

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 5th, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + John A. Colin by Bill & Lu Colin
 + Arthur Morrell by Debi & Henry Sanna
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday April 6th, 2025—Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + Magdalena Dorothy Uzar by Peter Frank Uzar
 + Dylan Baker by Richard & Lorraine Gruber
 + John Gartung by Christine Gartung
 + William & Mary Gartung by Mary Jones
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday April 9th, 2025
9:00 AM + Jan Pasciak by Jim & Joan Tiner
 + Claudia LaPierre by Christine Gartung
 * Healing for Terry Doan* by Bill & Lu Colin

Friday April 11th, 2025
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM No Mass
1:00 PM Funeral Mass—Vi Muehl

Saturday April 12th, 2025—Vigil
3:00 PM + Frank Pavlick by Joseph & Diane Fedor
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family
 * In thanks for answered prayers for my great-grandson Benito* by Lois Petty
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday April 13th, 2025—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
11:00 AM + Janet Naples Birthday Anniversary by Chuck & Janet Papst
 + Genofiva and Frank Fiederer by Pat Fiederer
 + Mary Margaret Longendyke by Jim Longendyke
 + Patricia Hoye by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + Ed Cacioppo by Richard & Lorraine Gruber
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 04/12/2025 & 04/13/2025
3:00 PM: Cheryl Jory
11:00 AM: Chris Hoecker
Eucharistic Ministers: 04/12/2025 & 04/13/2025
3:00 PM: Theresa Clements
11:00 AM: Corinne Connington
Altar Servers: 04/13/2025
11:00 AM: Liam Serdy, Peter Daempfle
Greeter: 04/13/2025
11:00 AM: Angel Mravlja
Ushers: 04/13/2025
11:00 AM: Grayson Basso

Readings for the week of April 6th, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:13-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

April 6th, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Op. 672—O God, Our Help in Ages Past
 Psalm 126: “The Lord Has Done Great Things.”
 Off. 719—What Wondrous Love
 Comm. 673 —Be Not Afraid
Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph or 352 Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

March 29th & March 30th, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$703.00	\$1,242.52	\$1,945.52
Catholic Relief	163.00	286.00	\$ 449.00
Candles			\$ 58.59
Poor Box			\$ 111.00

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.”

Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has 2^{1/2} months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal is at 10,976.00 in donations from 32 of our parishioners. We **need** your help to make our goal this year!! Thank you, Fr. Joe



**Faith and Food:
It Feeds our Souls and Bellies**

Hospitality is a gift and a virtue. There is a sacredness in welcoming another into your home. Jesus adds the spiritual dimension

to this practice: “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever received me receives the one who sent me.”

Help our parish to uphold the four pillars of stewardship: Hospitality (Christian kindness); Prayer (heart to heart with God); Formation (discover and share Christ); Service (love in action).

Characteristics of an everyday steward include being mindful, grateful, accountable, gracious, prayerful, and giving. When we think of the word stewardship, we often think of giving our time, talent, and treasure back to God for all that He does for us.

What is a Stewardship Parish?

As a stewardship parish our focus is on upholding the four pillars of scholarship:

Hospitality (Christian kindness). Maybe spending time at coffee hour with the widower or widow, who needs someone to talk to, the lonely, the sad, the sick just spending some time with someone can make a difference in their everyday life.

(Formation) instilling virtues like kindness, generosity and empathy, fostering a welcoming environment, this is also what our Discipleship Formation is taught, teaching hospitality promotes kindness, respect, generosity, which are all valuable traits.

(Prayer) heart to heart with God
 (Service) love in action

Embracing stewardship during Lent can be a transforming experience as we seek a deeper connection to Christ in preparation for His resurrection at Easter. It reminds us that our time, talents, and treasure are gifts from God, and it challenges us to use these gifts to serve others and glorify God. By giving of ourselves in a spirit of stewardship, we can live out the core principles of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—in a way that reflects Christ’s love and sacrifice. Ultimately, this way of life can help us grow closer to Christ and become better disciples of his love.

