

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + **Brittany & Bianca Toombs** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + **Betty Norman** by David & Theresa Clements  
 + **Joanne Ahern** by Don & Karen Jahnke  
 \* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 AM** + **George Rooney** by Catherine Rooney  
 + **Eva Gran** by Millie Kenyon  
 + **Gilbert “Gil” Hirscher** by Richard & Lorraine Gruber  
 \* **God’s Blessings, Peace and Good Health for the Gusmano Family\*** by the Gusmano Family  
 \* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00 AM** + **Ronald Picht** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + **John Osiniak** by Maggie

**Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026—1st Friday**  
**11:00 AM Adoration**  
**12:00 PM** + **Arthur Morrell** by Debi & Henry Sanna

**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + **Richard Mistler** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + **Maureen McCourt** by David & Theresa Clements  
 + **Sharon Heller** by Altar Rosary Society  
 + **Michael Barricella** by Antoinette Competiello  
 \* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026—Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 AM** + **Trimmer Family** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + **Joseph Massati** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + **RIP Doris Colin** by Lu & Bill  
 \* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 05/02/2026 & 05/03/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Melinda McTaggart 10:30 AM: Janet Wenner**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 05/02/2026 & 05/03/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory 10:30 AM: Chris Gartung**  
**Altar Servers: 05/03/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Brian Hogan & Charlotte Kelley**  
**Greeters: 05/03/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Kimberly Spencer, Helen Siems**  
**Ushers: 05/03/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Riely Poole & Nolan Stroosnyder**

**Readings for the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

**Fourth Sunday—April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Op. 690—The King of Love  
 Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd  
 Off. 697—Because the Lord is My Shepherd  
 Comm. 780—Bread for the World  
 Cl. 824— Christ, Be Our Light

**Weekly Offering Table**

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup> & April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

	Sat	Sun	Total
<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$ 716.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,188.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,904.00</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!**

**2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal**

The Diocesan Appeal for 2025-2026 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners. Our assessment for the Diocesan Appeal is \$20,049. Our contributions to date are 8,978.00 from 28 of our parishioners.  
**Thank you to all of the parishioners who have sent in contributions. We have 44.8% of our total needed. Hopefully, we can finish our goal shortly.**

**Mother’s Day Tea & May Crowning**

*Hosted by the Discipleship Formation For Children & Youth*



The children and youth of our Discipleship Formation program warmly invite the entire parish to a **Mother’s Day Tea and May Crowning on Sunday, May 10, 2026.** The celebration will begin immediately following the **10:30 am Mass.** We are honored to have the **Altar Rosary Society** joining our children for this special event.

- **May Crowning:** Led by our First Holy Communion children as they honor our Heavenly Mother.
- **Festive Tea:** A reception hosted by the children to celebrate all mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers in our community.

Join us as we say "thank you" to our mothers and seek the intercession of Mary, our Queen and Mother.



**Spring Sale & Cleanup**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**



Our Spring sale and cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will be accepting donations now through May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for gently used or new items for the sale. Please bring your donated items to the parish hall. If anyone, would like to make a baked good for the sale that will be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the sale and cleanup of our church. Please call the rectory or write your name on the signup sheet on the piano podium.

Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

**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

**Saint Maria Goretti**



The story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once: sickness and death affect the Goretti family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable. This film, made on location and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as Maria, Flavio Insinna (Saint John Bosco) as the brave local Passionist priest, Luisa Ranieri and Massimo Bonetti as her parents, and Claudia Koll as the Countess Mazzoleni.

**Watch on Formed**

**Altar Rosary Society—Hospitality Hour**



Next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Altar Rosary Society will be hosting the Hospitality hour in our parish hall. Please come and join them to enjoy delicious foods and conversation with our fellow parishioners. Thank you!

**Heart of Mary Scholarship Collection**



This weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for the Heart of Mary Scholarship. These funds are awarded to St. Joseph’s high school seniors who will be attending college or a vocation program in the coming year and apply to St. Joseph’s for this scholarship.



**Lawn Mowers Wanted**

Spring is here and we are still in need of able bodied volunteers who can cut and weedwack 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.



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



**St. Zita of Lucca  
Feast Day—April 27th**

Both Plato and Socrates employed the phrase, “Know thyself.” It is an invitation to self-exploration. But it is often met with a vagueness that leaves people not knowing where to start or a narrowness that leaves people with a narrow sense of self. For example, it’s great to know what your strengths are, but that isn’t enough.

Saint Zita of Lucca knew herself. So much so that even when everyone around her mocked her for her faith and constantly insulted her, she remained calm and compassionate.

From the age of twelve onward, Zita was a servant in the Fatinelli household in Lucca. She faced constant mistreatment and misunderstanding from her employers, who thought she had a holier-than-thou attitude because she spent so much time in prayer and serving the poor. Zita knew herself too well to take their insults personally, because she knew her own motives came from loving God and neighbor. She stayed strong in her faith, and eventually she transformed the Fatinelli household, turning her detractors into admirers and leading her master to become reputed for his holiness.

Her life was marked by miracles and a deep love for the poor and the imprisoned, often giving her own food and provisions to those in need. Zita knew what she needed and didn’t need, and whatever she didn’t need, she gave away. She was intimately aware of her own dependence on God, and trusted that God would provide for her when she didn’t have enough.

Saint Zita of Lucca knew herself intimately. Do you know yourself?

Take a cue from Saint Zita of Lucca and begin knowing yourself better today and every day.

**WHAT ARE MY VALUES? WHAT ARE MY STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES?**

I will joyfully get to know myself better each day!  
*(reprinted from Dynamic Catholic)*

**Support Our Discipleship Formation  
For Children & Youth Programs!**

Make sure to visit the **Parish Hall** during the **Spring Sale** on **May 9th** from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**.

Both our **Discipleship Formation Children** and **Youth Program** will be participating with tables featuring:



- Beautiful **jewelry**
- Fresh **baked goods**
- A variety of unique items

Every purchase helps support the growth and activities of our young ministry. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

**“The world is a book and those who do not travel Read only one Page.”**  
**Set a goal to travel with Fr. Joe to Greece.**  
 October 30<sup>th</sup>—November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
 For additional information, please visit <http://www.206Tours.com/cms/frarockiasamy>

**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, Beverly Erway, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Adrian Oregon, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly, Gene Rothe, Ed Hillenbrand, Alvira Braga, Matt Mantione, Charlene & Helen Tiffany, Margaret Schneider, Dannah Carter and Walter Marchlowski for a speedy recovery.

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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!

## Jesus, the Good Shepherd



**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

### 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

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