

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 14th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM + **Rich & Ann Duffee** by Dave & Theresa Clements
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday December 15th, 2024—Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM + **Robert Reich** by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + **John Jaszcar** by Jim Longendyke
 * **Healing for Hudson Frost** by Amy & Bernie
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday December 17th, 2024
9:00 AM + **Doris Colin** by Bill & Lu Colin

Friday December 20th, 2024
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM Penance Service

Saturday December 21st, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM + **Michael Fay** by Janet Papst
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday December 22nd, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM + **William & Ella Corroll** by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + **Mary Longendyke** by Amy & Bernie
 + **Karen Smith** by Gruber & Hanford Families
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 December 7th & December 8th, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$894.00	\$1,462.00	\$2,356.00
Immaculate Con			\$ 487.55
Candles & Poor			\$ 83.00

“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!

Instagram

St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul now have an Instagram. If you have Instagram, look for “[joevin138](#)”,

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 12/21/2024 & 12/22/2024
3:45 PM: Bill Fredette
10:30 AM: Chris Gartung
Eucharistic Ministers: 12/21/2024 & 12/22/2024
3:45 PM: Joe Poliseno
10:30 AM: Corinne Connington
Altar Servers: 12/22/2024
10:30 AM: Lola Kelley
Greeter: 12/22/2024
10:30 AM: Molly Snyder
Ushers: 12/22/2024
10:30 AM: Griffin Kelley

Readings for the week of December 15th, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

December 15th, 2024 —Third Sunday of Advent

Op. 288—Ready the Way
Ps. R&A-Missa--Isaiah 12 “Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”
Alleluia: 274 O Come, O Come Emmanuel with V-3
Off. 290—Creator of the Stars of Night
Comm. 805 —Bread of Life
Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph

Many thank you’s to all the people who helped out, donated and purchased items at our Christmas Boutique this year. It was a great success!!!!

Discipleship Formation Donations Needed!!



Discipleship Formation would like to collect dollar store 2025 calendars and hand creams for the nursing homes in our local area.

A container for donations will be provided in the hall. Please consider donating. Let’s be a beacon of light for the residents in the nursing homes. They are lonely and miss their loved ones and for some this is all they may receive. God Bless, Corinne Connington—DFCC

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners.

Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. To date, we have received \$6,025.00 in donations from 19 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish and other parishes throughout the Albany Diocese. Thank you.

Christmas Party/Story Time Discipleship Formation and All December 17th—5:30 p.m.



“The Spirit of Christmas”
 “The Spider Who Saved Christmas”

Readings by Jeanette Castro & Barbara Guilfoyle

Hot chocolate, snacks and crafts to follow
 Christmas Movie for the younger classes
 Christmas Caroling for the youths
 (battery operated candles will be provided)

PLEASE DRESS WARM
 (We will have a list of the homebound for cookie delivery)

GOD BLESS!!

St. Joseph’s 2024 Christmas Raffle Winners



1st Prize—\$300.00—Henry Sanna
 2nd Prize—\$100.00—Henry Sanna
 3rd Prize—\$100.00—John Tausel
 4th Prize—\$50.00—Sarah Obeldobel
 5th Prize—\$50.00—Tracey Yavorski

We made \$2,265.00 on the Christmas Raffle!!!!

Roku TV Raffle



The winner of the 150th Year Jubilee TV Raffle was Dave Lorette. Congratulations!!

We made \$825.00 on the TV Raffle!!!

Christmas Cheer



If you know of any child who may be in need of a Christmas gift, please contact the parish office at 607-397-9373 before December 20th.

Can you help us financially?

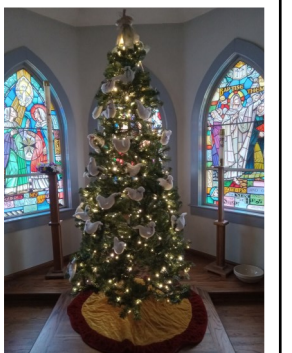
Thank you for your generous support to St. Joseph. Your donation helps us to pay the bills. Without you, what will we do? Please attend mass and help us with your offering. Now you can make your weekly offering to St. Joseph by mail or place it in our side door rectory drop box. You are all in my prayers and masses. God Bless You! Fr. Joe

Discipleship Formation Christmas Pageant



Next weekend, the Christmas Pageant will take place at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. Please come and enjoy the presentation of the Nativity performed by our Discipleship Formation children. And, please bring a friend!!

