

Mass Intentions

**Saturday** May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** + **Frank & Mary Pavlik** by Joseph & Diane Fedor  
+ **Gary Kurst** by Olsen Family  
+ **Clifton Barnes** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
\* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Fifth Sunday of Easter—1st Holy Communion  
**10:30 AM** + **Joseph Zaengle** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
+ **Dan Twomey** by Rose & Children  
+ **Incoronata & Pasquale Competiello** by Frank & Antoinette Competiello  
\* **40th Anniversary Blessings for Fr. Joe** by Jim & Corinne Connington  
\* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday** May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
**9:00 AM** \* **Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings\*** by Gusmano Family

**Thursday** May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
**6:30 PM** Confirmation

**Friday** May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM** Mass  
+ **Claudia LaPierre** by Jim & Joan Tiner

**Saturday** May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** + **Brian Haven** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
\* **For All who are away from the Church** by Antoinette & Frank Competiello  
\* **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #5419** by the Knights of Columbus Council #5419  
\* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025—Six Sunday of Easter  
+ **Maureen McCourt** by Debi & Henry Sanna  
+ **Mary Margaret Longendyke** by Jim Longendyke  
+ **Nick (Cornelius) Allen** by Mary Jones  
\* **Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings\*** by Gusmano Family  
\* **For an End to Abortion\*** by Bill & Lu Colin

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

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978

Password: 104215

Liturgical Ministers

**Lectors: 05/24/2025 & 05/25/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Pat Fowble**  
**10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle & Chris Gartung**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 05/24/2025 & 05/25/2025**  
**3:45 PM: Theresa Clements**  
**10:30 AM: Tina McGurrin**  
**Altar Servers: 05/25/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Jasper Cole**  
**Greeter: 05/25/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Sally Obeldobel & Lindsay Kelley**  
**Ushers: 05/25/2025**  
**10:30 AM: Jeanette Castro, Corinne Connington**

Readings for the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Op. 425—Jesus Is Risen  
Psalm 145: “I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.”  
Off. 639—Earthen Vessels  
Comm. 802 —One Love Released  
Cl.—**O Blessed St. Joseph**

Weekly Offering Table

	Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41		
	May 10 <sup>th</sup> & May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$572.00	\$1,615.00	\$ 2,187.00
Candles			\$ 41.50
Poor Box			\$ 32.00

“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!

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has 1 1/2 months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal are at 13,186.00 in donations from 38 of our parishioners. We are still in **need** of \$6,338.00 to make our goal this year!! Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Fr. Joe

Thank You!!

Thank you to all who attended the Mother’s Day tea and Our Blessed Mother Crowning this past Sunday. Many thanks to all who helped out preparing food, serving and cleaning up after the luncheon especially the children of the Discipleship Formation Program.



Congratulations!!

God bless Ellie Zaengle and Alexis Krueger on their First Holy Communion. May the grace of this sacrament guide you both throughout your life, may you feel the peace of Christ filling your heart and the joy of His presence in your life. Congratulations



St. John I—Pope & Martyr  
May 18<sup>th</sup>



St. John was born at Tuscany, Italy and was elected Pope in 523 upon the death of Pope Hormisidas. King Theodoric the Goth ruled Italy at that time, and he fully supported Arianism. Because of his beliefs, he was in conflict with Byzantine Emperor, Justin, who was a staunch defender of the Catholic faith.

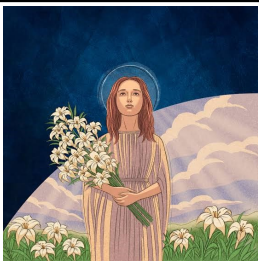
In 523, Justin issued a decree demanding all Arians in his empire to relinquish their churches to the Catholic Church. King Theodoric was greatly angered and sent John to Constantinople to mediate the dispute. Theodoric was also very suspicious of the increasing friendship between the Eastern and Western Churches, for he saw it as a threat to his own rule.

When Pope John I returned to Rome, he found out that Theodoric had murdered his father-in-law, Symmachus, and the great philosopher, Boethius. King Theodoric heard of the burgeoning friendship between John and Emperor Justin and was convinced that a conspiracy was being planned against him. He had John imprisoned at Ravenna, where he died about 526 from the cruel conditions he experienced. (reprinted from The Book of Saints, 2010)

*Lord, you open your arms to all  
who suffer persecution unjustly.  
Have mercy on those who cry out for justice.*

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



Maria Goretti:  
The Story of the Patroness of  
Modern Youth

The story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once: sickness and death affects the Goretti family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable. This film, made on location and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as Maria, Flavio Insinna (Saint John Bosco) as the brave local Passionist priest, Luisa Ranieri and Massimo Bonetti as her parents, and Claudia Koll as the Countess Mazzoleni.

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Dear Confirmation Students,

I am so happy that you are committed to walking on the path of Christ with Him. It is a pivotal moment for you and your family. I pray that the Holy Spirit may grant you the courage to live boldly, sharing God’s love through your words and actions in our community.

God bless you and have a bright future! Fr. Joe




Catholic Charities  
2nd Collection

The Diocese of Albany is promoting Catholic Charities this weekend. They need your help in delivering services to those in need of assistance. With your cooperation, they can continue with serving the needy and less fortunate.

Thank you for your support.





Let me ask you this question...are you a disciple of Jesus?

As disciples, we are called to emulate His example of love in our daily lives. We are called to love not only those who are easy to love, but also those who challenge us, those who hurt us, and even those who may seem unlovable. True discipleship requires us to love without reservation, without discrimination, and without expecting anything in return.

Furthermore, Jesus reminds us that His commandment to love is not merely an option, but a mandate. He says, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.” It is a commandment that is inseparable from our identity as followers of Jesus. To love one another is not just a suggestion, it is the very essence of what it means to be a Christian.

In a world that often seems divided by hatred, prejudice, and strife, the call to love one another stands as a radical counter-cultural message. It challenges us to break down the barriers that separate us from one another—whether they be barriers of race, ethnicity, nationality, or ideology, and to recognize the inherent dignity and worth of every human person, as beloved children of God.

Loving one another is not always easy. It requires humility, patience, and forgiveness. It requires us to step outside our comfort zone and to extend ourselves in generosity and kindness. It requires us to see the face of Jesus in every person we encounter, especially in those who are most in need of our love and compassion.

As we continue on our journey through this Easter season, may be inspired by the example of Christ’s love and may we strive to love one another with the same selflessness and devotion. Let us pray for the grace to live out this commandment every day, knowing that in loving one another, we bear witness to the transformative power of the Gospel and become true disciples of the One who loved us first. Amen

***Jubilee Choir Rehearsals***

This week’s rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 21  
Questions: contact Terry Hait after Mass or call 607-652-3347. (The Jubilee Mass is Sunday, June 8th at 12:00 noon.



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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 Florance, Nick Wicowski, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, 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, Ramona Adesso, Mary Ellen Vohs, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock and Sean Filipowski for a speedy recovery.



# ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!

**May 18<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!**

**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?**

