

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 14th, 2026—Vigil
3:45 PM + **Bob Hermanowski & Leon Hermanowski** by Karen Hermanowski
 * **Bill Morgner*** Success of Cancer Treatment by Jim & Joan Tiner
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday February 15th, 2026—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + **Joan Parkes** by John & Shea Fencik
 + **Dan Twomey** by Rosemarie Twomey & Family
 + **Arcangelo & Angela Barricella** by Antoinette Competiello
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday February 18th, 2026—Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM + **Donald Mistler** by Debi & Henry Sanna
7:00 PM

Friday February 20th, 2026—Friday After Ash Wednesday
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + **Jim Beach** by Debi & Henry Sanna

Saturday February 21st, 2026—Vigil
3:45 PM + **Greg Williamson** by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + **Linda Gartung Clements** by David & Theresa Clements
 + **Deceased Members of the 5th Special Forces of Vietnam** by Jim Longendyke
 * God's Blessings, Peace & Good Health for the Gusmano Family by The Gusmano Family
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday February 22nd, 2026—First Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + **Nicholas Sanna** by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + **Kenneth & Barbara** by Theresa & George Olsen
 * **Frani Andrews*** by Amy & Bernie
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 02/21/2026 & 02/22/2026
3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory, 10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker
Eucharistic Ministers: 02/21/2026 & 02/22/2026
3:45 PM: Theresa Clements, 10:30 AM: Catherine Snyder
Altar Servers: 02/22/2026
10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Quinn Serdy
Greeters: 02/22/2026
10:30 AM: Lydia Flachs, Joan DeBenedittis
Ushers: 02/22/2026
10:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

Readings for the week of February 15th, 2026

Sunday: Sir 58:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

**February 15th, 2026
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 458—Alleluia, Sing to Jesus or 672 O God Our Help in Ages Past
 Psalm 119: "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord."
 Off. 678—O God, You Search Me
 Comm. 805—Bread of Life or 780 Bread for the World
 Cl. 627—Rain Down

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00
Feb 7th & Feb 8th, 2026

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 434.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 1,379.00
Cemetery	\$ 313.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 678.00

**"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!

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 and latest news that is happening!

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 \$6,710.00 from 20 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish.

Live Lent!

MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, NOT WHAT YOU DON'T DO!

During the coming Lenten season, instead of depriving yourself of some type of food or some form of entertainment, join a small group for six weeks and participate in Live Lent, an opportunity to read Scripture and share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. Small groups will meet for 90 minutes once a week at someone's home. The faith-sharing also provides meditations for you to use on the other days of Lent. It's a great way to make Lent a more meaningful season as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

WHY JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOR LENT?

Maybe you'd like to meet new people. Maybe you'd like to spend more time sharing your faith with others and hearing them express their own faith. Maybe you'd like to grow spiritually. Maybe you'd like to deepen your relationship with God. Whatever your reason—it's the right one.

If you are interest in joining a small group, please call 607-397-9373.

Sincerest Sympathy—Ann Noyes

Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph would like to express our sincere sympathy to Linda Serdy and her family on the loss of her sister, Ann Noyes. We pray for the repose of her soul. May our Lord give him eternal reward! May she rest in peace!



CRS Rice Bowl

Have you picked up your CRS Rice Bowl for Lent? The donations that you contribute help other with hardships like hunger and malnutrition. Through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. During Lent, when you fast or sacrifice, put the amount in the rice bowl and bring it to mass on Holy

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday— 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

WATCH ON FORMED!!



About this series

Celebrating its refreshed debut, the Augustine Institute's foundational faith formation series Symbolon is new and more relatable than ever. Unlock the profound beauty and depth of the Catholic faith with Symbolon: The Faith of the Church. Join Taylor Kemp, Noelle Garcia, and Augustine Institute theologians on a transformative journey across America, delving into Catholicism's rich history, core teachings, and spiritual practices. This 16-episode series, guided by the Creed, explores everything from the sacraments to inspiring saintly stories, empowering you to understand, live, and share your faith confidently. Enhance your experience with leaders and participant guides, featuring discussion questions, scripture, artwork, and guided prayer meditations. Get yours today at Catholic Market!



Sincerest Sympathy—Kathleen A. Carlisle

Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph would like to express our sincere sympathy to her husband, Peter, her son, Ryan, her mother, Ann, her sister, Mary Ann and the extended family for the loss of Kathleen Carlisle. We pray for the repose of her soul. May our Lord give her eternal reward! May she rest in peace!

A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 17th at 12:00 p.m. with Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy.



