

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 1st, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM *Good health and many blessing for the Gusmano family by the Gusmano family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 2nd, 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

Wednesday March 5th, 2025—Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM + Anya Bitterman by Henry & Debi Sanna
7:00 PM

Friday March 7th, 2025
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + Ryan Laskey by Debi & Henry Sanna

Saturday March 8th, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Leon Hermanowski by Golja Family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 9th, 2025—First Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + Charles & Margaret Dunne by Pat Fiederer
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 03/08/2025 & 03/09/2025
3:45 PM: Bill Fredette
10:30 AM: Janet Wenner
Eucharistic Ministers: 03/08/2025 & 03/09/2025
3:45 PM: Tina McGurrin
10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle
Altar Servers: 03/09/2025
10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger, Tallulah Kelley
Greeter: 03/09/2025
10:30 AM: Emily Snyder
Ushers: 03/09/2025
10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja

Readings for the week of March 2nd, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58//Lk 6:39-45
 Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

March 2nd, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

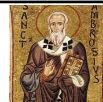
Op. 458—Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
 Psalm 92: “Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.”
 Off. 685—See Ye First
 Comm. 792 —God’s Holy Gift
Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph

**Black Native Latin American
 Second Collection**



Next weekend, we will be having the “Black Native Latin American Collection.” The collection enables the mission’s to spread Help and Support to our brother’s and sister’s in Latin America. Missionaries help in teaching and building up communities. Please be generous in fostering the spirit of this mission. Thank you.

**“No one heals himself by wounding another.”
 ...St. Ambrose of Milan**



2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has 4^{1/2} months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal is at 10,156.00 in donations from 29 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



I love this about hospitality: It is about making our homes, and our parishes open all our hearts to others, we become more selfless by serving. This is about welcoming all, even the people that serve, the lonely, sick, the visitors and many more that need to feel loved and a part of something bigger than themselves. Keep in mind coming together as a community of joyfulness and generosity could be the only high point of one’s day. What a perfect time to start putting this act of kindness into practice. Early Christians relied heavily on hospitality of other Christians who might have been strangers, they ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart while praising God. During Jesus’ public ministry he and his disciples relied heavily on hospitality of others. We should openly listen to the invitations and the promptings of the Holy Spirit during this Lent and for this act to continue through our lifetime.

This Lent Remember the Corporal Works of Mercy are based on the teaching of Jesus. They are a model for how we treat others as if they were Christ. Welcoming one as they were Christ themselves is a beautiful expression of love that involves caring of one’s needs; to serve others and Christ in them, it strengthens relationships and builds community. So, let’s keep our focus on the act of making all people feel welcomed, the Holy Spirit will guide us through the process of bringing the presence of the love of God to others.

Sincere Condolences



Sincere condolences Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph’s would like to express their sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the Linda Cacioppo and family for the passing of her husband, Ed. We pray for the repose of his soul. May our Lord give him eternal reward! May he rest in peace! Amen.

Holy Week Choir

Holy Week choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, March 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. St. Joseph’s Church is hosting Holy Thursday and Good Friday services this year. The choir will sing at Palm Sunday Mass, Holy Thursday Mass and Good Friday. Rehearsals will also be on Wednesdays, April 2, 9 and 16th from 7-8:30 p.m. Please bring your Holy Week Music books if you took them home last year. There will be a sign up sheet on the Music platform. See Terry Hait after Mass or call 607-652-3347 if you would like to join us.

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



Our world is full of noise. Often, that noise is loud and negative. When was the last time you heard something good on the news? Because of the constant intake of “bad news,” many people no longer believe in the Providence of God, nor trust that he has a plan for us.

Maybe this is you. Perhaps you think God doesn’t have a plan for you and your family. But Jesus is the Lord of History, yours included. Join Sean Innerst in Foretold, a new series from the Augustine Institute that weaves together the Old and New Testament stories, highlighting their connecting threads of prophecy and fulfillment. What was promised in the biblical story came to pass through Jesus, his apostles, and the Church. Ultimately, this biblical history is your history. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story. Encounter this profound mystery and reality for yourself in Foretold.

Sign up to receive these videos during Lent at <https://daily.formed.org/lent>

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 February 22nd & February 23rd, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$316.00	\$1,811.00	\$2,127.00
Candles			\$ 19.85
Poor Box			\$ 7.00

“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](#)”,

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
 Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978
 Password: 104215



Saint Felix of Rhuys
Feast Day—March 4th

Saint Felix of Rhuys (died 1038) was a Breton Benedictine hermit and abbot, who re-founded Saint-Gildas-de-Rhuys Abbey.

Felix was born of wealthy parents in Quimper around 970. He had a great regard for Saint Paul Aurelian who had built a monastery at Lampoul on Ushant, and whose relics, around 960, had been translated to Fleury Abbey. Felix became a recluse on Ushant. He left his hermitage during the Norman invasions to take refuge at Fleury in Saint-Benoît-sur-Loire, where he was welcomed by Abbo of Fleury.

Geoffrey I, Duke of Brittany asked the Abbot of Fleury to re-establish Rhuys Abbey, which had been founded by Saint Gildas in the 6th century on the Gulf of Morbihan, and had been destroyed by the Normans. Father Abbot entrusted Felix with the task of rebuilding. The original abbey had been built in wood on the remains of a Roman oppidum; Felix built in stone. Begun in 1008, the reconstruction ended in 1032 with the consecration of the church by Judicaël, bishop of Vannes and brother of the Duke. Félix died on 4 March 1038.

His feast day is 4 March. (reprinted from Catholicorg/saints)



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Fellowship Meeting—Tuesday, March 11th 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

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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!

March 2nd, 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

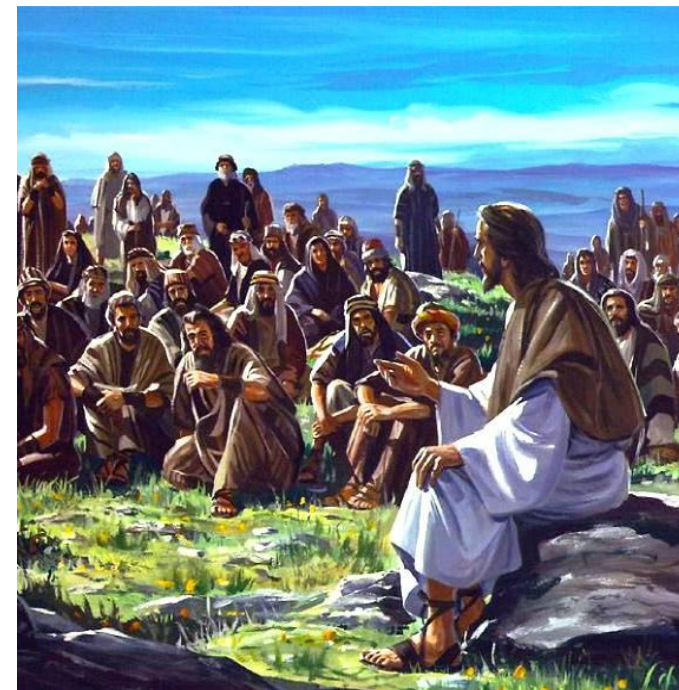
Please call our Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Please call the Parish Office

All are Welcome to St. Joseph!

The Speck and the Log



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?

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. If you do not have a quiz, please contact the parish office. Have fun!!!



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

St. Joseph’s Church—9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass

St. Vincent de Paul’s Church—12:00 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Service

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 Taulzel (Stokes), David Miller, 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.

