

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

**Lectors: 08/16/2025 & 08/17/2025**

**3:45 PM: Bill Fredette**

**10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 08/16/2025 & 08/17/2025**

**3:45 PM: Joe Polisenio**

**10:30 AM: Helen Reilly**

**Altar Servers: 08/17/2025**

**10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Trent Davis**

**Greeters: 08/17/2025**

**10:30 AM: Joan DeBenedittis, Samantha & Chris Hoecker**

**Ushers: 08/17/2025**

**10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Parishioner**

**Readings for the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1Cor 15:2-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 675—For You Are My God

Psalm 33: Blessed the People

Off. 627—Rain Down

Comm. 687—You Are Near

Cl. 677—Blest Be the Lord

**Weekly Offering Table**

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00**

**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> & Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

	Sat	Sun	Total
<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$814.00</b>	<b>\$2,330.00</b>	<b>\$3,144.00</b>
<b>Candles &amp; Poor</b>			<b>\$ 64.75</b>

**“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!**



**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 pie to enter into our dessert contest. See you there!!**

***Discipleship Formation***

Discipleship Formation for Children Classes begin September 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish hall. All registration forms have been mailed out.

Please return as soon as possible, so all material for them will be received for the children on time. God Bless and see you all soon!! Have a wonderful rest of the summer.



***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 27<sup>th</sup> 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!!!!



***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 11<sup>th</sup> in the church. We invite you to join us in this powerful and uplifting experience.



***Finance Council Meeting***

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

**\*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

The Torah



***The Torah***

The Torah, or the first five books of the Bible, is one epic storyline that starts with creation and ends with God’s covenant with Israel.

The Bible Project is a nonprofit group dedicated to spreading the Word of God. Through dynamic and engaging videos, the aim to present the story of the Bible as a unified whole leading to and culminating in Jesus Christ.

**Watch on Formed!!**

***Animal Food Collection***

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment (Feast Day: October 4<sup>th</sup>), our parish will be collecting donations of animal food September 7<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit local shelters and families in need.

St. Francis of Assisi is renowned for his deep love and respect all creatures of God, reflecting this in his teachings and life, even preaching to the birds. This collection is a wonderful way to honor his legacy and extend compassion to animals in our community.



Donations of dry and canned dog and cat food (any brand ae welcome) can be placed in the designated collection bin.

Consider donating other pet supplies as well, such as clumping litter, durable toys, treats, and even blankets or towels. This collection helps minimize the number of animals surrendered due to owners facing financial difficulties in caring for them.

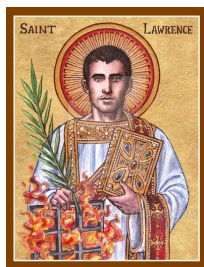
Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important initiative. Your kindness helps us care for all God’s creatures, following the beautiful example of St. Francis of Assisi.

***Catechists Needed***

We are still in need of catechists and subs for our Discipleship Formation classes. Please contact Corinne Connington, Discipleship Formation Director at 1-845-728-3733.



**St. Lawrence of Rome**  
**Feast Day—August 10<sup>th</sup>**



Saint Lawrence, also known as Lawrence the Martyr, was a deacon in the early Christian Church during the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

He is known for his martyrdom during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Valerian. He was ordered to hand over the Church's treasures, but instead, he presented the poor and needy, whom he had been distributing alms to, as the Church's true riches. This angered the prefect, who ordered him to be roasted alive on a gridiron.

Here's a more detailed breakdown: Early Life and Ministry: Lawrence was born in Spain and studied in Zaragoza (then called Caesar Augusta). He met and became a close companion of Pope Sixtus II. When Sixtus became pope, he appointed Lawrence as one of the seven deacons of Rome, putting him in charge of the Church's finances and charitable works.

Persecution and Martyrdom: In 258 AD, Emperor Valerian began persecuting Christians, ordering the execution of clergy. Pope Sixtus II was one of the first to be martyred. Before his death, Sixtus entrusted the Church's treasures to Lawrence, telling him to distribute them to the poor.

The "Treasures" of the Church:

The Roman prefect, upon hearing of the Church's wealth, demanded Lawrence present the treasures. Instead of precious metals and jewels, Lawrence presented the poor and sick, declaring to them the true wealth of the Church.

Roasting to Death: Enraged by this, the prefect ordered Lawrence to be executed by being roasted alive on a gridiron. Tradition says Lawrence endured the torture with incredible courage, even joking with his tormentors, famously saying, "I'm done on this side; turn me over!"

Legacy: Saint Lawrence is venerated as a martyr and a symbol of courage and faith in the face of persecution. He is the patron saint of deacons, chefs, and firefighters. The "falling stars" or Perseids meteor shower, which peak around the time of his feast day (August 10th), are sometimes seen as his tears, according to folk tradition. Even though Saint Lawrence was being tortured, God gave him the strength to endure it. In fact, he gave him enough strength to even tell a few jokes. Sometimes when we are sad or worried, a joke can make us smile and remember that God will take care of us.

**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 Tausel (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 12<sup>th</sup> 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>

***Don't forget to come to our Parish picnic next week at Borst Field, Schenevus. Mass is at 11:00 a.m. followed by the delicious barbecue!!!***

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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!

**Prepared for the Lord's Coming**



**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  
**Pastoral Council Chairperson**  
Cheryl Jory  
**Finance Chairperson**  
Amy Muehl

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

**August 10<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!**