

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

**Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**9:00 AM** + Joseph Tausta by Jim & Joan Tiner

**Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM**

**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10:30 AM** + Magdalena Dorothy Uzar by Peter Frank Uzar  
 + Mary Margaret Longendyke by Jim Longendyke  
 + Mary Ann  
 + Floyd Conroe by Henry & Debi Sanna  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41  
 February 15<sup>th</sup> & February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$331.00	\$684.00	\$1,075.00

“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!**

**Instagram**

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

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 03/01/2025 & 03/02/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Pat Fowble**  
**10:30 AM: Michael Jonker**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 03/01/2025 & 03/02/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Joe Poliseo**  
**10:30 AM: Chris Gartung**  
**Altar Servers: 03/02/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger, Peter Daempfle**  
**Greeter: 03/02/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Julianne Millitello**  
**Ushers: 03/02/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja**

**Readings for the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38  
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40  
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50  
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**  
**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 677—Blest Be the Lord  
 Ps 87 Psalm 103: “The Lord is Kind and Merciful”  
 Off. 832—They’ll Know We Are Christians  
 Comm. 673 —Be Not Afraid or 718 Love One Another  
**Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph**

*“Conform yourself as closely as possible to His humility and gentleness in dealing with your neighbor...Love those who humble and contradict you, for they are more useful to your perfection than those who flatter you”.*  
*...St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*



**\*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<sup>1/2</sup> months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal is at \$7,656.00 in donations from 28 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.**

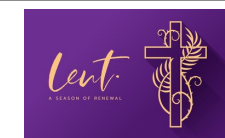
**Hospitality Committee**

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.



**Fat Tuesday**

What do Catholics do on Fat Tuesday?



This day is commonly called “Fat Tuesday” because it’s tradition to eat food made with butter, eggs, and fat, such as meat and desserts. It’s a day of celebration before many Catholics give up these delicacies for the duration of the Lenten season. Christian teaching and morals took root, but there always remained a strong need to blend ancient Roman traditional practices with the growing Christian faith. The blending of tradition with new religious beliefs as a common practice in the ancient world and it helped people to transition away from paganism. In fact, there are a number of ancient Roman Catholic Church to this day, where they continue to guide the faithful. Still, the original intent of Mardi Gras has always been to indulge, within the context of Catholic morality and reason, the last day before the start of the Lenten season. While Lent is a season of self-sacrifice and repentance, it is not meant to be a period of self-punishment or extreme hardship.

**Mardi Gras Hospitality**

Please join our Discipleship Formation Children at our pre-Mardi Gras hospitality on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Learn the connection with Mardi Gras and Lent and why Catholics celebrate it. “Bring your favorite Mardi Gras recipe to share.” Hope to see you all there!!



**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

**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.

**We Are Back!!!**

**St. Joseph’s Annual Fish Fry**

Our annual Fish Frys will be starting on Friday, March 7th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults—\$15.00/Children 1/2 portion—\$6.50. Please mark your calendar and come join us for this delicious meal and gathering.

**PLEASE BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!!**

**\*\*We are in need of volunteers to work at the Fish Frys and we will need donations of desserts which will be greatly appreciated.\*\* Sign-up sheets for volunteers and desserts will be on the piano podium.**



**FORMED**

Saint Joseph (4-Part Series) Catholic Saints



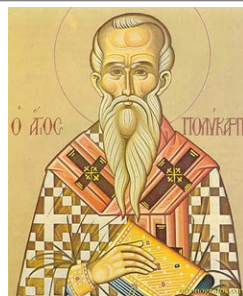
Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to reflect on the earthly father chosen by the heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ. This four-part series compares the Joseph of the New Testament to the Joseph of the Old Testament, examines St. Joseph’s title as the “Guardian of the Redeemer,” and considers why he is the patron of the universal Church and the domestic church.

Watch Now! Only on FORMED

**Final Sale—150th Jubilee T-Shirts**

We are taking our last order for the 150th Jubilee T-shirts which must be in by March 9th. The shirts come in Teal or Gray with the St. Joseph’s, Worcester, NY address. Order forms are on the piano podium. Please complete your order and put it in the basket on the piano podium. If you have any questions, please contact Chery Jory at 607-434-6148.

**Saint Polycarp**  
**Feast Day—February 23<sup>rd</sup>**



Saint Polycarp was a close disciple of John the Apostle. He was appointed Bishop of Smyrna, and is considered one of the most important leaders of the early Church in Asia Minor. Late in life, he went to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus about the date of the Easter celebration. This was an important issue in the early Church, and both men decided that the Eastern and Western Churches would celebrate their own Easter.

According to Eusebius, Polycarp was eighty years old when he was betrayed by a servant and seized during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Polycarp was brought before the proconsul Quadratus. “Disown Christ and I shall release you” the proconsul ordered. “For eighty-six years I have served him,” Polycarp replied,” and he has done me no wrong. How can I disown my king who has saved me.” Sentenced to be burned on a pyre of wood, Polycarp refused to be bound with nails. “Leave me as I am. He who enables me to endure the fire will enable me to remain on the pyre unmoved.” Convinced that his death was joined to the death of Jesus, Polycarp offered this prayer from the midst of the flames:

*Lord, Almighty God,  
 Father of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
 who gives us perfect knowledge of you,  
 God of the angels and all creation,  
 of the whole race of saints who live in your sight!  
 I bless you for you have let me drink this day and  
 this hour, the cup of your Anointed,  
 and rise to eternal life body and soul,  
 through your immortal Holy Spirit.*

**Old Testament Quiz**

As part of our 150th Jubilee celebration, we have handed out a quiz on the Old Testament. Please read the instructions and return to the church by March 10th. Have fun!!!

**Palm Collection**

Starting next week, we will be collecting palms from last year for our Ash Wednesday service on March 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 Florance, Nick Wicowski, Karlene Tazuel (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., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Salley Obeldobel and Ramona Adesso for a speedy recovery.



**K of C Council 5419**

**Fellowship Meeting**—Tuesday, March 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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**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!

**February 23<sup>rd</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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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?**