

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 01/03/2026 & 01/04/2026

3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory, 10:30 AM Sean Filipowski

Eucharistic Ministers: 01/03/2026 & 01/04/2026

3:45 PM: David Clements, 10:30 AM Helen Reilly

Altar Servers: 01/04/2026

10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Quinn Serdy

Greeters: 01/04/2026

10:30 AM: Helen Siems & Samantha Hoecker

Ushers: 01/04/2026

10:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

Readings for the week of December 28th, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

December 28th, 2025

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Op. 327—Once in Royal David’s City

Gloria: 308 Angels We Have Heard on High

Psalm 128: O Blessed Are Those

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

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Dec 20th& Dec 21st, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 522.00	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 1,817.00

“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!

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.



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.*

Discipleship Formation Children’s 2025 Pageant

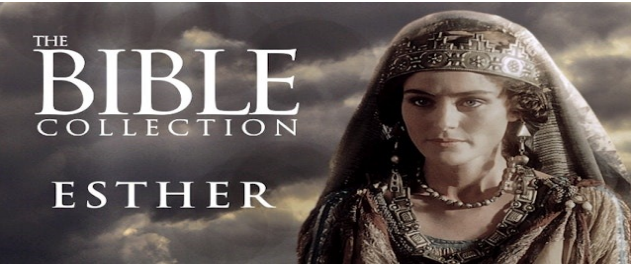


Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Giving Tree. Many families are very thankful for the gifts that were provided to their children in need. God Bless!!

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

Experience the Biblical story of Esther, who infiltrated the King of Persia's harem in order to stop a planned genocide of the Jewish people.



WATCH ON FORMED!!

We will consecrate all our families to the Heart of Jesus. May our Lord bless all our families.

Happy Holy Family Day!!



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 Happy New Year!!



2025 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the year 2025 will be sent only to those who request them. If you wish to receive a statement of your donations for tax purposes, please call the parish office at 607-397-9373. Our hours are Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The Story of the Holy Innocents

Herod “the Great,” king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence, he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and his sister’s two husbands, to name only a few. Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was “greatly troubled” when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of “the newborn king of the Jews,” whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also “do him homage.” They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt. Herod became furious and “ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under.” The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children...” (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

Reflection: The Holy Innocents are few in comparison to the genocide and abortion of our day. But even if there had been only one, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth—a human person, destined for eternity, and graced by Jesus’ death and resurrection.

The Holy Innocents are the Patron Saints of Babies (reprinted from Franciscan Media)

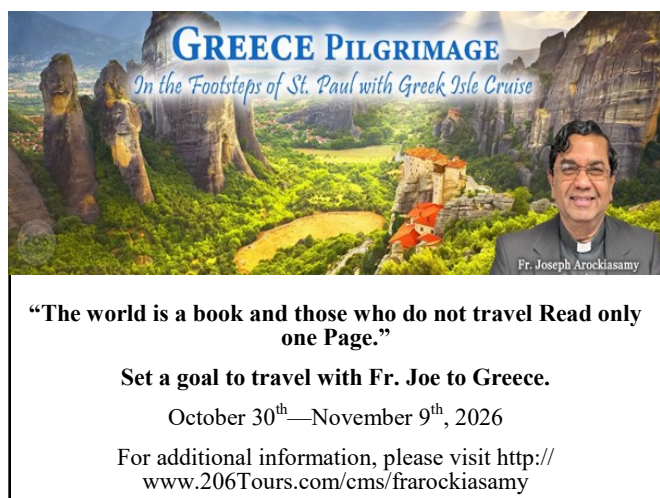
Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

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.

There will be no Adoration or Mass on Friday, January 2nd. 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.



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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!

When Jesus was a Child



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 28th, 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!