

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 16th, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM + Vera Head by the Golja Family
+ Hank Hren Jr. by Jean & Henry Hren

Sunday September 17th, 2023—Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Carolyn & Jack Muehl by Amy & Bernie
+ Julia Gonzalez by Henry & Debi Sanna

Wednesday September 20th, 2023
9:00 AM
Friday September 22nd, 2023
12:00 PM +For the Departed of St. Joseph Parish

Saturday September 23rd, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM + Janet Naples—3rd Year Anniversary by Janet Papst

Sunday September 24th, 2023—Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Nicholas Uzenski by Jim Longendyke
+ Joseph Ouimet by Ouimet and Nyback Families
+ Rebecca Gartung by Henry & Debi Sanna

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41			
September 9th & 10th, 2023			
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 510 .00	\$1,499.18	\$ 2,009.18
Candles		\$ 69.26	
Poor Box		\$ 47.00	

“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: 09/23/2023 & 09/24/2023
3:45 PM: Diane Fedor
10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Eucharistic Ministers: 09/23/2023 & 09/24/2023
3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory
10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 09/24/2023
10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Hugo Kelley


Greeter: 09/24/2023
10:30 AM: Charlotte Kelley

Ushers: 09/24/2023
10:30 AM: Griffin Kelley, Quinn Serdy


Readings for the week of September 17th, 2023
Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tim 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tim 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tim 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tim 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

**Baptismal Blessing
Celebration
September 24th**

We will be having a celebration for the newly baptized this year. Please come and join us for this special blessing. With your love of our Lord, they and their families continue in their religious life.



The Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.




**The Catholic University
of America
Second Collection**

Next weekend, September 24th, there will be a second collection for Catholic University. Catholic University is a national research university in the heart of Washington, DC. By giving to the collection it helps undergraduate and graduate students follow faith rooted education. They will be our future Catholic leaders both in religious and lay people. The University’s research and training initiatives help Dioceses and Parishes. Thank you for your donation.

Real friends are those who, when you feel you’ve made a fool of yourself, don’t feel you’ve done a permanent job.


Church Gardens Fundraiser

There are dried floral bouquets and other Fall items in the social hall for sale. All proceeds will enhance the church gardens.




Pizza Party

On Friday, October 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., we will be having a pizza party for all of the volunteers of the parish whether you do a small or big service for St. Joseph’s. Special pizzas by **Chef Mike Fay** will be provided and sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society. In order for us to get a count of the number of volunteers attending, a sign-up sheet will be provided on the piano podium. Please come and join us for a delicious evening of food and fun.



Cemetery Collection

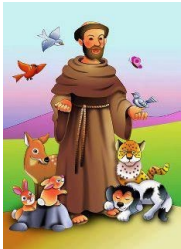
There will be a second collection this weekend for St. Joseph’s Cemetery. Please continue to help us keep our cemetery in immaculate condition with your generous support. Thank you.



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

Make A Difference

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



Catechetical Sunday—2023


Come to me all you who Labor and are burdened.....
Matthew 11:28

Catechetical Sunday is a National Day to celebrate the Ministry of passing down the faith. We encourage using Catechetical Sunday to publicly commission and pray for those who will serve as catechists and teachers in the parish community. Catechetical Sunday also offers all of us the opportunity to recall our baptized roles in handing down the faith. Thank you to All our catechists for answering the Call!!



Rosary Prayer

Starting in October, on the weekend masses, we will recite the Rosary twenty minutes before mass. Anyone can start praying the Rosary. Father Joe does not have to be in attendance.



The more a man uses moderation in his Life, the more he is at Peace, for he is not full of cares for many things. (St. Sebastian)



St. Robert Bellarmine September 17th

St. Robert was born at Montepuliciano, Tuscany, Italy, on October 4, 1542. His family was very influential, and over their objections he joined the Society of Jesus in 1560. One of the leading theologians of his day, Robert was ordained at Ghent, Belgium, in 1570. After his ordination, he became the first Jesuit professor at Louvain in Belgium. He went to Rome in 1576 and was appointed to the chair of controversial theology at the Roman College. He became rector of the Roman College in 1592 and provincial of the Naples province of Jesuits in 1594. Appointed theologian to Pope Clement VIII in 1597, Robert became a cardinal in 1599 and Archbishop of Capua from 1602 to 1605.

Popes Clement VIII and Paul V sought Robert's advice and his learning in the controversies between the Catholic Church and the Protestant Reformers. He was fair and just in representing the position of his adversaries, but angered King James I of England and the Scottish jurist, William Barclay, because he denied the divine-right-of-kings theory. Robert was a staunch defender of both the Church and the papacy.

His two catechisms and books of theology and spirituality, namely *Disputations on the Controversies*, nourished the faith of many of his contemporaries, as well as generations that came after them. In 1610, Robert had to mediate in the affairs of his good friend, Galileo. He was able to convince Galileo to propose his theories of Copernicus as hypotheses rather than proven fact. Robert died in Rome on September 17, 1621. He is a Doctor of the Church. (Reprinted from Book of Saints, The Regina Press, 2010)

*Lord, help us to speak as you wish,
and give us understanding of your ways.*

Catechists Needed

Discipleship Formation for Children is in need of volunteer and substitute catechists for the program. Please contact Corinne Connington at 845-728-3733 if you are interested in helping. Thank you.

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.



Knights of Council 5419



Council Meeting — Tuesday, September 26th at St. Joseph's in Worcester. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by Rosary at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Find Council 5419 on the web st;
<https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>



Harvest Dinner

This year we will be holding our Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 21st at 5:00 p.m.



We are looking for volunteers to become a part of the Harvest Dinner Team. If you are interested, please contact the rectory.

Our goal is to raise money to support programs, maintenance and unexpected costs that the parish may incur during the year 2023-2024.

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, Tessa Rheingold and Bob Colichio 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!

Forgive: Enter God's World
A New Lease on Life



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

Secretary: Joan DeBenedittis

Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children:
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?

September 17th, 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!