

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 2nd, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Victoria Tauzel by Jim & Toni Tauzel
 + Dolores Vencak by Donna Wikander
 + Al Bulson by Jean & Henry Hren
 * Dennis Sullivan Healing* by Jim Longendyke
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday August 3rd, 2025—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Magdalena Dorothy Uzar by Peter Frank Uzar
 + Armando & Blanche Cardone by Pat Fiederer
 + Victoria Rose Tauzel by Don & Karen Jahnke
 * Millie Carenard Healing from Epilepsy* by Nuala Nee
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings* by Gusmano Family
 * End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday August 6th, 2025
9:00 AM + Joan & Andrew Rudtke by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + Marc Astone by Debi & Henry Sanna
 * Healing for Vincenzo Lo Duca by Antoinette Competiello

Friday August 8th, 2025
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + Joshua Harris by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + Dolores Vencak by Ken Vencak

Saturday August 9th, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Mary Pavlick by Joseph & Diane Fedor
 + Maynard Conroe by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + William Heaney by Dan Heaney
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday August 10th, 2025—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Fr. Ron Green by Jim Longendyke
 + Mary Margaret Longendyke by Jim Longendyke
 + Nicholas Sanna by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + Linda Clements by Mary Jones
 * Birthday Blessing for Joseph Felix* by Jim Longendyke
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings* by Gusmano Family
 * End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 08/09/2025 & 08/10/2025
3:45 PM: Teresa Millias
10:30 AM: Ed Serdy
Eucharistic Ministers: 08/09/2025 & 08/10/2025
3:45 PM: Denise Weber
10:30 AM: Chris Gartung
Altar Servers: 08/10/2025
10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Tallulah Kelley
Greeters: 08/10/2025
10:30 AM: Samantha Hoecker, Chris Hoecker
Ushers: 08/10/2025
10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Parishioner

Readings for the week of August 3rd, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2,21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dt 4:1, 32-40/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

August 3rd, 2025
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time


Op. 682—Though the Mountains May Fall
 Psalm 90: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”
 Off. 628—Isaiah 49
 Comm. 676—Only a Shadow
 Cl. 629—We Are the Light of the World

Weekly Offering Table

| | Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00 | | |
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| | July 26 th & July 27 th , 2025 | | |
| | Sat | Sun | Total |
| Regular | \$608.00 | \$1310.00 | \$1,918.00 |
| Peter Pence | \$295.00 | \$354.00 | \$649.00 |

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.” Mass intentions are \$15.00

Thank you for supporting your parish!


St. Joseph’s Annual Church Picnic
 August 17th
 Borst Field—Schenevus, NY
Mass—11:00 a.m.
 Delicious barbecue to follow mass
 Children’s & Adult Games
 Pie Contest
 Please bring a dish to share or a dessert to enter into our contest. See you there!!

We are in need for volunteers to help out with the picnic. A signup sheet is on the piano podium.



Diocese of Albany -- Step Up Men's Conference 2025

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives.

Presentations from **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers** and **Fr. James Walsh** plus, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch.

When: Saturday, August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM
Where: St. Edward the Confessor Church
569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park

College age and younger men are FREE.

For information and to register: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>

All attendees MUST register. Space is limited.

Altar Rosary Society

We will continue to experience the joy of prayer with the Altar Rosary Society in August, as we meet in the evening to recite the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on August 11th in the church. We invite you to join us in this powerful and uplifting experience.



Catechists Needed

We are still in need of catechists and subs for our Discipleship Formation classes. Please contact Corinne Connington, Discipleship Formation Director at 1-845-728-

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

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



St. Lydia

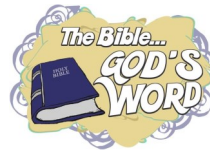
Saint Lydia was a person of hope, and now she is a saint of hope. We read about Lydia in the Acts of the Apostles (16:13-15). As a successful merchant of purple cloth, Lydia’s life took a transformative turn upon meeting the Apostle Paul by a riverside in Philippi. When Paul shared the gospel, Lydia opened her heart to the message. She knew the story of Jesus had the possibility of changing everything. And she was open to letting it change her life completely, trusting that good things lay ahead. Her immediate choice to be baptized, along with her household, marked a decisive step towards that new and hopeful future. Lydia’s hope was not just for her sake, but also for the flourishing of her community. She offered her home and resources to Paul and his companions, supporting the spread of Christianity and empowering the emerging Christian community in Philippi. Saint Lydia played an important role in the early Church, and she could not have done any of it without hope.

Dessert with Fr. Joe Cooking Class
 Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Calling all dessert lovers. Fr. Joe will be holding a South Indian Dessert Cooking class on Wednesday, August 27th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 per person to buy supplies. The signup sheet is on the piano podium. Come help Fr. Joe whip up his delicious treat!!!!



Bible Study Class



On Thursday, at 5:30 p.m., come join us in reading scripture with John Fencik, and getting insight and understanding what the coming Sunday’s readings try to convey. We do discuss and you may present questions to John to better appreciate the readings for that weekend, Please call the office for additional information.

My Parish App

Have you signed up with My Parish App in order to communicate with St. Joseph’s Church and follow all of the activities that are happening!

Transfiguration of the Lord August 6th



All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly, Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

(reprinted from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>)

Discipleship Formation Registration



Discipleship Formation Registration will continue to be open. Registration forms will be mailed out as well and also be available on the Sacristy door.

Any questions or new children to the program please contact the Discipleship Formation Director Corinne Connington at 845-728-3733 or you may call St Joseph's Rectory at 607-397-9373. God Bless and have a wonderful summer.

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, 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, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock and Sean Filipowski for a speedy recovery.





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**K of C Council 5419**
Fellowship Meeting —Tuesday, August 12th at St. Joseph's in Worcester. Eucharist Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
For more information, visit us on the web at: <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>

Finance Council Meeting
There will be a Finance Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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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!

Our Riches is God



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

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Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children: Corinne Connington

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

August 3rd, 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!