

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 15th, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Fr. Ron Green by Joseph & Diane Fedor
 + Victoria Tauzel, Vivian Krug & Rowena Tauzel by Jim & Toni Tauzel
 * Bill Colin Healing by self
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 16th, 2025—Second Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + Daniel Twomey by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + Dan Twomey by Rose & children
 + Joan Longendyke by Jim Longendyke
 + Kelly Gardner by Richard & Lorraine Gruber
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday March 19th, 2025—St. Joseph
7:00 PM + Martha Messner by Debi & Henry Sanna

Friday March 21st, 2025
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + Dorothy Reina by Debi & Henry Sanna

Saturday March 22nd, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Sylvia Baron by Jim & Toni Tauzel
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 23rd, 2025—Third Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + Charles & Rose Dunne by Pat Fiederer
 + Marie Roberts by Lisa Roberts
 + Peter Matthew Mravlja by Mary Jones
 + Lucy Bernier by Paul & Joann Barnhart, Jr.
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41

March 8th & March 9th, 2025

| | Sat | Sun | Total |
|-----------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Regular | \$467.00 | \$1,266.00 | \$1,733.00 |
| Black/Latin Col | 162.00 | 336.00 | \$ 498.00 |
| Ash Wed | | | \$ 739.00 |

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Instagram

St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul now have an Instagram. If you have Instagram, look for “[joevin138](#)”.

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 03/22/2025 & 03/23/2025
3:45 PM: Diane Fedor
10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker

Eucharistic Ministers: 03/22/2025 & 03/23/2025
3:45 PM: Pat Fowble
10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Altar Servers: 03/23/2025
10:30 AM: Trent Davis, Lola Kelley

Greeter: 03/23/2025
10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder

Ushers: 03/23/2025
10:30 AM: Griffen Kelley

Readings for the week of March 16th, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

March 16th, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Op. 347—The Glory of These 40 Days
 Psalm 27: “The Lord is My Light.”
 Off. 726—Transfigure Us, O Lord
 Comm. 623 —I Have Loved You
 Cl. **O Blessed St. Joseph or 535 Change Our Hearts**

St. Patrick’s Day Hospitality

This weekend, after the 10:30 Mass, we will be having our St. Patrick’s Day Hospitality celebration.



Wear your biggest Irish Smile!

“Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife.”...Pope St. Leo the Great



2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has 3^{1/2} months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal is at 10,586.00 in donations from 31 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.

Discipleship Formation Living Stations

The Living Stations by the Discipleship Formation will take place on April 6th after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. The dates for practice are March 16th, 23rd, 30th and possibly the morning of April 6th.

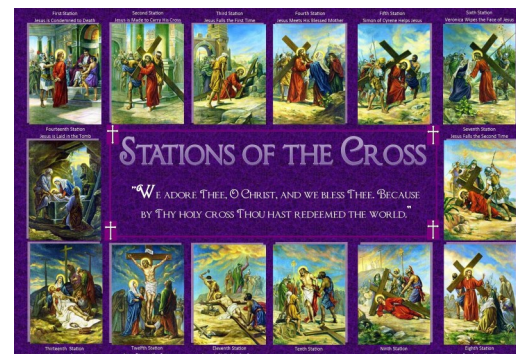


Enter into a deeper meaning of what Christ suffered as he prepared to die on the cross.

Do something for the Lord!

Have a better understanding of his suffering as he walks to Calvary. Jesus endured an immense physical and emotional pain, this including a crown of thorns scourging, carrying his cross, facing being mocked and also being insulted from the crowds of people. This is unimaginable to even think about, but we should. This walk to calvary is for all mankind we should walk beside him and we should not abandon him. Would he abandon us? Please spend time with Jesus as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Saturday and Sunday after our Masses here at St. Joseph’s. Below is a little of history of when the Stations of the Cross devotion started.

Born out of widespread devotion to the passion of Christ in the 12th and 13th centuries, the Stations of the Cross, as a devotion, did not begin to develop until the Franciscans were granted custody of Christian sites in Jerusalem in 1342, according to the New Catholic Encyclopedia. St. Leonard of Port Maurice became known as the “Preacher of the Way of the Cross” in the 18th century because he is credited with erecting more than 572 stations between 1731 and 1751.



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



We Are Back!!!

St. Joseph’s Annual Fish Fry

Don’t forget to come to our annual fish fries from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. throughout our Lenten Season. 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 still in need of donations of desserts****

The Jesus Film



Based on the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament, here is the life of Jesus from the miraculous virgin birth to the calling of his disciples, public miracles and ministry, ending with his death by crucifixion at the hands of the Roman Empire and resurrection on the third day.

The Jesus Film is important to watch because it shares the story of Jesus, offering hope, peace, and justice, which are values and beliefs that are vital in today’s world.

Tune into Formed.org to view The Jesus Film.

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.

For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978

Password: 104215



**Saint Joseph
Feast Day—March 19th**

St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first, on March 19, celebrates Joseph as the husband of Mary and the second, on May 1, celebrates St. Joseph the Worker.

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to recognize the dignity of work.

"The humble craftsman of Nazareth not only personifies before God and the Holy Church the dignity of the worker of the arm but [he] is also always the provident guardian of you and your families," Pope Pius XII said in a speech delivered in St. Peter's Square on May 1, 1955. Although the Scriptures tell us little about St. Joseph, we know that he worked as a carpenter, a trade that he would have passed on to Jesus.

"Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor," wrote Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*. "Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." St. Joseph is the patron of many things, including carpenters, craftsmen, engineers, and workers in general. He is also the patron of the universal Church, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, homebuyers and sellers, immigrants, and those who are dying.

On March 19th, Italy, especially Sicily, celebrates the Feast of Saint Joseph (San Giuseppe), a day also known as Father's Day in Italy, marked by elaborate feasts, traditions, and the remembrance of a legendary drought relief attributed to the saint.

Special Foods:

Traditional foods include fava bean dishes (like Maccu di San Giuseppe), pastries, and sweets, with figs and zeppole.

Processions and Parades:

Many towns in Sicily organize processions and parades with prayers and songs through the streets, honoring the saint.

St. Joseph's Bread:

Bread is symbolically important, and Saint Joseph's bread is believed to have special powers, with a piece kept in the home to ensure the family will

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, 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.



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CRS Rice Bowl
Have you picked up your CRS Rice Bowl for Lent? The donations that you contribute help other with hardships like hunger and malnutrition. 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 Thursday.

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.

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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!

The Transfiguration



March 16th, 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!

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?