

Mass Intentions

Saturday

April 1st, 2023—Vigil

3:00 PM

Sunday

April 2nd, 2023—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:30 AM

+ Carolyn Muehl by Jim Longendyke

+ Joan Rielly by Millie Kenyon

+ Brittany & Bianca Toombs by Henry & Debi Sanna

Wednesday

April 5th, 2023

12:00 PM

+ John A. Colin-Rest in Peace by the Bill Colin

Bill Kenyon for Support by the Family

Thursday

April 6th, 2023—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM

+ Emerson J. Rose (10th Anniversary)

By John & Joan Rose

Friday

April 7th, 2023 –Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

Liturgy

Saturday

April 8th, 2023—Holy Saturday

8:00 PM

Liturgy-St. Vincent de Paul-Cobleskill

Sunday

April 9th, 2023—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:30 AM

+ Joseph Fiederer by Patricia Fiederer

+ Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council—5419 by the Knights of Columbus Council #5419

Healing Mass for Meadow Peitsch by Richard & Lorraine Gruber

Weekly Offering Table			
Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41			
March 25th & 26th, 2023			
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 627.00	\$ 1,306.00	\$ 1,933.00
Flowers	\$ 165.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 480.00
“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!			

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 04/08/2023 & 04/09/2023

3:45 PM: Melinda McTaggart

10:30 AM: Sean Filipowski

Eucharistic Ministers: 04/08/2023 & 04/09/2023

3:45 PM: Theresa Clements

10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle

Readings for the week of April 2nd, 2023

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 13:21-33, 36-38/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2.2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Holy Thursday Liturgy

We are looking for volunteers for the “washing of the feet” on Holy Thursday. There is a sign-up sheet on the piano podium.

CRS Rice Bowls

Please bring your CRS Rice bowls to mass on Holy Thursday. Please place in the box by the pulpit. Thank you to all who participated in this worthy collection.

The Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2022-2023 Diocesan Appeal

Dear Friends,

I appreciate and thank you for being a part of the Diocesan Appeal donors to complete our parish assessment and support the mission of our diocese.

Last year, we were able to complete and went beyond our assessment with your astounding generosity. Hopefully, we can make history this year too.

Our assessment for this year is \$17,071.00. To date, 43 parishioners have contributed to this year’s diocesan appeal (2022-2023), and the amount we have collected is \$17,094.00. So I encourage the people who have not become part of this mission to help us. You are very important to our parish and diocese.

If you need a Diocesan Appeal envelope, they are at all of the entrances of the church.

Thank you and God bless you!

Faith Formation Easter Raffle

The Faith Formation classes will be selling tickets for this beautiful Easter basket to help cover expenses for their classes. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and will be sold at the Fish Frys and at the social hour following mass. Please come and take a chance to win this lovely basket.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE EASTER SUNDAY MASS

Easter Flower Offering

Easter Flower offering envelopes are at the entrances and exits of the church. Please be generous in your donation in memory of your loved one so that we can decorate our altar to express the love, faith and hope we have in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Please bring your little ones to this enjoyable event.

40 Hours of Adoration

There is a sign-up sheet in the church by the side door for the 40 hours of Adoration which will start on Palm Sunday at 5 PM. Can you spend an hour with the Lord?

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

Bible Study Classes

The Bible study class is continuing on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm in Brooker Hall. Our focus will be on the Scripture reading for the coming Sunday. Since we are in Year A of the liturgical cycle, the Gospel of St. Matthew will be very prominent. Come and join us for a deeper understanding of the Bible. Our presenter will be John Fencik. Please bring a Bible with you.

Even if you miss a session, please keep coming.

ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

June 8, 2023—July 17, 2024

We will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adorations, missions, resources and preaching.

Divine Mercy Novena

Hear ye , Hear Ye – All are called by Our Savior to come pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena, starting on Good Friday after the 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph’s on April 7 through April 15.

At the 3:00 PM hour, for 9 days come be drenched in the Blood and Water that gushed forth from the Heart of Our Almighty Savior Jesus Christ.