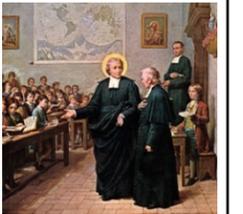
Questions to ponder on.

How do I Reflect These Four Pillars?
 How do I “minister” in my parish, home, and community?
 How do I reach out in faith to those who aren’t currently engaged in a church community?

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

**Saint John Baptist de la Salle:
Patron St. of Teachers**



April 7th—Saint John Baptist de La Salle “The inspiring story of a 17th century French priest who reluctantly became involved in educating poor children. In the process, he became the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, as an order known today as the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Actor Mel Ferrer gives a heartfelt performance as St. John Baptist de La Salle, a priest from a wealthy upper-class family who gave up everything to serve the needs of educating poor children, facing tremendous opposition along the way.

Today there are some 70,000 Lasallian educators, with about 900 of their educational institutions including 64 colleges and universities, who join over 5,000 Christian Brothers in providing a Catholic education for a million students. His story is one of God’s Providence, of great charity and perseverance, and of a genuine application of the Gospel to daily life in the classroom. His writings have become educational classics, and his meditations continue to inspire Catholic educators around the world to “see Christ beneath the rags of those confided to your care.”



St. Joseph’s Annual Fish Fry

One More to Go!! Come and Enjoy!!!

Bring a Friend!!!!

“If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues, with it you can accomplish what you desire”....St. Vincent Ferrer



Sincerest Condolences

Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph’s would like to express their sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the Muehl family for the passing of Vi a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We pray for the repose of her soul. May our Lord give her eternal reward! May she rest in peace!



Her Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph.

Instagram

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

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978

Password: 104215

Thank you for supporting your parish!

**The Story of Mary Magdalene
and
the First Easter Egg**



Mary Magdalene and the Easter Egg

According to tradition, after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, the Magdalene—a wealthy woman of some importance—boldly presented herself to the Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message.

Holding the egg out to him, she exclaimed for the first time what is now the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, "Christ is risen!"

The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. The Emperor then heeded her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death, and had Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure.

Why would Mary Magdalene bring an egg to talk about Jesus with the Roman Emperor? In another tradition, it is said that Mary Magdalene brought a basket of white boiled eggs with her on Easter morning to the tomb of Jesus—perhaps as a meal for herself and the others as they waited for someone to roll the stone away. When she arrived at the site of the Resurrection, finding the stone already rolled away, she also found that the eggs in her basket had turned into bright shades of color.

Perhaps this is why she brought an egg to the Emperor; did she expect that Jesus would perform a similar miracle for her egg as he had done on that first Easter morning? While we do not know if these stories are true with absolute certainty, we do not know that the tradition of handing out red eggs at Easter is one that originated among Christians in Apostolic times. And we often find Mary Magdalene depicted in icons holding a red egg. Moreover, the story fits into the various cultural traditions already surrounding the symbol of the egg. For many cultures, even before the time of Christianity, the egg was a symbol of creation, spring, and rebirth. After the resurrection of Christ, the egg took on a new meaning for Christians and became a symbol of new life breaking forth while leaving the empty tomb behind. Perhaps this became even more pronounced due the account of Mary Magdalene.

Eggs were what helped people to understand a new theological truth—the resurrection of the dead, and a new religion—Christianity—built around the first Resurrection. As a symbol of Christ's resurrection, the Easter egg then became a symbol for the rebirth of all mankind at the resurrection on the Last Day due to the merits of Jesus Christ. "Easter eggs" were shared with one another as a joyful symbol of Christian hope.

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, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold, Bob Colichio, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Salley Obeldobel and Ramona Adesso, and Mary Ellen Vohs for a speedy recovery.



K of C Council 5419

Fellowship Meeting—Tuesday, April 8th 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!

Throw No Stones



April 6th, 2025

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?