

**Mass Intentions**

**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  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025—The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**12:00 PM** Mass

**Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM** Mass

**Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Betty Norman by The Norman Family  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Epiphany of the Lord**  
**10:30 AM** + Magdalena Dorothy Uzar by Peter Frank Uzar  
 + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 01/04/2025 & 01/05/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory**  
**10:30 AM: Sean Filipowski**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 01/04/2025 & 01/05/2025**  
**3:45 PM: David Clements**  
**10:30 AM: Helen Reilly**  
**Altar Servers: 01/05/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Liam Wellington-Skog**  
**Greeter: 01/05/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder**  
**Ushers: 01/05/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Grayson Basso**

**Readings for the week of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52  
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18  
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

**December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Op. 327**—Once in Royal David’s City  
**Gloria 308**—Angels We Have Heard on High  
**Ps. 84** “Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.”  
**Off. 655**—These Alone Are Enough  
**Comm. 330** —What Child Is This  
**Cl. 311**—Go Tell It on the Mountain or O Blessed St. Joseph

*“In the newborn child is realized the common good of the family. As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live. The Saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Churches’ history”....St. Pope John Paull II*



**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 \$6,390.00 in donations from 23 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.



**Free Community Dinner**

*Don’t forget to come to our dinner on Monday, December 30th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We would love to see you there to celebrate the New Year! And bring a special dessert!!!*

**Bible Study**

Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome

**Discipleship Formation Class**

Please make note that Discipleship Formation Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. 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

**10,000 Jubilee Hours**



Next week, we will give an update of the total hours that have been spent with our Lord for our 150th Jubilee Celebration. Please make an effort to come and spend some time with our Lord. He is always there for you!!!

**What do we celebrate at Epiphany?**



Come all to see our Discipleship Formation children participate in all Kings Day on the Solemnity of the Epiphany January 5<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am Mass.

The Church celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God as the Savior and Messiah. Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany we recall the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus: “And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

The Date of the Epiphany is on general as January 6<sup>th</sup> in the United States and in other countries, it celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so that all Catholics can participate.

**Discipleship Formation Christmas Pageant**

We would like to thank Corinne, Jeanette, catechists, and all of the children and parents who participated in our Christmas Pageant this year.



**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

December 21<sup>st</sup> & December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$510.00	\$1,122.00	\$1,632.00
Xmas Collect			\$4,169.00

“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!



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

**Instagram**

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

**St. Giuseppe Maria Tommassi**  
**Feast Day—January 1st**



St. Giuseppe Maria Tommasi, 1649-1713, cardinal. Son of the duke of Palermo and of Rosalia Traino, both of whom later entered religious life, as did four of his sisters., he was born in Alicati, Sicily, on Sept. 12 and entered the Theatine novitiate at Palermo at fifteen. After 1673, he was stationed at San Silvestro in Rome, studying scripture, Hebrew, and Greek philosophy. He wrote scholarly treatises on the Psalms and on liturgy. In 1697, Pope Innocent XII called him to the Vatican, where he worked for reforms among religious orders and continued his interest in theology and music and relief of the poor. He became a cardinal shortly after Clement XI, whose confessor he had been, became pope. He died in Rome, and was beatified in 1803.F.D. Jan 1. (Reprinted from www.catholic.org/saint)

**Christmas Cantata Presentation**

Fr. Joe would like to thank Terry, Jean and all of the wonderful choir who sang in our Christmas Cantata this year. It was a very joyful and endearing presentation.



**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.



**K of C Council 5419**



**Fellowship Meeting**—Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 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. in the Parish Hall.

For more information, visit us on the web at: <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>

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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!

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



**December 29<sup>th</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!**

**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?**