

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Betty Norman by The Norman Family  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Epiphany of the Lord**  
**10:30 AM** + Magdalena Dorothy Uzar by Peter Frank Uzar  
 + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**9:00 AM** No Mass

**Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**11:00 AM** No Adoration  
**12:00 PM** No Mass

**Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Herbert Fiederer by Pat Fiederer  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Baptism of the Lord**  
**10:30 AM** + Helen & Carl Rose by Henry & Debi Sanna  
 + Mary Margaret Longendyke by Jim Longendyke  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 01/11/2025 & 01/12/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Pat Fowble**  
**10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 01/11/2025 & 01/12/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Denise Weber**  
**10:30 AM: Corinne Connington**

**Altar Servers: 01/12/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Peter Daempfle**

**Greeter: 01/12/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Lola Kelley**

**Ushers: 01/12/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja**

**Readings for the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:2—4-6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Op. 329**—We Three Kings  
**Gloria 308**—Angels We Have Heard on High  
**Ps. 72** “Lord, Every Nation”: use Alternate refrain!  
**Off. 334**—As With Gladness Men of Old  
**Comm. 328** —The First Nowell  
**Cl. 314**—Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Out of the Office**

Fr. Joe will be out of the office starting January 7<sup>th</sup> until February 13<sup>th</sup> for a much needed rest and recuperation from all of the important work that he does at St. Joseph’s and St. Vincent de Paul’s Churches. We wish him safe travels and to have a relaxing time visiting with his family and friends.



**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. To date, we have received \$6,390.00 in donations from 23 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 Download Sunday**

This Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be launching the new “St. Joseph’s Parish App.” Promotional cards will be handed out by our greeters. The card will provide the information on how to download **myParish App** and select our Parish after opening. Each week, we will update any news or events that are happening at our church.

“Happy Browsing” and if you have any questions, feedback or concerns, please call the rectory at 607-397-9373.



**10,000 Holy Hours For 150th Jubilee**

Please join us in celebrating St. Joseph’s 150th Jubilee 10,000 Holy Hours by setting time aside to be with our Lord. Please, come and spend your time with the Lord in order to prepare for the Jubilee Celebration. Our parish has a 10,000 Holy Hours Program to help you to become one with the Lord. Through St. Joseph with his humble works and his saying “Yes” to God, may we receive the graces that were bestowed on him and the profound love of our Lord.

There are sign in sheets on the piano podium to be completed after spending your time with the Lord.

**To date we only have 101 hours and 50 minutes of meeting our goal. We are still in need 9,898.10 hours. Take an hour and spend it with the Lord!!!**

**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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> in the United States and in other countries, it celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so that all Catholics can participate.

**Jubilee Year of Hope**



On December 24th, Pope Francis proclaimed a “Jubilee Year of Hope” to be celebrated through January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

This Jubilee Year is a “privileged opportunity” for personal renewal, spiritual enrichment, and healing in union with the entire Church to be true disciples of Jesus Christ.

**“We cultivate a very small field for Christ, but we love it, knowing that God does not require great achievements but a heart that holds back nothing for self”....St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne**

**Community Dinner Thank You**



Thank you to all who helped out, donated desserts and especially everyone who came to have dinner with us in celebration of Christmas and the New Year. We hoped that everyone was able to mingle with friends and catchup on the year’s past events. God bless and hope to see you again next year!!!

**Weekly Offering Table**

	Sat	Sun	Total
<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$1,072.00</b>	<b>\$1,611.94</b>	<b>\$1,632.00</b>
<b>Xmas Collect</b>			<b>\$ 875.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>			<b>\$ 713.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$ 174.47</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$ 43.51</b>

“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](#)”,

**St. Peter of Canterbury  
Feast Day—January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Peter of Canterbury or Petrus** (died c. 607 or after 614) was the first abbot of the monastery of SS. Peter and Paul in Canterbury (later St Augustine's Abbey) and a companion of Augustine in the Gregorian mission to Kent. Augustine sent Peter as an emissary to Rome around 600 to convey news of the mission to Pope Gregory I. Peter's death has traditionally been dated to around 607, but evidence suggests that he was present at a church council in Paris in 614, so he probably died after that date.

Peter was presumed to be a native of Italy, like the other members of the Gregorian mission. This mission was dispatched by Pope Gregory the Great in 596 to Christianize the Anglo-Saxons from their native Anglo-Saxon paganism. It landed in Kent in 597 and soon converted King Æthelberht of Kent, who gave Augustine the land on which he founded the abbey that later became St Augustine's, Canterbury.

The medieval chronicler, Bede records that sometime after the mission arrived in England, probably in late 600, Peter, along with fellow-missionary Laurence, was sent back to Gregory. This deputation was to relay the news of Augustine's successes in Kent and to request more missionaries. They also conveyed to the pope several inquiries from Augustine about how to proceed with the mission, and when they returned in 601, they brought back Gregory's replies to Augustine.

Peter became the abbot of the monastery that Æthelberht founded in Canterbury, originally dedicated to the saints Peter and Paul, but later rededicated as St Augustine's, after the leader of the mission. Bede describes Peter as both abbot and *presbyter*, a word usually translated as priest.

Peter drowned while crossing the English Channel on the way to Gaul, at a place called Ambleteuse, near Boulogne. At first he was buried hastily nearby, but Bede reports that after a light illuminated the grave every night, the locals realized Peter was a saint and exhumed him and re-interred him in Boulogne. The actual date of death is unknown, and since his feast day was celebrated on two different days, 30 December or 6 January, that information does not clear up the mystery. Thomas of Elmham, a 15<sup>th</sup>-century chronicler, reported the date of his death as 1 year, 7 months, and 3 weeks after Augustine's. If this is true, this would give a year of death between 605 and 611. This information, however, is contradicted by the fact that Peter was present at the Council of Paris in 614, convened by Chlothar II. It is possible that he died during his return from the Council of Paris.

Peter is considered a saint, with a feast day on 6 January. His cult was confirmed in 1915. A *Vita Petri*, or *Life of Peter*, written by Eadmer in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, exists in manuscript form, but it is unreliable. There is evidence that Peter was the object of veneration in Boulogne in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and a church in that town was associated with Peter, although probably not from the start of his cult.  
(Reprinted from www.catholic.org/saint)

**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, William Libasci, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, Shannon Colin, Alexander Mustico, Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold, Bob Colichio, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Alice Hughes, 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.



**K of C Council 5419**

**Fellowship Meeting**—Tuesday, January 7<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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**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!

**January 5<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!**

***Epiphany of the Lord***



**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?**