

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 15th, 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 16th, 2025—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Fr. Ronald Green by Jim Longendyke
 * Sarah Grogan* by the Grogan Family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday February 19th, 2025
9:00 AM + Joan McCool by Debi & Henry Sanna

Friday February 21st, 2025
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + Deceased Members of 5th Special Forces, Vietnam by Jim Longendyke

Saturday February 22nd, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Betty Norman by The Norman Family
 + Joe Hren by Joseph & Diane Fedor
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday February 23rd, 2025—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM +Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie
 + Rose & William Rooney by Pat Fiederer
 + Frank Bauer by Henry & Debi Sanna
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 February 8th & February 9th, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$461.00	\$360.00	\$821.00
Evangelist	\$219.00	\$ 62.00	\$281.00
Candles			\$ 21.41
Poor Box			\$ 13.31

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.”
 Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.

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Instagram

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

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 02/22/2025 & 02/23/2025

3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory

10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen

Eucharistic Ministers: 02/22/2025 & 02/23/2025

3:45 PM: David Clements

10:30 AM: Linda Cacioppo

Altar Servers: 02/23/2025

10:30 AM: Julianne Militello, Trent Davis

Greeter: 02/23/2025

10:30 AM: Quinn Serdy

Ushers: 02/23/2025

10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja

Readings for the week of February 16th, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mk 16:13-19

February 16th, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 709—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Psalm 1: “Blessed are they who hope in the Lord”

Off. 676—Only a Shadow

Comm. 720 —Where Charity and Love Prevail

Cl. **O Blessed St. Joseph**



“Be gentle to all and stem with yourself. We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials. One who makes no mistakes, make nothing. Pain is never permanent. Know that even when you are in the kitchen, our Lord moves amidst the pots and pans.”....St. Teresa of Avila

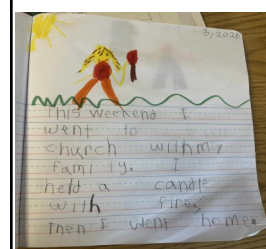
For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978

Password: 104215

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has 4^{1/2} months to go! 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.**



Presentation of the Lord

Looking at the world, through the eyes of a child will aid us in throwing off our baggage and truly appreciating this gift of life! (Illustration of the Blessing of the candles for the Presentation of the Lord—by Lexi Gorke)

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee seeks to evangelize and spread the love of our Lord Jesus Christ through service and celebration, while engaging parishioners in activities of fellowship and community. We hope to touch the lives of each individual that we come in contact with, letting them know that Christ loves them so much that He sent his servants to come forth and serve them. Providing hospitality to strangers is a hallmark of Christian stewardship. In the Gospel of Matthew good stewards were commended for their hospitality: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matt. 25:35). St Benedict directed his followers to receive guests and travelers as if they were Christ. Extending hospitality is especially important when it comes to welcoming visitors who may be attending Mass at our parish for the first time.



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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.)



February Birthdays

Next weekend after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will be having a birthday cake celebration. All are welcome!!

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

Thank you to all who donated to the Evangelist Collection.

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**.



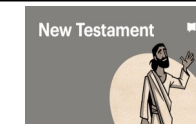
What is the Blessing for Scout Sunday?

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

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New Testament: Book Overviews—The Bible Project



See how the story of the Old Testament is carried forward in the New Testament. Jesus is the long awaited Messiah of Israel. He is the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures and God’s covenant promises. The Bible Project is a nonprofit group dedicated to spread the Word of God. Through dynamic and engaging videos, they aim to present the story of the Bible as a unified whole leading to and culminating in Jesus Christ. View all of the Bible Project.

Watch Now! Only on FORMED

Jubilee Committee Meeting

On Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall, there will be a meeting for all of the lead committee members to review and update us on the progress of each committee for our 150th Jubilee Celebration. Please make sure you meet with your sub-committees before attending the meeting.



Saint Eleutherius of Tournai Feast Day—February 20th

Saint Eleutherius of Tournai is venerated as a saint and considered the first bishop of Tournai. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* writes that "historically there is very little known about St. Eleutherius, but he was without doubt the first Bishop of Tournai."

Tradition makes him a lifelong friend of St. Medardus, and the two saints had been courtiers before becoming bishops.

Eleutherius was a native of Tournai who was born during the reign of Childeric I. Eleutherius' parents were Christians and were named Terenus and Blanda; Terenus was a descendant in the family of Irenaeus of Lyons. Persecutions of Christians forced the family to flee to a village named Blandain, but after the conversion of Clovis to Christianity, the family built a church at Blandinium (Blandain). Eleutherius eventually became bishop of Tournai, and was consulted by Pope Hormisdas on the matter of eradicating Arianism. Eleutherius convened a church council, and argued effectively against the Arians, who were angered by this. One day, as he was going to church, he was beaten up by a group of Arians and left for dead. He subsequently died from the wounds he received, on his death-bed confiding his flock to Medardus.

Eleutherius is venerated as a martyr although this legend is considered an invention of the canon priest Henri of Tournai, who wrote a *vita* of Eleutherius in 1141. At the end of the 11th century the Church of Tournai had been trying to become independent from the diocese of Noyon, and Henri had been motivated by the need to prove the antiquity of the Church of Tournai.

There exists a testimony recording the recovery of his relics during the episcopate of Bishop Hedilo of Tournai, in 897 or 898. Bishop Baudoin translated Eleutherius' relics in 1064 or 1065. Eleutherius' relics were translated again in 1247, when the great reliquary shrine was commissioned by Bishop Walter de Marvis. In its gable end St Eleutherius appears, holding his crozier in one hand and in the other a model of the cathedral with its five spires.

The monastery of St. Martin at Tournai and the cathedral of Bruges also claimed some of the saint's relics. (Reprinted from www.catholic.org/saint & Wikipedia.com)

Palm Collection

Starting next week, we will be collecting palms from last year for our Ash Wednesday service on March 5th. Please bring them to the parish hallway. 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 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 Frette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda and Lillian Spino for a speedy recovery.



K of C Council 5419



Fellowship Meeting—Tuesday, March 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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CRS Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. During Lent, when you fast or sacrifice, put the amount in the rice bowl and bring it to mass on Holy Thursday.



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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!

God Is with the Poor



February 16th, 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?