

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 12/20/2025 & 12/21/2025

3:45 PM: Ed Hillenbrand

10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker

Eucharistic Ministers: 12/20/2025 & 12/21/2025

3:45 PM: Denise Weber

10:30 AM: Helen Reilly

Altar Servers: 12/21/2025

10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelley & Charles Kelley

Greeters: 12/21/2025

10:30 AM: Samantha Hoecker

Ushers: 12/21/2025

10:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

Readings for the week of December 14th, 2025

Sunday: Is 35: 1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 11:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

December 14th, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Op. 278—On Jordan’s Bank or 288 Ready the Way

Psalm 146: “Lord, come save us.”

Gospel Accl. 274 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v3

Off. 277—Patience, People

Comm. 780—Bread for the World

Cl. 292—Let the Valleys Be Raised

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Dec 6th & Dec 7th, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 884.00	\$ 2,068.50	\$ 2,952.50
Immaculate Con			\$ 378.50
Poor & Candles			\$ 42.50

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

Thank you for supporting your parish!

2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2025-2026 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners.

Our assessment for the Diocesan Appeal is \$20,049. Our contributions to date are \$4,699.00 from 16 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish.

The Fifteen Promises of Mary

Granted to Those Who Recite the Rosary

11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

Community Christmas Baskets

Please donate the following items for our Community Christmas Baskets:

Macaroni & Cheese, Jams & Jellies
Peanut Butter, Tuna

Please place your items in the bin in the hallway through December 16th.



Discipleship Formation Star Sale

This year the Discipleship Formation children is selling remembrance Stars to decorate the St. Joseph’s Christmas tree in the Church. When you purchase your star, there are several tags for you to write a special person or persons name on these tags. A donation of \$5.00 for each star is greatly appreciated. Thank you for making this year’s fund raiser a success!!

Christmas Raffle Winners

On Saturday, December 6th after our Xmas boutique, we pulled the names of the winners for this year’s raffle. They are:

- 1st Prize—Chris Gartung—\$300.00
2nd Prize —Rick Lewis—\$100.00
3rd Prize—Debi Sanna—\$100.00
4th Prize—Amy Weber—\$50.00
5th Prize—Marian Bueti—\$50.00*

*Marian is donating her winnings back to St. Joseph.

Congratulations to the winners!!

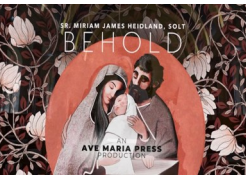
Can you help us financially?

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



Kindle Winter Basket Raffle

Discipleship formation youths have a Kindle Winter Basket that they are raffling off. The tickets are \$5.00 a raffle ticket and will be Raffled off on Sunday December 21st. You have to be in it to win it!!!



Let the Holy Family be your light through Advent as you receive the healing power of Christ. In this beautiful guided video series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT—author of the

bestselling book Restore and co-host of the Abiding Together Podcast — walks with you as you explore familial wounds with the help of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each week of Behold will focus on a different theme that you can connect to your life in a practical way:

Week one: Motherhood—Receive Mary as your mother and let her tender love soften your heart toward your earthly mother;

Week two: Fatherhood—Adopt Joseph as your father and embrace his loving strength as you seek healing in your relationship with your own father;

Week three: Childhood—Become childlike with Jesus and remember the core of who you are as you release your inner joy and playfulness; and

Week four: Stable—Restore peace and unity in your family and regain hope.

WATCH ON FORMED!!



Discipleship Formation Christmas Schedule



December 20th Christmas Caroling 6:00 p.m.—St. Joseph
December 21st Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 am Mass
Christmas Hospitality to follow.

January 4th, 2026, Three Kings Day (The Epiphany)

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

Discipleship Catechist Teacher Needed

Corrine Connington is in need of a catechist teacher immediately for one of her classes. Please contact her at 1-845-728-3733 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!