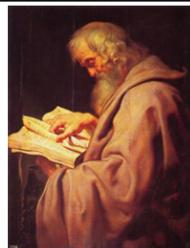
Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Raffle

Join us for our annual community celebration! We are currently looking for:

- **Candy Donations:** Please bring bags of Easter candy to the church by **Sunday, March 29th**.
- **Easter Basket Raffle:** Starting **Sunday, March 1st**, the Youth Program will be raffling off a spectacular Easter Basket!
- **Tickets:** Available at the youth table after each Sunday Mass and Fish Fry's on Fridays February through March. **The Big Drawing:** The winner will be announced on **Easter Sunday, April 5th**, immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt!



Saint Matthew
Feast Day—February 18th



In St. Matthew's Gospel, we read of St. Simon or Simeon who is described as one of our Lord's brethren or kinsmen. His father was Cleophas, St. Joseph's brother, and his mother, according to some writers, were our Lady's sister. He would therefore be our Lord's first cousin and is supposed to have been about eight years older than He. No doubt he is one of those brethren of Christ who are mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as having received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

St. Epiphanius says that when the Jews massacred St. James the Lesser, his brother Simeon upbraided them for their cruelty. The apostles and disciples afterwards met together to appoint a successor to James as bishop of Jerusalem, and they unanimously chose Simeon, who had probably assisted his brother in the government of that church. In the year 66 civil war broke out in Palestine, as a consequence of Jewish opposition to the Romans. The Christians in Jerusalem were warned of the impending destruction of the city and appear to have been divinely ordered to leave it.

Accordingly, that same year, before Vespasian entered Judaea, they retired with St. Simeon at their head to the other side of the Jordan, occupying a small city called Pella. After the capture and burning of Jerusalem, the Christians returned and settled among the ruins until the Emperor Hadrian afterwards entirely razed it. We are told by St. Epiphanius and by Eusebius that the church here flourished greatly, and that many Jews were converted by the miracles wrought by the saints.

When Vespasian and Domitian had ordered the destruction of all who were of the race of David, St. Simeon had escaped their search; but when Trajan gave a similar injunction, he was denounced as being not only one of David's descendants, but also a Christian, and he was brought before Atticus, the Roman governor. He was condemned to death and, after being tortured, was crucified. Although he was extremely old - tradition reports him to have attained the age of 120 - Simeon endured his sufferings with a degree of fortitude which roused the admiration of Atticus himself.

(reprinted from Holy Cross Catholic Church Durham, NC)

Black Native Latin Americans



Next weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for the Black Native Latin Americans. This collection enables the missions to spread Help and Support to our brother's and sister's in Latin America. Missionaries help in teaching and building up communities. Please be generous in fostering the spirit of this mission.

Catechist Training

There will be a Catechist Training on Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

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GREECE PILGRIMAGE
In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise
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 30th—November 9th, 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, Jim Bender, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, 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, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly, Gene Rothe, Ed Hillenbrand, Adrian Origon, Alvira Braga, Matt Mantione and Lorraine Brimlow for a speedy recovery.

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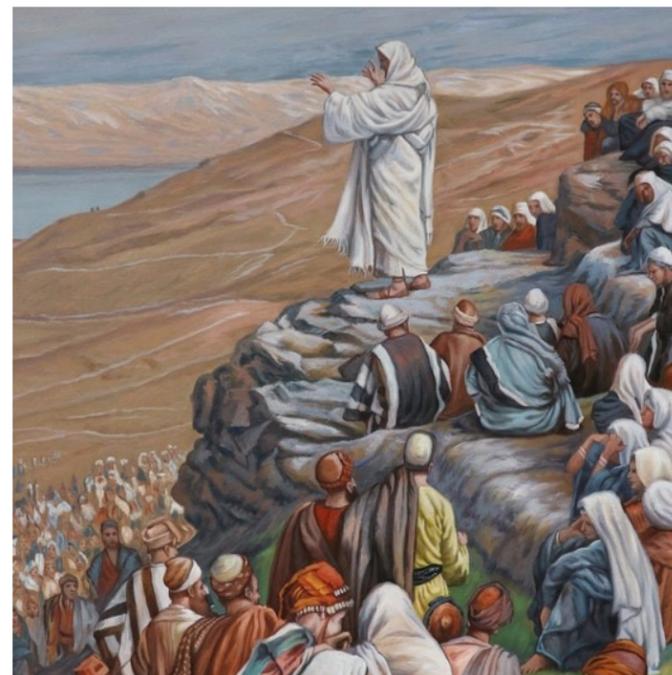
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Mission Statement: To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.

Vision Statement: St. Joseph is a Vibrant, Welcoming, Evangelizing and Transforming Catholic Community!

You have heard..., but I tell you...



February 15th, 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

Secretary: Joan DeBenedittis

Cemetery Manager: Kelly Daniels

Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children: Corinne Connington

Music Director: Terry Hait

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

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