Please come and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us and experience the unfathomable Mercy of Our Creator.

St. Joseph’s Annual Fish Fry

Our last Fish Fry was held on March 31st. Thank you to all of the people who attended, contributed and worked at the fish frys. Without your help, we could not have been such a big success.

SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!!!!!

St. Isidore—Feast Day April 4th



St. Isidore was born at Cartagena in 560. Two brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and a sister, Florentina, are also venerated as saints. He was educated by Leander and about 600, succeeded him as Bishop of Seville.

Isidore is considered one of the great figures of Spanish history. During his lifetime, he devoted much of his efforts to the conversion of the Arian Visigoths who had invaded his country. A man of brilliant intelligence and wide learning, he wrote an encyclopedia called the *Etymologies*, dictionaries, works of astronomy, geography, history and theology. He reorganized the Spanish Church and created an advanced educational system that made Spain a center of culture in Europe.

As Bishop of Seville he governed the Church wisely and enlisted the support of his people through the numerous councils and convocations he attended: the Second Council of Seville in 619 and the Fourth Council of Toledo in 633. At the same time, his house was always crowded with the poor seeking his generous help. One of his last acts before death was to give the poor all that he possessed. Isidore died on April 4, 636, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1722. (reprinted from *The Book of Saints*, Regina Press, 2010)

*Lord, every tree is known for its fruits.
Let me give from my heart the good things
you have given me.*



Dear Friends,

Consider with me the shifting sentiments of the crowd in the Gospel accounts of Holy Week. On Sunday, we'll hear the people of Jerusalem praising Jesus: "Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Yet, just a few days later on Good Friday, this same crowd is now shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Jesus personally knew the need of the corporal work of mercy *Visit the Imprisoned*, which we reflect on this week.

Since the Fall, we have suffered from an incapacity to commit fully to our Creator. We call this concupiscence. St. Paul puts it this way, "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate" (Rom 7:15).

"More tortuous than anything is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it?" relates the prophet Jeremiah.

But that is not the end of the passage: "I, the LORD, explore the mind and test the heart, giving to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their deeds" (Jer 17:-10).

The Lord knows our hearts. Jesus came into this world, taking on our human nature, sharing in the tortuous experience of having a human heart.

Jesus saved our human hearts.

Jesus isn't afraid of the mess in our human hearts. He goes to the depths. Of our mess so that we can be free to love and to be loved by him.

In Jesus, Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.



Knights of Council 5419



Council Meeting — Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 11** at St. Joseph's. Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in Church. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in the parish social hall.

S. Joseph's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners—Thank you to everyone who turned out to support St. Joseph's this year. The dinners were a great success!!

Council 5419 website—Information on our meetings and upcoming events can be found on the web at sites.google.com/view/kofc5419.



Holy Week Schedule

40 Hours Blessed Sacrament Adoration—St. Joseph's on Palm Sunday 5:00 p.m. through Tuesday 8 a.m. followed by Mass

Holy Thursday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph, Rice Bowl donations will be collected

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vincent & St. Joseph

Good Friday Liturgy at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph

Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday at St. Joseph

Holy Saturday Liturgy at 8 p.m. at St. Vincent

Easter Sunday regular Mass schedule 8:30 a.m.—St. Vincent and 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Easter Egg Hunt after Masses

Prayer Remembrance

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all of the cancer patients and COVID 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, John Rielly, Nick Wicowski, William Libasci, Robert Davis and Karlene Tauzel (Stokes) for a speedy recovery.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!

**Until Where Do I Follow My Lord?
One With Jesus in Suffering and Triumph**



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

Secretary: Joan DeBenedittis

Faith Formation Coordinator: Corinne Connington

Music Director: Terry Hait

Guitarist: Richard Gruber

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Theresa Clements & William Fredette

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

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

April 2nd, 2023

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening: 3:45 PM

Sunday Morning: 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Wednesday: Mass 12 PM

Friday: Adoration 11 AM—Mass 12 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 PM –3:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Office

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please call the Parish Office

All are Welcome to St. Joseph!