

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 12/24/2025, 12/25/2025, 12/27/2025 & 12/28/2025

6:00 PM: Bill Fredette, 11:00 AM: Teresa Millias

3:45 PM: Melinda McTaggart, 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: 12/24/2025, 12/25/2025, 12/27/2025 & 12/28/2025

6:00 PM: David Clements, 11:00 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle,

3:45 PM: Denise Weber, 10:30 AM Barbara Guilfoyle

Altar Servers: 12/24/2025, 12/25/2025, 12/28/2025

6:00 PM: Liam Serdy, Julianne Militello & Quinn Serdy

11:00 AM: Lola Kelley, Hugo Kelley & Liam Wellington-Skog

10:30 AM: Brian Hogan, Peter Daempfle

Greeters: 12/24/2025, 12/25/2025, 12/28/2025

6:00 PM: Emily Snyder, 11:00 AM: Samantha Hoecker,

10:30 AM: Helen Siems & Julianne Militello

Ushers: 12/24/2025, 12/25/2025 & 12/28/2025

6 PM: Knights of Columbus

11:00 AM: Riely Poole & Daphine Poole

10:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

Readings for the week of December 21st, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**December 21st, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Op. 296—Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Psalm 24: “Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.”

Gospel Accl. 274 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v4

Off. 481—Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Comm. 622—Like a Shepherd or 664 Dwelling Place

Cl. 412—Let Heaven Rejoice

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors for our Sunday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Joe or call the rectory.

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

13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.

14. All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only Son Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Community Christmas Baskets

Thank you to all who donated to the Community Christmas baskets. You have brought joy to families in need! God Bless!!

Discipleship Formation Star Sale

The Discipleship Formation children are 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!!

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Dec 13th & Dec 14th, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 636.00	\$ 1,242.50	\$ 1,878.50
“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!

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



The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstand-

ings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

WATCH ON FORMED!!

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 4th 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 the general calendar as January 6th in the United States and in other countries, it celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so that all Catholics can participate.



*Fr. Joe,
the Trustees
and the*

St. Joseph’s Office Staff

would like to wish you a Merry Christmas!!



Saint Peter Canisius

Are you fulfilled by the work you do?

Peter Canisius worked incredibly hard throughout his lifetime. Why? Because he knew it was what he was put on this earth to do. In fact, today he is honored as a Doctor of the Church for the incredible work he accomplished in his lifetime through teaching, preaching and writing catechisms.



Peter was a Jesuit priest in Germany who founded eighteen colleges, wrote thirty-seven books, and lived to see his catechisms go through 200 printings. We still benefit from the work he did during his lifetime. It was meaningful work. It was impactful work.

But what about the work we do every day? No matter what you do—whether you’re a teacher, a doctor, a stay-at-home mother, an accountant, a waiter—we can find satisfaction and fulfillment in our work by offering it as a prayer to God. We can find happiness in our work by doing our very best. We can find meaning by helping others every day through whatever work we do.

We all spend too much time working not to be able to experience a deep sense of satisfaction from our work. Fulfillment at work and enduring happiness are inseparably linked.

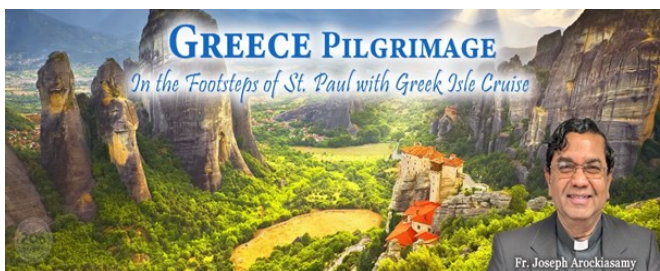
The words of Lin Yu-t’ang, a writer, translator, and editor, lend a powerful perspective to our reflection at this point: “So much unhappiness, it seems to me, is due to nerves; and bad nerves are the result of having nothing to do, or doing a thing badly, unsuccessfully, or incompetently. Of all the unhappy people in the world, the unhappiest are those who have not found something they want to do. True happiness comes to him who does his work well, followed by a relaxing and refreshing period of rest. True happiness comes from the right amount of work for the day.”

Let us endeavor to find the right work and then seek to do the right amount of that work each day. With all things, let’s turn to God and ask him to lead us to the work he created us to do, the work that will grow us in the ways he wants us to grow. Prayer in all things. It is so easy to set God and his help aside, and it is always a mistake. (reprinted from Dynamic Catholic)

**There will be no Adoration or Mass on Friday,
December 26th. Please make note of this.
Thank you!**

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>

***St. Joseph’s Free Community Dinner
Tuesday, December 30th***



***4:30 PM
Parish Hall***

Delicious Meal with Dessert

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

***If you plan to attend, please call 607-397-9373 with
the number of diners who will be coming.***

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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!

Jesus Is Our God-with-us



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 21st, 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!