

**Mass Intentions**

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

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

**Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024—Christmas Eve**  
**3:00 PM**

**Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024—The Nativity of the Lord**  
**11:00 AM**

**Friday December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**No Mass**

**Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + John & Bernice Gartung by Dave & Theresa Clements  
 \* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**10:30 AM** + Anna Diehl by Don & Karen Jahnke  
 + Mary Longendyke by Jim Longendyke  
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**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 12/24/2024, 12/25/2024, 12/28/2024 & 12/29/2024**  
**3:00 PM: Bill Fredette**  
**11:00 AM: Chris Gartung**  
**3:45 PM: Teresa Millias**  
**10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 12/24/2024, 12/25/2024, 12/28/2024 & 12/29/2024**  
**3:00 PM: Joe Poliseno**  
**11:00 AM: Corinne Connington**  
**3:45 PM: David Clements**  
**10:30 AM: Corinne Connington**  
**Altar Servers: 12/25/2024, 12/29/2024**  
**11:00 AM: Julianne Militello, Lola Kelley**  
**10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Jayson Krueger**  
**Greeter: 12/25/2024, 12/29/2024**  
**11:00 AM: Elyse Snyder**  
**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder**  
**Ushers: 12/25/2024, 12/29/2024**  
**11:00 AM: Griffin Kelley**  
**10:30 AM: Liam Serdy**

**Readings for the week of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
 Tuesday: Is 62:2, 1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25  
 Wednesday: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/John 1:1-18  
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Op. 297—People Look East**  
**Ps. 80 “Lord Make Us Turn to You”**  
**Alleluia: 274 O Come, O Come Emmanuel with V-4**  
**Off. 481—Hail Mary, Gentle Woman**  
**Comm. 820 —Servant Song**  
**Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph**

*“Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”....St. Elizabeth*

**2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal**

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

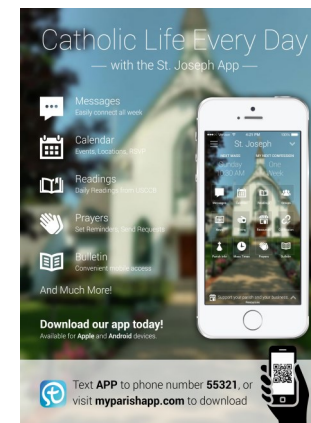
Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. To date, we have received \$6,195.00 in donations from 20 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish and other parishes throughout the Albany Diocese. Thank you.

**St. Joseph’s New Parish App  
 Download Sunday**

On Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be launching the new “St. Joseph’s Parish App.” Promotional cards will be handed out by our greeters. The card will provide the information on how to download **myParish App** and select our Parish after opening.

Each week, we will update any news or events that are happening at our church.

“Happy Browsing” and if you have any questions, feedback or concerns, please call the rectory at 607-397-9373.



**No Mass**

There will be no mass on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass will resume on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> with confession at 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the Vigil Mass at 3:45 p.m.

**Bible Study**

There will be no Bible Study on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Father Joe and the parish staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!*

**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**



This 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  
 Christmas Activities**

Thank you to Corinne, all the catechists, volunteers and children who participated in Christmas Bake and the Christmas Caroling, Storytelling events.



**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> & December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$410.00	\$1,321.00	\$1,731.00
Xmas Boutique			\$ 883.40

“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](#)”,



**St. Eugenia**  
**Feast Day—December 25th**

There definitely was a Roman martyr named Eugenia but the rest of her story is a romantic fictitious legend. According to it she was the daughter of Duke Philip of Alexandria, governor of Egypt during the reign of Emperor Valerian. She fled her father's house dressed in men's clothing and was baptized by Helenuus, bishop of Heliopolis, who sent her to an abbey of which she later became abbot. Accused of adultery by a woman she had cured of a sickness and whose advances she had resisted, she was hailed before a judge to answer the charges; the judge was her father. Exonerated when she revealed she was a woman and his daughter, she converted him to Christianity (he later became a bishop and was beheaded for his faith).

Eugenia converted many others, including her mother, Claudia, and suffered martyrdom by sword for her faith in Rome, where she had gone with her mother. Her feast day is December 25th and her memory is sacred.

There is a small village in the north of Portugal with the name of Santa Eugenia that contains a church with a painting of Saint Eugenia dressed as a boy in Roman-era attire.

A local legend states that Eugenia passed through this area on a nearby Roman road and through Moure, which lies at a major intersection of ancient Roman roads. There is also a tomb dating from about 1000 AD in the city of Barcelos, high on a hill that reads "tomb of Saint Eugenia." It is possible that this tomb is the tomb of Eugenia. During the Middle Ages, some saints were moved from Rome to the outer parts of Europe by monks. Patrick J. Geary, in his work *Furta Sacra*, states that "on April 5, 838, a monk named Felix appeared at Fulda with the remains of Saints Cornelius, Callistus, Agapitus, Georgius, Vincentius, Maximus, Cecilia, Eugenia, Digna, Emerita and Columbana. (Reprinted from [www.catholic.org/saint](http://www.catholic.org/saint))"

**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, 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, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr. and Lillian Spino for a speedy recovery.



**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!!**

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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!

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!**

*Mary Visits Elizabeth*



**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?**