

**Mass Intentions**

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

**Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:00 AM** No Mass

**Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**11:00 AM** No Adoration

**12:00 PM** No Mass

**Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil**

**3:45 PM** + Caroline Sherman by Joseph & Diane Fedor  
 + Robert Hermanowski by Golja Family  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10:30 AM** +Fr. Ronald Green by Jim Longendyke  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

February 1<sup>st</sup> & February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$460.00	\$1,489.45	\$1,949.45

“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!**

**Instagram**

St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul now have an Instagram. If you have Instagram, look for “joevin138”,

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 02/15/2025 & 02/16/2025**

**3:45 PM: Melinda McTaggart**

**10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 02/15/2025 & 02/16/2025**

**3:45 PM: Theresa Clements**

**10:30 AM: Helen Reilly**

**Altar Servers: 02/16/2025**

**10:30 AM: Julianne Militello**

**Greeter: 02/16/2025**

**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder**

**Ushers: 02/16/2025**

**10:30 AM: Liam Serdy**

**Readings for the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 448—Holy, Holy, Holy

Psalm 138: “In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord”

Off. 655—These Alone are Enough

Comm. 818 —Here I Am, Lord

Cl. **O Blessed St. Joseph**

*“Want to inspire your children to give their all in everything they do? Teach them about St. Bernadine. You must know that when you “hail” Mary, she immediately greets you! Don’t think that she is one of those rude women of whom there are so many—on the contrary, she is utterly courteous and pleasant. If you greet her, she will answer you right away and converse with you”....St. Bernadine of Siena*



**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 contributions for the Appeal is at \$6,956.00 in donations from 27 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

**Altar Serving Meeting**

On February 23rd after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass there will be an Altar server, greeter and usher meeting for the young adults and children. Any children or young adults who wish to be a part of this ministry, please join in on the meeting that day or contact Corinne Connington at 1-845-728-3733.



(Be proud of what you do—and do it well, because you are doing it for the Lord, he who comes to us now as we continue our celebration of the Eucharist.)

**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

**Evangelist Collection**

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Evangelist. This weekly publication provides you with all of the updated news and events in our Diocese. Be Informed!!

**Easter Egg Donations**

We are asking parishioners if they could donate a bag of Easter candy and plastic eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children.



A box will be left in the parish hall for all contributions. Thank you and God Bless.

**Boy Scout Blessing**



Next weekend, we will be having a **Boy Scout Blessing.**

**What is the Blessing for Scout Sunday?**

Bless the work of scouting in this place and around the world that through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen



**FORMED**



Welcome to The Catholic Parent, a video series created for Catholic parents by Catholic parents!

Created through a collaboration between the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, each of the six short episodes in this stunning video series features real Catholic parents sharing their struggles and victories. Through The Catholic Parent, the Catholic families you serve will find solidarity and encouragement as they embrace their vital role as formators of their children.

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. Valentine  
Feast Day—February 14<sup>th</sup>**



Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint.

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became enraged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. However, other tales of St. Valentine's life claim he was executed either in the year 269, 270, 273 or 280. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Pope Julius I is said to have built a church near Ponte Mole in his memory, which for a long time gave name to the gate now called Porta del Popolo, formerly, Porta Valetini.

Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on

(Reprinted from [www.catholic.org/saint](http://www.catholic.org/saint))



**K of C Council 5419**



**Fellowship Meeting**—Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

*I Will Make You Fishers of People*



**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?**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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!**