St. John of the Cross
Feast Day—December 14th

St. John of the Cross (1542–1591) is one of the Church’s greatest mystics and a Doctor of the Church. Born in Spain, he entered the Carmelite Order as a young man and later worked closely with St. Teresa of Ávila to renew the Carmelites with a spirit of simplicity, prayer, and holiness. This beautiful work of reform brought him many trials, including imprisonment, yet he remained steadfast in faith and charity.

John is best known for his deep spiritual writings—especially The Dark Night of the Soul, The Ascent of Mount Carmel, and The Spiritual Canticle. Through his poetry and teaching, he shows how God gently purifies the heart so it can rest more completely in His love. For John, every challenge becomes an invitation to trust God more fully.

St. John of the Cross reminds us that the path to holiness is often quiet, hidden, and shaped by surrender to God’s will. His life is a testimony that even in moments of darkness, God’s light is at work within us.

Death December 14th 1591

Beatified: January 25th 1675 by Pope Clement X

Canonizes: December 27th 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII

St. John of the Cross, pray for us! (reprinted from Catholic.online)



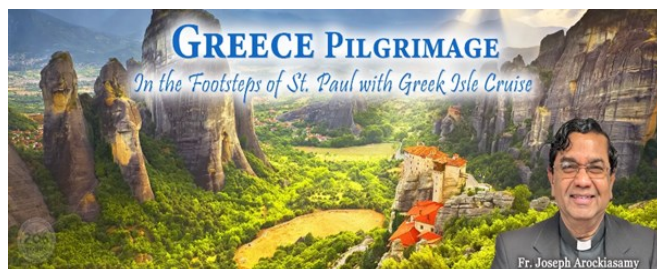
St. Joseph Free Community Dinner

Please join us on December 30th at 4:30 for this festive event.

ALL ARE WELCOME!! If you plan to attend, please call the rectory at 607-397-9373.

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, 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, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly and Ed Hil-lenbrand for a speedy recovery.



“The world is a book and those who do not travel Read only one Page.”

Set a goal to travel with Fr. Joe to Greece.

October 30th—November 9th, 2026

For additional information, please visit <http://www.206Tours.com/cms/frarockiasamy>

Reconciliation Service & Pot Luck Dinner

St. Joseph’s will be having a potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19th in the parish hall followed by a Reconciliation Service at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass. Come join our parishioners in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Everyone welcome!



Staff Gathering

This year’s staff gathering will be held on December 17th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul. All staff members are welcome to this joyful gathering.

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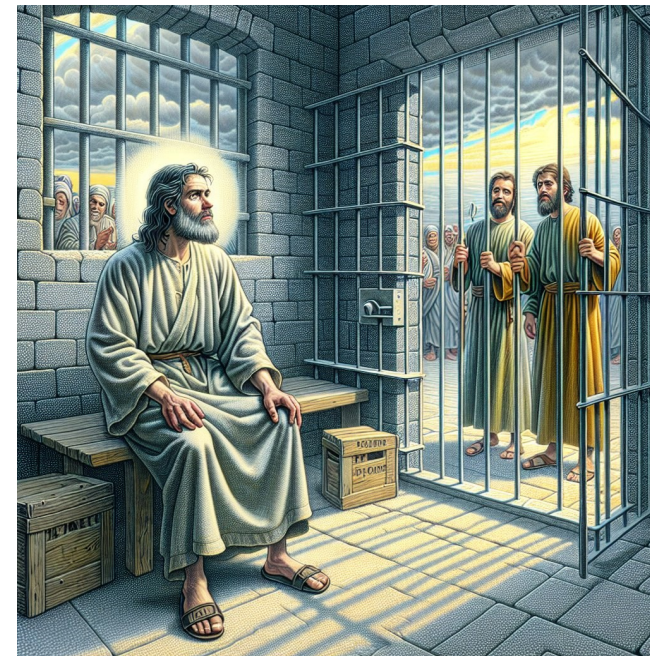
“facebook.com/St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, Worcester, New York” -

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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!

Are You the One to Come?



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

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Cheryl Jory

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

Will you please remember “St. Joseph’s Church” in your Last Will?

December 14th, 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!