

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 26th, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM + Frederick Golja & Robert Hermanowski by Karen Hermanowski

Sunday August 27th, 2023 –Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Luke McDonogh Anniversary by Angela McDonogh
+ Nicholas Uzenski by Jim Longendyke
+ Robert L. Decker by Frank & Lorraine Brimlow
+ John A. Colin by Bill Colin

Wednesday August 30th, 2023
9:00 AM

Friday September 1st, 2023
12:00 PM + For the Departed of St. Joseph Parish

Saturday September 2nd, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM + Lillian & Edward Rose by Henry & Debi Sanna

Sunday September 3rd, 2023—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Robert Daly by Elizabeth Daly
Kevin Shalor Healing by Jim Longendyke

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41			
Aug 19th & 20th, 2023			
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 745.00	\$ 1,486.84	\$ 2,231.84
Assumption			\$ 10.00
Peter Pence			\$ 10.00

“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!

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Meeting I.D. 284 272 6978
Password: 359189

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 09/02/2023 & 09/03/2023
3:45 PM: Pat Fowble
10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen

Eucharistic Ministers: 09/02/2023 & 09/03/2023
3:45 PM: Mike Fay
10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altars Server: 09/03/2023
10:30 AM: Emily Snyder, Molly Snyder

Greeter: 09/03/2023
10:30 AM: Lola Kelley

Ushers: 09/03/2023
10:30 AM: Griffin Kelley, Angel Mravlja

Readings for the week of August 27th, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

If you know of anyone who has received baptism, but not other sacraments, also anyone who has not received any sacraments, who wants to become a Catholic and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, please call the parish office at 607-397-9373.

EOMOE & Lector Schedules

If anyone has to change their date on the schedule, please contact the rectory with the changes as well as the person who is replacing your time. Thank you!

The Responsorial Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.



Faith Formation Registration

Registration for Faith Formation has begun. Any students that participated previously have had envelopes with welcome letter and registration form sent to their home.

Please fill out and return the completed forms as soon as possible in the Corinne Connington’s mailbox by the ladies restroom.

Registration form for new students will be left on the Sacristy door.

Any questions, please contact Corinne at 1-845-728-3733 or email her at caconnington@gmail.com.

Blood of Christ

Due to an increase in Covid cases in our area, we will be postponing the distribution of the Blood of Christ until further notice. A new Eucharistic Minister schedule has been sent out this past week.

Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to God!



Make A Difference

Please help our Faith Formation children collect food, blankets, litter, toys, etc for the Susquehanna SPCA in Cooperstown starting September 17th, to kick off the Feast Day of St. Frances of Assisi.



The idea that love of neighbor is an act of sacrificial love, adds new dimension to the virtue of hospitality.

Hospitality becomes a means to serve others and Christ.

Christ himself shares much of his wisdom while dining with others. We are called to be Christ like.

Hospitality is one of the signs of a stewardship parish.

While the ministry is the responsibility of every member of the parish, it is important that the pastor, staff and parish leaders encourage an atmosphere of hospitality. We all need to be models of stewardship in all aspects in all ministries.

A Sunday Social Hour sign-up sheet is located on the piano podium. Thank you.

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

Faith Formation



The kick off date of Faith Formation is September 17th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Parents need to be there with their child or children; this will allow time for them to meet the Catechists and other faith formation families. I encourage all the parents to fill out the application and submit it to the Parish Office before the classes start.

Classes for 2023-2024 will be held on Sunday mornings and run from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Faith formation classes are simply not enough—attending Sunday liturgies is a huge part of the faith formation curriculum. Parents are highly encouraged to attend Mass with their children. The primary instruction of the Catholic family takes places at the Sunday liturgy. Families are the first forum in which the teaching of the children and the mission of evangelization takes place.

We would like to thank all the parents and guardians for being the first teachers of the faith! There will be more information at our KICK-OFF including a calendar for the year which includes sacramental dates, meetings and all upcoming events for the year.

God Bless!!

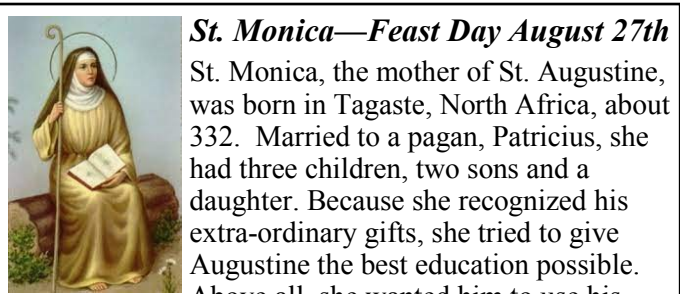


St. Joseph’s Divine Mercy Cenacle

The Members of St. Joseph’s Divine Mercy Cenacle are available to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in person with those who are sick.

Also, those who want to pray with the group can contact the Parish office at 607-397-9373.

Life is like an Onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep !!



St. Monica—Feast Day August 27th

St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, was born in Tagaste, North Africa, about 332. Married to a pagan, Patricius, she had three children, two sons and a daughter. Because she recognized his extra-ordinary gifts, she tried to give Augustine the best education possible.

Above all, she wanted him to use his gifts for God and the Catholic faith. Through her efforts, Patricius was converted to Christianity in 370. He died one year later.

Augustine disappointed her by choosing a life of pleasure, accepting the Manichaeian heresy, and rejecting Christianity. Turning to God, Monica spent herself in earnest prayer for her wayward son. A priest whose advice she sought said to her, “It is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish.”

Monica followed her son to Rome in 383 and then to Milan in 386. There she learned he was converted to Christianity. She joined him in preparing for his baptism by St. Ambrose on Easter, 387. As they returning to Africa, Monica fell mortally ill at the seaport of Ostia. Augustine tells of her moving words of farewell before she died. “Son, nothing in this world now makes happy. All my hopes have been fulfilled. All I wished to live for was that I might see you a Catholic and a child of heaven. God has given me more: I see you ready to give up everything and become his servant.” She died in 387.

Lord,
the tears of St. Monica moved you to convert her son, St. Augustine.



Knights of Council 5419



Council Meeting - Tuesday, September 12th at St. Joseph's in Worcester. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Find Council 5419 on the web at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>



St. Joseph's Annual Mass & Parish Picnic

Thank you to all who collaborated, helped out and came to this year's Mass & Parish Picnic.



Prayer Remembrance

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all 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, Nick Wicowski, William Libasci, and Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, Shannon Colin, Alexander Mustico, Mary & Jim Bender and Tessa Rheingold 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!

In Hands of Weak People
Authority In the Church—You Are the Christ



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

William Fredette

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

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

August 27th, 2023

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

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!