet Papst

**Friday** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM** Mass  
+ Theresa Wiedeck by Debi & Henry Sanna  
+ Incoronata & Pasquale Competiello by Frank & Antoinette Competiello

**Saturday** May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** + Jeanette Corcoran by Jeanette Castro  
+ Betty Chukyo by Jeanette Castro  
+ Jim Scott by Jill & Family  
+ Joseph Fiederer by Pat Fiederer  
\* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Third Sunday of Easter  
**10:30 AM** + Magdalen Dorothy Uzar by Peter Frank Uz  
+ Peter William Mravlja by Mary Jones  
+ Ed Cacioppo by George & Theresa Olsen  
\* Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family\*+  
\* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

Thank you to all who attended Fr. Joe’s 40th Anniversary Dinner. God bless him for his next 40 years!!!

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

**Lectors: 05/04/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Janet Wenner**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 05/04/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Corinne Connington**  
**Altar Servers: 05/04/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Trent Davis**  
**Greeter: 05/04/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Helen Reilly**  
**Ushers: 05/04/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja**

**Readings for the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Op. 598—Sing A New Song  
Psalm 118: “Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good, His Love is everlasting.”  
Off. 712—There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy  
Comm. 779 —In the Breaking of the Bread  
Cl. 500 —Lift High the Cross or St. Joseph’s Song

Weekly Offering Table			
Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41			
April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
	Sat	Sun	Total
Holy Thurs			\$ 644.10
Holy Land			\$ 545.72
Easter Reg		\$ 580.00	\$ 580.00
Easter Don		\$3,357.00	\$3,357.00
			\$5,126.82
“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 months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal are at 11,861.00 in donations from 36 of our parishioners. We are still in **need** of \$7,663.00 to make our goal this year!! Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Fr. Joe



Thank you to all the parishioners and parents for all the time and donations that were given to the Discipleship Formation program for Lent and throughout the year!!  
  
God Bless you!! Corinne



St. Joseph’ 150th Jubilee  
Chicken Barbecue

As part of our 150th Jubilee celebration, we will be having a 2nd barbecue dinner sale prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be sold by our committee members, after and before church, as well as at our social hour.  
Dinners are 1/2 Chicken Dinner Complete—\$15.00 or 1/2 Chicken ala cart—\$10.00. They can be picked up at Ace Hardware in Cobleskill or at St. Joseph’s in Worcester.  
PLEASE HELP THIS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR 150TH JUBILEE!! Thank you.

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
201 Main Street  
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*Presents a Parish Mission—“Trifecta of Divine Mercy”*  
*Retreat Preacher: Fr. William Garrott, O.P.*  
*Dominican Friars*  
*www.dominicanpreachers.org*  
*May 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

Please mark your calendars to attend this wonderful retreat!!



Francis: The People’s Pope

On March 13, 2013, cardinals stunned the world when they elected Pope Francis, the first Latin American Pope. But what did they see in the 76-year-old Jesuit? Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?

ROME REPORTS travels to Argentina to investigate and discover more about what shaped Pope Francis. From his only living sister, Maria Elena, as superior-general of the Jesuits in Argentina, we hear unedited testimonies from those who knew Bergoglio best. Hear from a priest who worked with Bergoglio in the country's slums, and the corner vendor who sold Bergoglio the daily newspaper every day for years. Meet the young man who overcame his addictions with support from the man that the world now calls the Pope.



The documentary begins with the moment that the young Jorge Mario discovers his priestly vocation. After decades of service to the Church, a historic conclave would forever change his life and begin the extraordinary papacy of Francis.  
View this powerful presentation on **FORMED!**



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.





### Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday following Easter, stands as a profound reminder of God's unfailing love and forgiveness. This special feast invites us to trust completely in Jesus, whose mercy knows no bounds.

#### The Story Behind Divine Mercy Sunday

In the 1930s, a humble Polish nun named Sister Faustina Kowalska began receiving private revelations from Jesus. Our Lord appeared to her, asking that a feast dedicated to His Divine Mercy be established on the Sunday after Easter. In her diary, Sister Faustina recorded Jesus saying: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open." Pope St. John Paul II brought this request to fulfillment when he canonized Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000, officially establishing Divine Mercy Sunday for the universal Church. This date wasn't chosen by chance – it coincides with the completion of the Easter Octave, calling attention to that God's mercy flows directly from Christ's Paschal sacrifice.

#### Why Divine Mercy Matters

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that no sin is beyond God's forgiveness. When we approach the Lord with sincere hearts, His mercy washes over us like the rays in the Divine Mercy image – cleansing, healing, and restoring our soul. This feast offers extraordinary graces, particularly for those who receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist around this day.


The message of Divine Mercy speaks to everyone – from those carrying heavy burdens of sin to faithful souls seeking deeper conversion. It reassures us that God's love isn't earned but freely given, and it challenges us to extend that same mercy to others. The image of Divine Mercy is a symbol of charity, forgiveness, and love of God referred as the fountain Mercy.

### Jubilee Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 7th from 7-8:30 pm. Rehearsal are May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4. Please sign up on the piano podium. Questions: contact Terry Hait after Mass or call 607-652-3347. (The Jubilee Mass is Sunday, June 8th at 12:00 noon.

### 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 TAUZEL (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, 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.

Lunch will be served after.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WEEDWACK THE CEMETERY.**



# 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!

See I Am Alive!



## Parish Staff

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

**Secretary:** Joan DeBenedittis

**Cemetery Manager:** Kelly Daniels

**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?**

April 27<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!**