

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

**Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00 AM** + John Mulholland by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Faith Tiner by Jim & Joan Tiner

**Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026—**  
**11:00 AM Adoration**  
**12:00 PM** + Bob Scanlon by Jim Longendyke  
 \* God's Blessings, Peace & Good Health for the Gusmano Family\* by The Gusmano Family

**Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Raven Golden by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Jack and Marlene Risley by Henry Sanna  
 + John Norman by The Family  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026—Second Sunday of Lent**  
**10:30 AM** + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie  
 + Fr. Ronald Green by Susan Birmingham  
 + Ryan Rodriguiz by David & Theresa Clements  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 02/28/2026 & 03/01/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Melinda McTaggart, 10:30 AM: Michael Jonker**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 02/28/2026 & 03/01/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Joe Poliseno, 10:30 AM: Corinne Connington**  
**Altar Servers: 03/01/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Jasper Cole, Liam Wellington**  
**Greeters: 03/01/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder, Joan DeBenedittis**  
**Ushers: 03/01/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Nolan Stroosnyder, Riely Poole**

**Readings for the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11  
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
1st Sunday of Lent**

Op. 351—Led by the Spirit  
 Psalm 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy  
 Off. 639—Earthen Vessels  
 Comm. 726—Transfigure Us, O Lord  
 Cl. 672 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Weekly Offering Table**

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00**  
**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> & Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 691.00	\$ 1,881.00	\$ 2,572.00
Ash Wed.			\$ 631.00
Candles & Poor			\$ 44.48

“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 \$6,760.00 from 21 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish.



**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 the church on Holy Thursday.

**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!



**Many Thanks**

A huge **thank you** to our wonderful Discipleship Formation children, parents, **catechists**, and parishioners! From those who decorated, baked, and cooked to everyone who served, cleaned up, and attended—you made this year’s Mardi Gras a spectacular success. Your hard work and joyful spirits truly brought our community together. We couldn't have done it without you!

God Bless,  
 Corinne Connington DRE

**\*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

Lectio: Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the 'rock' upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us.

**Sincerest Sympathy—Sharon Heller**



Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph would like to express our sincere sympathy to Sharon’s family for the loss of a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. 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 Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy.

**St. Joseph’s Church**  
**201 Main Street**  
**Worcester, NY 12197**  
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Annual Fish Frys  
 Friday’s—Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27<sup>th</sup>  
 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\$15.00 adults/\$6.50 child (half portion)  
 Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, Baked or French Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Delicious Desserts & Much more!!!  
 Take outs available!

Come & Enjoy a Festive Night with Friends & Family



**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!

**Chair of St. Peter**  
**Feast Day—February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This feast day marks the significant moment when Jesus Christ designated Peter as his successor, entrusting him with the leadership of the entire Church.



Jesus recognized Peter's unique role among the Apostles. Peter was present with Jesus during pivotal moments, including the Transfiguration and the Agony in the Garden. Notably, Peter was the sole Apostle to witness Christ's appearance on the day following the Resurrection. Often, Peter represented the Apostles, articulating their collective voice.

The critical exchange between Jesus and his Apostles unfolded when Jesus inquired, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus responded, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:13-20).

Through these words, Jesus established St. Peter as the leader of the global community of believers, entrusting him with the spiritual guidance of the Church.

The first recorded observance of the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter dates back to 311, celebrating the day St. Peter professed his faith. Historically, the feast acknowledged the day the Lord appointed St. Peter as the Church's head, acting as Christ's Vicar on earth.

*(reprinted from St. Paul Center)*

**Easter Flower 2nd Collection**

Next weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for Easter Flowers. This collection will let us have our Altar looking beautiful for our Easter Masses.



We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

**Stations of the Cross**

After the masses on Saturday and Sunday, during Lent, we will be enacting the Stations of the Cross in the church. Please come and participate in this spiritual journey. Let us worship together! God bless.



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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 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, 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, Lorraine Brimlow, Charlene & Helen Tiffany 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 Overcomes Our Temptations**



**February 22<sup>nd</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

**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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Cheryl Jory

**Finance Chairperson**

Amy Muehl

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