Discipleship Formation Dove Sale



The children from Discipleship Formation will be selling Remembrance Doves for \$5.00 each to be put on the St. Joseph’s Christmas tree this year. These doves are not only for the deceased, they can be for the ailing or someone that needs prayers. They will be displayed at the social hour in the parish hall and the Christmas boutique and can be purchased at that time. The children from Discipleship Formation will place them on the tree.

“Every mother is like Moses. She does not enter the promised land. She prepares a world she will not see”....Pope Paul VI

Discipleship Faith Formation Christmas Cookie Baking

Thank you to all who donated, baked and participated in our annual Christmas Cookie Baking. See you next year!

Discipleship Formation Christmas Schedule

December 15th practice for the Christmas Pageant
 December 17th Christmas Caroling, Storytelling in the Church starts at 5:30 p.m.
 Parents, please Stay for the Fun!!
 December 22nd Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 am Mass
 Christmas Hospitality to follow.
 January 5th, 2025, Three Kings Day (The Epiphany)

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL
 YOU WITH LOVE, PEACE, AND
 JOY!



St. Dominic of Silos
Feast Day—December 20th



Born in Cañas, La Rioja, to a family of peasants, he worked as a shepherd before becoming a Benedictine monk at the Monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla. He was ordained a priest and soon became master of novices and then prior, before being driven out with two of his fellow monks by King García Sánchez III of Navarre, for opposing his intention to annex the monastery's lands.

Under the protection of King Ferdinand I of León, in 1041 they found refuge in the town of Silos at the decaying Abbey of St. Sebastian, occupied by only six monks. (After his death, both the monastery and the town were renamed for him.) Dominic was appointed as the abbot of the community and, inspired by the reforms of Cluny, proceeded to rebuild the monastery, both spiritually and physically. He built the cloisters in the Romanesque style, and established a scriptorium, turning the monastery into a center of book design, scholarship, and significant charity made possible through the proceeds of the gold and silver workshop. Dominic became known for works of healing. The monastery became one of the centers of the Mozarabic liturgy, and also preserved the Visigothic script of ancient Spain.

Wealthy patrons endowed the monastery, and Dominic raised funds to ransom Christians taken prisoner by the Moors. By the time of his death, on 20 December 1073, the monastery numbered forty monks. Dominic's relics were translated to the monastery church on 5 January 1076. Churches and monasteries were dedicated to him as early as 1085. His annual feast day is celebrated on 20 December.

The mother of the better-known Saint Dominic of Guzmán, the Blessed Joan of Aza, is said to have prayed at his shrine before she was able to conceive the son she named for him. That son would grow up to found the Dominican Order. Dominic's special patronage thus became connected with pregnancy, and until the establishment of the Second Spanish Republic in 1931, his abbatial crozier was used to bless the queens of Spain, and was placed by their beds when they were in labor.

St. Dominic of Silos is patron saint of prisoners, pregnant women, and shepherds. (Reprinted from www.catholic.org/saint)

Christmas & New Year Celebration

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is hosting a free community dinner on Monday, December 30, 2024 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in our parish hall to celebrate **Christmas and New Year!**

If you have a special dessert you will like to share at our dinner, please don't hesitate to bring it.

Please call the rectory at 607-397-9373 if you plan to attend. **Hope you can join us!!**

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978
Password: 104215

St. Joseph's Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception—Dec. 9th—12:00 pm
Communal & 1st Penance Service—December 20th—6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve— Dec. 24th—3:00 pm
Christmas Day—Dec. 25th—11:00 am
New Year's Day—Jan. 1st—12:00 pm

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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, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, Shannon Colin, Alexander Mustico, Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold, Bob Colichio, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Alice Hughes, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, Claudia LaPierre, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio and Jeanne Bridger 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!

*Called to Joy
Begin in a Small Way*



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

Guitarist: Richard Gruber

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

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

December 15th, 2024

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!