

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 7th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM + William & Mary Gartung by Dave & Theresa Clements
 + Janet Naples by Janet & Charles Papst
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday September 8th, 2024-Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Peter Mravljia by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + Connie Vrooman by Richard & Lorraine Gruber
 + Anthony Esposito by Marie & Bob Comenzo

Wednesday September 11th, 2024
9:00 AM + Charles Diehl by Don & Karen Jahnke
 + Joan Longendyke by Jim Longendyke

Friday September 13th, 2024
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + Linda Clements by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + John A. Colin by Bill Colin

Saturday September 14th, 2024—Vigil
3:45 PM + Gary Forthofer by Aryln Anderson
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday September 15th, 2024-Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Thomas Doty by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + Maria & Frank Basile by Tony & Maryann Basile
 + Connie Vrooman by George & Theresa Olsen
 + Dan Twomey by Jean & Henry Hren
 For an End to Abortion by Bill & Lu Colin

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 09/14/2024 & 09/15/2024
3:45 PM: Ed Hillenbrand
10:30 AM: Chris Gartung
Eucharistic Ministers: 09/14/2024 & 09/15/2024
3:45 PM: Joe Poliseo
10:30 AM: Corinne Connington
Altar Servers: 09/15/2024
10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger, Liam Serdy
Greeter: 09/15/2024
10:30 AM: Molly Snyder
Ushers: 09/15/2024
10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder, Emily Snyder

Readings for the week of September 8th, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

September 8th, 2024 —23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 585—Praise to the Lord
Psalm 146: Praise the Lord, My Soul
Off. 702—Prayer of St. Francis
Comm. 671—On Eagles’ Wings
Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph

2025 Mass Record Book

Our 2025 Mass Record Book is in. Please send in your mass intentions to be recorded for the upcoming year.

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven”...St. Ephrem

The Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul; praise the Lord, my soul!

The Traveling Statue of St. Joseph



Prayer is a beautiful way to find peace and to restore hope. St. Joseph’s parish this year is celebrating its 150th Jubilee. As a part of the celebration, we have a statue of St. Joseph which will travel from home to home, for a period of one week, to bring blessings to the family. The statue helps establish a sacred space for prayer within the home, with its visual representation. St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus who is one of the most important saints in that he dedicated his life to protecting and caring for Jesus and his wife, Mary by saying yes to God and being humble.

A sign-up sheet will be left on the piano podium if you would like to sign up to take the statue home. The statue should be returned the following week, so that another family can receive the blessings of St. Joseph

Along with the statue, a journal is provided so you may write any thoughts or insight that you received while St. Joseph was in your home.

Papal Blessings



When Fr. Joe goes on his pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, he would like to obtain the Papal Blessings for couples with milestone marriages (5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and 30th anniversaries and every 10 years (40th, 50th, 60th anniversary and so on). Those who would like to receive a certificate from the Pope, please call the parish office at (607) 397-9373 to be placed on the blessing list.

Cemetery Collection



There will be a second collection for our cemetery next week. Please help by making a contribution so our cemetery will continue to be always looking great. Thank you for your contribution.

Discipleship Formation Meeting

On September 22nd, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, there will be a meeting and training for all altar servers. Children who are greeters and ushers should be present as well as any children who would like to volunteer for these ministries. Confirmation students should attend this meeting so they will play a role in the participation of the mass. Any questions please contact the coordinator, Corinne Connington at 845-728-3733.

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

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



Harvest Dinner-October 19th



We are looking for volunteers to contribute food and desserts for our dinner. A sign-up sheet is on the piano podium listing the dishes we would like to have made. If you cannot cook for the dinner, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated to be put toward the cost of additional items we will need to purchase. Our goal again this year is to raise money to support programs, maintenance and unexpected costs that the parish may incur during the year 2024-2025.

Cantata Choir



We will begin rehearsals for this year’s Cantata on Wednesdays starting on September 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church. The presentation will be December 15 at 3:00 p.m. with a snow date of December 22. We will start with split rehearsals alternating higher voices and lower voices as follows:
 September 18—Sopranos and Altos
 September 25—Tenors and Basses
 October 2—Sopranos and Altos
 October 9—Tenors and Basses
 All parts: October 16, 23, 30 and November 6
 With accompaniment: November 13, 20, 27, December 4th and 11th.
 Presentation: Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. (snow date 12/22)
 There will be a signup sheet on the music platform. If you have any questions, please see Terry Hait or call her at 607-652-3347.

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

August 31st & September 1st, 2024

| | Sat | Sun | Total |
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| Regular | \$594.00 | \$1,866.00 | \$2,460.00 |

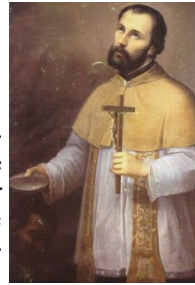
“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.”

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”,

St. Peter Claver
Feast Day—September 9th



St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, in Catalonia, Spain, in 1580. He was educated at the University of Barcelona and decided to enter the Society of Jesus. He entered the novitiate of Tarragona in 1601 and was sent to the College of Montesion at Palma in Majorca. While there, he came under the tutelage of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez and requested to be sent as a missionary to the New World to minister to the neglected.

He went to Cartagena, in Columbia, South America, in 1610 and was ordained there in 1615. Peter worked with Fr. Alfonso de Sandoval, a great missionary among the black slaves, and declared himself “the slave of the blacks forever.” Cartagena was one of the principal centers of the slave trade, and nearly one thousand slaves passed through its port every month.

Peter spent almost forty years serving the black slaves who came on slave ships to Cartagena before being sent to work at the plantations and mines in the area. It is said that he baptized nearly 300,000 slaves during his years in Cartagena. He brought food, clothing and encouragement to these poor people in their inhuman confinement and squalid conditions. Many were instructed in the Catholic faith, and Peter never turned away from their suffering or the revolting conditions of their captivity. He died at Cartagena on September 8, 1654, and the entire city, along with its slave population, mourned his passing. In 1896, Pope Leo XIII declared him the patron of all missionary work among blacks. (reprinted from The Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

*Lord, forgive our prejudices against others,
 and free those unjustly held captive.*

Emergency Responders Sunday
September 15th



Next Sunday, we will be honoring our Emergency Responders at 10:30 a.m. Mass. These dedicated individuals are true blessings to us all and we give them all our thanks in serving this community.



Pregnant? Alone? Need help?
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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 Wiecowski, William Libasci, Karlene Tausel (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, Mike Fay, Robin Von Langen and Jeanne Chase for a speedy recovery.



K of C Council 5419



4th Degree Assembly Meeting—Tuesday, September 10th at St. Joseph’s—5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting—Tuesday, September 10th 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>

REMINDER: Knights of Columbus Annual Picnic

Place: Pat Kilpeck House

Sunday, September 8th

12– 4 p.m

Please call Pete Kelley at 215-688-8399 for additional information.

**10,000 Holy Hours
 For 150th Jubilee**



Please join us in celebrating St. Joseph’s 150th Jubilee 10,000 Holy Hours by setting time aside to be with our Lord. Please, come and spend your time with the Lord in order to prepare for the Jubilee Celebration. Our parish has a 10,000 Holy Hours Program to help the people to become one with the Lord. Through St. Joseph with his humble works and his saying “Yes” to God, may we receive the graces that were bestowed on him and the profound love of our Lord.

There are sign up sheets on the piano podium to be completed after spending your time with the Lord.

If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 607-397-9373.

God bless!!

ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!

**Lord, Open Our Ears and Lips
 Ephphatha! Be Opened!**



September 8th, 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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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?**