

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Sophie Jahnke by Don & Karen Jahnke  
 + Marie Fedor by Joseph & Diane Fedor  
 \* 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

**Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**9:00 AM** No Mass

**Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**11:00 AM** No Adoration  
**12:00 PM** No Mass

**Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Betty Norman by The Norman Family  
 + Tom Morton by Joanne Chamberlin  
 + Magdalena Rose by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025—The Presentation of the Lord**  
**10:30 AM** \*Magdalena Dorothy Uzar\* by Peter Frank Uzer  
 + Anna Diehl by Don & Karen Jahnke  
 + Joan Longendyke by Jim Longendyke  
 \* Healing for Hudson Frost\* by Amy & Bernie  
 \* 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	\$270.00	\$790.00	\$1,060.00
Scholarship	\$ 256.00	\$631.00	\$ 887.00

“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: 02/01/2025 & 02/02/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Diane Fedor**  
**10:30 AM: Chris Gartung**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 02/01/2025 & 02/02/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory**  
**10:30 AM: Corinne Connington**  
**Altar Servers: 02/02/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Lola Kelley, Indigo Cole**  
**Greeter: 02/02/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Molly Snyder**  
**Ushers: 02/02/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Griffin Kelley**

**Readings for the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21  
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 763—Come to the Feast  
 Ps.20 Psalm 19: “Your Words Are Spirit and Life”  
 Off. 644—Your Words Are Spirt and Life  
 Comm. 802 —One Love Released  
**Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph**



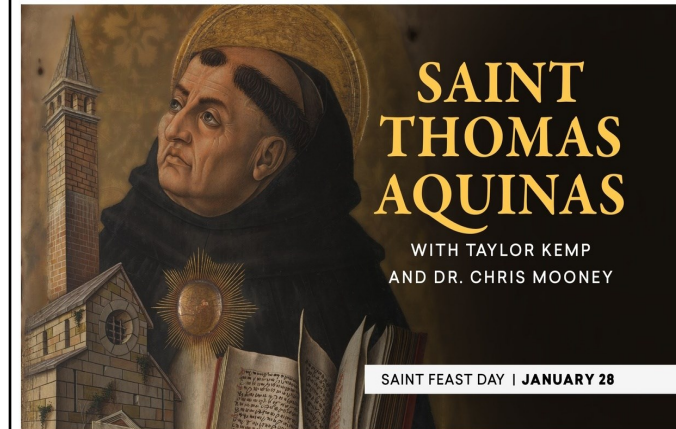
**January Birthdays**

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

**“Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.”....St. Martin of Tours**

**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. For the last three weeks, our contribution for the Appeal has stayed at \$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. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints**

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and gracies press

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord takes place 40 days after Christmas. The feast is traditionally marked by a procession with candles, called the “Blessing of Candles” in which we will proceed into the church from the parish hall. Next week, we will be having our procession on Sunday.



**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**



Thank you to all who contributed to the “Heart of Mary” Scholarship. Your thoughtfulness will help one or more of our Senior students to get extra financial assistance for their future education.



**Feast of St. Blaise**  
**The Blessing of Throats**

Next weekend, Fr. John will hold two candles crossed against a person's throat while saying a prayer, essentially invoking Saint Blaise's protection against throat ailments; this practice is often referred to as the "St. Blaise blessing" or "initiation of the blessing of the throats."

**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.

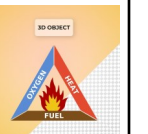
Each week, we will update any news or events that are happening at our church.

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

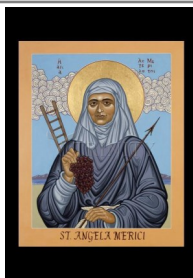


**Fuel & Heat**

This 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. Angela Merici**  
**Feast Day—January 27<sup>th</sup>**



St. Angel Merici was born on March 21, 470, at Desenzano, Lombardt. Both her parents died when she was a small child and Angela drew near to God for support. She was raised by her uncle at Salo and became a Franciscan tertiary at age thirteen. It was at this time that Angela had a vision stating she would one day organize a community of women.

When Angela was twenty-two, her uncle died. She returned to Desenzano and began to instruct the poorer children in the village in their religion and soon gathered a number of women companions to share her work. Because of her success, Angela was invited to open another school in Brescia, where she was befriended by the nobility.

Angela went to Rome in 1525 and had an audience with Pope Clement VII. He wanted Angela to be in charge of a congregation of nursing sisters, but she declined and returned to Brescia. About 1533, she organized a group of twelve women to help with her ministry. On November 25, 1535, twenty-eight women plus Angela consecrated themselves to the service of God with St. Ursula as their patroness. This is the beginning of the Ursulines, a community of women that has extended world wide since her death.

Angela, was a woman of deep prayer and generous love for the unfortunate. She died at Brescia on January 27, 1540. (Reprinted from The Book of Saints, 2010. Regina Press)

*Lord, you give light to the world  
 through the ministry of St. Angela.  
 May our light too shine for all to see.*

**Catechist Meeting**

There will be a Catechist Meeting in February. More information will follow shortly.

**Advertisements Wanted**

If you want to get more business from our community, place your advertisement here! The quarterly price for advertising will be \$50.00. This will be the size of your advertising space. Please contact the parish office on Wednesday and Fridays between 10 am and 1 pm for questions or send in your ad with payment.



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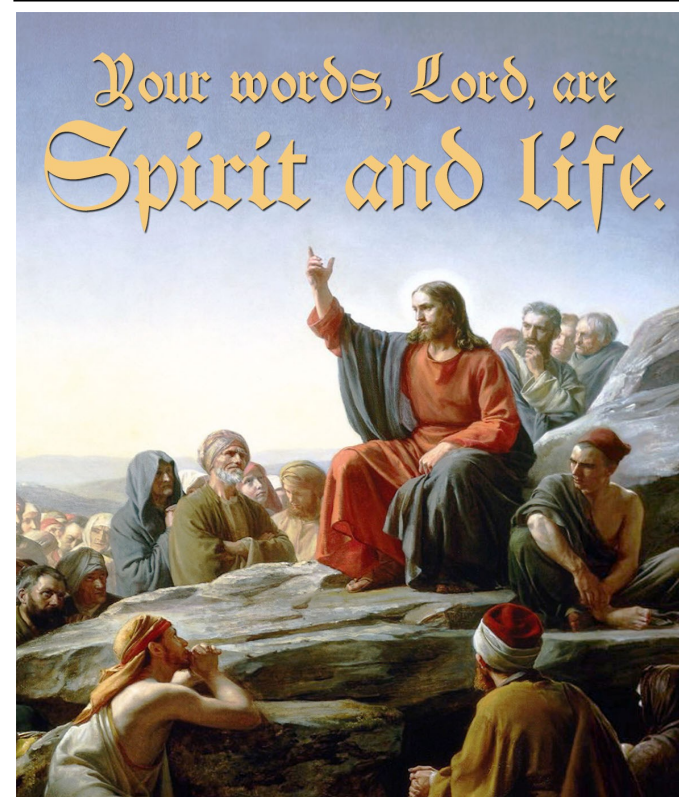
**Michael's Midstate Painters**  
 Painting—Interior & Exterior  
 References Available  
**Michael Cornish**  
**607-434-4198**  
 (Recently Painted St. Joseph's Church, Worcester)

**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 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 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!



**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 26<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!**