

**Mass Intentions**

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

**Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**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

**Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**  
**9:00 AM** No Mass

**Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025p**  
**11:00 AM** No Adoration  
**12:00 PM** No Mass

**Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Sophie Jahnke by Don & Karen Jahnke  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10:30 AM** \*Victims of the LA Fires\* by Henry & Debi Sanna  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41  
 January 11<sup>th</sup> & January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$562.00	\$1,354.00	\$2,282.00
Candles			\$ 34.50
Poor Box			\$ 20.86

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.”

**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: 01/25/2025 & 01/26/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Ed Hillenbrand**  
**10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 01/25/2025 & 01/26/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Joe Poliseno**  
**10:30 AM: Linda Cacioppo**

**Altar Servers: 01/26/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Peter Daempfle**

**Greeter: 01/26/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder**

**Ushers: 01/26/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja**

**Readings for the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 574—Glory and Praise to Our God  
 Ps.76 Psalm 96: “Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds.”  
 Off. 554—Give Me Jesus  
 Comm. 774 —The Supper of the Lord  
 Cl. **O Blessed St. Joseph**



**January Birthdays**

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

**Discipleship Formation Class**

The Discipleship Formation Class will resume back on January 26<sup>th</sup>. God Bless!!

**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.**



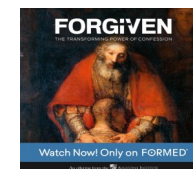
What’s in Forgiven?

- Explains the Church’s teaching on Confession
- Show how the Sacrament of Reconciliation reveals God’s love.
- Includes a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession.
- Explains how each moment in Confession connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and God’s desire to be with you.
- Why is Forgiven good for Lent?
- Lent is a time to ask for forgiveness, go to confession, and search for unforgiveness in your heart.
- Forgiven can help you experience God’s love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Forgiven can help you understand that you are not defined by your mistakes.

**Other Lent Resources from Formed:**

- A lent to Remember explores how God reaches out to us.
- Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT helps you discover the true meaning of forgiveness:

A Lent to Remember **explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy.** Through Christ’s suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery.



**“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.



**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**



This 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.

**“Clearly, what God wants above all is our will which we received as a free gift from God in Creation and possess as through our own. When a man trains himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace from God from all good things come that he does this. The will is what man has as his unique possession”....St. Joseph of Cupertino**

**St. Joseph’s New Parish App**



The “St. Joseph’s Parish App.” is up and running. Messages have been posted as well as our bulletins. Each week, we will update any news or events that are happening at our church.

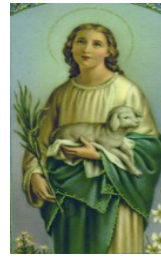
“Happy Browsing” and if you have any questions, feedback or concerns, please call the rectory at 607-397-9373.

**2nd Collection—Fuel & Heat**



Next weekend there will be a second collection for fuel and heat to ensure that our buildings are heated through the cold months of winter and early spring. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Agnes  
Feast Day—January 21<sup>st</sup>**



St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high-ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death!

Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower.

In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!"

In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy.

Next, he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.

Other accounts of Agnes' life hold the Prefect Sempronius responsible for her martyrdom. It is said he condemned the young girl to be dragged through the streets naked. Some versions of the legend state that Agnes' hair grew instantly to cover her entire body and all the men who attempted to rape the beautiful virgin were immediately struck blind.

The stories go on to explain that another man presided over Agnes' trial after Sempronius excused himself. The new man sentenced Agnes to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians.

She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on 21 January 304.

Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. Her bones are currently conserved beneath the high altar in the church of Sant'Angese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built

over the catacomb that held her tomb. Her skull is preserved in the church of Sant'Agnese in Agone in Rome's Piazza Navona.

In 1858, Father Caspar Rehr, an Austrian missionary founded the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms.

Her feast day is celebrated on January 21. On her feast day, it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the pope. On Holy Thursday the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the pope. (Reprinted from www.catholic.org/saint)

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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 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. 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!

**January 19<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!**

**Wedding at Cana**



**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?**