

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday January 12th, 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

Wednesday January 15th, 2025

9:00 AM No Mass

Friday January 17th, 2025p

11:00 AM No Adoration

12:00 PM No Mass

Saturday January 18th, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM * Tommy Colin” Healing by Bill & Lu Colin
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday January 19th, 2025—Baptism of the Lord
10:30 AM + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie
 + Regina Peterson by Pat Fiederer
 + Mary Margaret Longendyke by Jim Longendyke
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 January 4th & January 5th, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$485.00	\$1,797.00	\$2,282.00
Christmas Flower		\$ 855.00	

“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: 01/18/2025 & 01/19/2025
3:45 PM: Bill Fredette
10:30 AM: Michael Jonker

Eucharistic Ministers: 01/18/2025 & 01/19/2025
3:45 PM: Pat Fowble
10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle

Altar Servers: 01/19/2025
10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger, Tallulah Kelley

Greeter: 01/19/2025
10:30 AM: Charlotte Kelley

Ushers: 01/12/2025
10:30 AM: Grayson Basso

Readings for the week of January 12th, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 1:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

**January 12th, 2025
 The Baptism of the Lord**

Op. 292—Let the Valleys Be Raised
 Ps. 104: “O bless the Lord, my soul.”
 Off. 626—Come to the Water
 Comm. 785 —Behold the Lamb
 Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph

Out of the Office

Fr. Joe will be out of the office starting January 7th until February 13th 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 \$6,756.00 in donations from 25 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.**



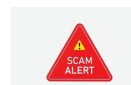
St. Joseph’s New Parish App

The “St. Joseph’s Parish App.” has been activated. 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.

“SCAM ALERT”



Fr. Joe’s name is being used to get gift cards from our parishioners. This is a SCAM—please do not respond or do not click on it! Fr. Joe has never asked help from anyone. If you do get a request, please write down the telephone number that it has come from and contact the parish office at 607-397-9373.

Sunday Social Hour

The idea that love of neighbor is an act of sacrificial love, adds new dimension to the virtue of hospitality.

Hospitality becomes a means to serve others and Christ.

Christ himself shares much of his wisdom while dining with others. We are called to be Christ like.

Hospitality is one of the signs of a stewardship parish.

While the ministry is the responsibility of every member of the parish, it is important that the pastor, staff and parish leaders encourage an atmosphere of hospitality. We all need to be models of stewardship in all aspects in all ministries.

A Sunday Social Hour sign-up sheet is located on the piano podium. Thank you.

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.



**Heart of Mary Scholarship
 2nd Collection**



Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the “Heart of Mary Scholarship Fund.”

This scholarship is open to Senior High School students registered as a practicing parishioner and who is enrolled or will be enrolled as a student in an undergraduate college or vocational school in the upcoming academic year.

Please support this worthy scholarship to help our young people in their educational endeavors.

“We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of Mankind does not depend upon material success, nor on sciences that cloud the intellect. Neither does it depend on arms and human industries, but on Jesus along”....St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Jubilee Year of Hope



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

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors for our Sunday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Joe or call the rectory.

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. Paul the First Hermit
Feast Day—January 15th



Paul of Thebes was born around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. Paul and his married sister lost their parents. In order to obtain Paul's inheritance, his brother-in-law sought to betray him to the persecutors. Paul fled to the Theban desert as a young man during the persecution of Decius and Valerianus around AD 250.

He lived in the mountains of this desert in a cave near a clear spring and a palm tree, the leaves of which provided him with clothing and fruit of which provided him with his only source of food until he was 43 years old, when a raven started bring him half a loaf of bread daily. He would remain in that cave for the rest of his life, almost a hundred years.

Paul of Thebes is known to posterity because around the year 342.

Anthony the Great was told in a dream about the older hermit's existence, and went to find him. Anthony the Great and Paul met when the latter was aged 113. They conversed with each other for one day and one night. The Synaxarium shows each saint inviting the other to bless and break the bread, as a token of honor. Paul held one side, putting the other side into the hands of Father Anthony and soon the bread broke through the middle and each took his part. When Anthony next visited him, Paul was dead. Anthony clothed him in a tunic which was a present from Athanasius of Alexandria and buried him, with two lions helping to dig the grave. Father Anthony returned to his monastery taking with him the robe from Athanasius, woven with palm leaf. He honored the robe so much he only wore it twice year: at the Feast of Easter and at the Pentecost.

His feast day is January 15th in the liturgical calendar of the Extraordinary Form of the Catholic Church. Following the reform of the calendar, the feast now listed January 10th in the 2004 edition of the Roman Martyrology. The Eastern Orthodox Churches celebrate his feast day on January 15th, and on 2 Meshir (February 9th) in the Coptic Orthodox Church. Anthony described him as "the first monk".

The Monastery of Saint Paul the Anchorite (Deir Anba Bolla) is traditionally believed by Copts to be on the site of the cave where Paul lived and where his remains are kept. The monastery is located in the eastern desert mountains of Egypt near the Red Sea. The Cave Church of Saint Paul marks the spot where Anthony and Paul are believed to have met.

The Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit as founded in Hungary in his honor in the 13th century. He is usually represented with a palm tree, two lions, and a raven. He is also the patron saint of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Pablo and titular of the Cathedral of the said Diocese in San Pablo, Philippines. (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, 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 14th 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!

Baptism 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?

January 12th, 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!