

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 1st, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Betty Norman by The Norman Family
 + Tom Morton by Joanne Chamberlin
 + Magdalena Rose by Debi & Henry Sanna
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday February 2nd, 2025—The Presentation of the Lord
10:30 AM *Magdalena Dorothy Uzar* by Peter Frank Uzar
 + Anna Diehl by Don & Karen Jahnke
 + Joan Longendyke by Jim Longendyke
 * Healing for Hudson Frost* by Amy & Bernie
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday February 5th, 2025
9:00 AM No Mass

Friday February 7th, 2025
11:00 AM No Adoration
12:00 PM No Mass

Saturday February 8th, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Albin Bulson by Joseph & Diane Fedor
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday February 9th, 2025—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM +Edward & Catherine Rose by Henry & Debi Sanna
 +William Dunne by Pat Fiederer
 +Dennis Johns by Richard & Lorraine Gruber
 +Mary A. Wille
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 January 25th & January 26th, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$428.00	\$1,070.00	\$1,498.00
Fuel & Heat	\$805.00	\$ 473.00	\$ 1,278.00
Candle & Poor			\$ 43.10

“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!

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 02/08/2025 & 02/09/2025
3:45 PM: Teresa Millias
10:30 AM: Kathy Filipowski
Eucharistic Ministers: 02/08/2025 & 02/09/2025
3:45 PM: Denise Weber
10:30 AM: Chris Gartung
Altar Servers: 02/09/2025
10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Jayson Krueger
Greeter: 02/09/2025
10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder
Ushers: 02/09/2025
10:30 AM: Grayson Basso

Readings for the week of February 2nd, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

**February 2nd, 2025
 The Presentation of the Lord**

Op. 593—Lift Up Your Hearts
 Psalm 24: “Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!”
 Off. 487—Holy is His Name
 Comm. 623 —I Have Love You
 Cl. **O Blessed St. Joseph**

“Nothing is anything more to me; Everything is nothing to me, but Jesus: neither things nor persons, neither ideas nor emotions, neither honor nor sufferings. Jesus is for me honor, delight, heart and soul”....St. Bernadette

Instagram

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

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners.

Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contribution for the Appeal is at \$6,856.00 in donations from 26 of our parishioners. **Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish and other parishes throughout the Albany Diocese. Thank you.**

St. Joseph’s New Parish App



Why should we use our St Joseph’s Parish App? Because as Christians we can grow in our faith, support each other, and live out the Catholic Church’s mission.

What a parish does

- **Celebrates the Gospel:** Parishes are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated through services like Mass
- **Teaches the faith:** Parishes teach the Christian faith, including the doctrines of salvation
- **Promotes good works:** Parishes promote good works and brotherly love
- **Provides sacraments:** Parishes provide sacraments, especially the Eucharist
- **Educates children:** Parishes ensure the Catholic education of children
- **Supports discipleship:** Parishes provide support and encouragement for Christian discipleship
- **Connects people:** Parishes provide a place for people to reconnect with their neighbors

What a parish is

- A community of Christians within a specific church
- Part of a diocese, which is organized by the Catholic Church
- Led by a pastor who is appointed by the diocesan bishop

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord takes place 40 days after Christmas. The feast is traditionally marked by a procession with candles, called the Blessing of Candles in which we will proceed into the church from the parish hall.



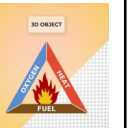
Can you help us financially?

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

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the year 2024 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.

Fuel & Heat Collection



Thank you to all who contributed to our Fuel & Heat collection this past weekend.

**Feast of St. Blaise
 The Blessing of Throats**



This Sunday after mass, Fr. John will hold two candles crossed against a person's throat while saying a prayer, essentially invoking Saint Blaise's protection against throat ailments; this practice is often referred to as the "St. Blaise blessing" or "initiation of the blessing of the throats."

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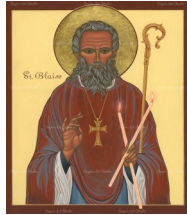
This year, you'll be ready for Lent. Dive deep into the mystery of Christ this Lent with two brand new series on Formed and a mini journal to help guide you! Login to watch.Formed.org to watch the two new series! How to Lent will be available on February 12 Foretold will be available on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



Watch Now! Only on FORMED

Catechists Needed

Discipleship Formation for Children is in need of volunteer and substitute catechists for the program. Please contact Corinne Connington at 845-728-3733 if you are interested in helping. Thank you.



**St. Blaise
Feast Day—February 3rd**

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat.

Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise."

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.

Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did -alive and uninjured - to the amazement of all.

When he reached Sebastea, the woman came to him and brought two fine wax candles in an attempt to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell.

In the Middle Ages, Blaise became quite popular and his legend as a beast tamer spread. He was then referred to as the "saint of the wild beast."

Many German churches are dedicated to Saint Blaise, sometimes called Saint Blasius.

In Great Britain, the village of St. Blazey got its name from Saint Blaise, and a church dedicated to the saint can be found in Decon hamlet of Haccombe, near Newton Abbot.

There is a Saint Blaise's Well in Kent, and the water is believed to have medicinal properties. A Blessing of the Throats ceremony is held every February 3 at Saint Etheldreda's Church in London and Balve, Germany.

A Catholic middle school was named after Saint Blaise in Bradford, West Yorkshire. The name was decided upon when the link between Bradford and the woolen industry was connected to the way St. Blaise was martyred: with wool comb.

Saint Blaise is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand, or in a cave with wild animals. He is also often shown with steel combs. The similarity of the steel combs and the wool combs made a large contribution to Saint Blaise's leadership as the patron saint of wool combers and the wool trade. (Reprinted from www.catholic.org/)



K of C Council 5419



Fellowship Meeting—Tuesday, February 11th 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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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 Florence, Nick Wicowski, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, 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, Claudia LaPierre, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr. and Lillian Spino 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!

Presentation of the Lord



February 2nd, 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!