

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 09/20/2025 & 09/21/2025

3:45 PM: Diane Fedor

10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker

Eucharistic Ministers: 09/20/2025 & 09/21/2025

3:45 PM: Pat Fowble

10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Altar Servers: 09/21/2025

10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelly & Trent Davis

Greeters: 09/21/2025

10:30 AM: Emily Snyder & Joan DeBenedittis

Ushers: 09/21/2025

10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger

Readings for the week of September 14th, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c -12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

September 14th, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Op. 500—Lift High the Cross or 458 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Psalm 78: “Do not forget the works of the Lord!”

Off. 614—How Great Thou Art

Comm. 725—Unless a Grain of Wheat or 383 O Sacred Head

Cl. 468—To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Sept 6th& Sept 7th, 2025

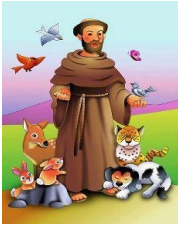
| | Sat | Sun | Total |
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| Regular | \$646.10 | \$2,130.00 | \$2,776.10 |

“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!

Blessing of the Animals



On Saturday, October 4th, Fr. Joe will be blessing all of the animals of our church at 12:00 p.m. Please bring your little friends (or big) to receive this special blessing.



Cantata Choir
Rehearsals



Cantata Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesdays this year from 7-8:30pm. (Our accompanist is only available on Tuesdays.) Please sign up on the Choir sheet at the piano podium.

The first 4 weeks will be split voice rehearsals. Thereafter the whole choir will meet each week.

New members may contact Terry Hait after mass or call 607-652-3347.

September 23: Tenors and Basses (lower voices)

September 30: Sopranos and Altos (higher voices)

October 7: Tenors and Basses

October 14: Sopranos and Altos

October 21, 28, November 4, 11: All parts

November 25, December 2, 9 all parts with accompaniment

December 14: Cantata performance at 3 pm

December 21: snow date

Harvest Dinner-October 18th

We are asking all of our parishioners to help make this dinner a great success. Please volunteer, if you can prepare one of the items needed or, if you like to bring a specialty of your own. We will greatly appreciate it. **There are sign-up sheets on the piano podium.** Aluminum trays for you to bring your delicious contribution in will be available shortly.



Cemetery Collection

Next week, we will be having a second collection for the cemetery. Let us to continue to have the grounds manicured and looking pristine for when the people to come visit their loved ones.



Volunteer Appreciation Day Dinner

Fr. Joe is having a Volunteer Appreciation Day dinner on September 30th at 6:00 p.m. A signup sheet is on the podium for anyone who volunteers and wishes to attend. Any questions, please call the rectory. Thank you.

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

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati

September 7th, 2025



A classic Italian movie re-mastered and re-released to celebrate the canonization in 2025 of Blessed (now St. Pier) Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925). Frassati was a handsome, athletic and fun-loving young man from a rich, aristocratic Italian family who turned from a life of privilege to one devoted to working with the poor, suffering and homeless, and was a courageous witness of Christian faith and charity to many others. An avid mountain climber, Frassati exemplified a great love for life, nature and humanity. He was a leader of youth in Italy in Catholic social justice and charitable organizations, and is the patron saint of World Youth Days. He died of the polio virus at the age of 24.

Watch on Formed!!!



Knights of Columbus
Chicken Barbecue



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Chicken BBQ on Friday, October 10th. BBQ Delights will again be preparing the food. Starting time is 3 p.m. and it will go until sold out. Dinners are \$15.00 and include 1/2 chicken, potato, coleslaw and a roll...Or you can get just a 1/2 chicken for \$10.00. Pickups available at the church between 5-6 p.m. or they can be picked up at Ace Hardware parking lot in Cobleskill between 3-6 p.m.



The Mystery of the Eucharist

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Another Great Presentation to watch on Formed!!!

Discipleship Formation Kick Off



Discipleship Formation kick off starts Sunday September 21st at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall all parents need to be there. If you have not handed or mailed in the registration form please do so, we need to finishing ordering their text books without delays. Thank you for being the first teacher of faith for your child. God Bless!

Praying the Rosary



"We encourage all parishioners to arrive early for Mass and use the time before the liturgy to pray the Rosary. This allows for a deeper and more meaningful participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." Let us enter into a spirit of reverence and recollection before the liturgy begins."

For Healing Rosary—Friday— 7:00 p.m.

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978

Password: 104215

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross



On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts. The miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on this date. Constantine later built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the site of her discovery of the cross. On this same pilgrimage she ordered two other churches built: one in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem.

Christians “exalt” (raise on high) the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ — all in one image.

The Cross — because of what it represents — is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the “little” Sign of the Cross on head, lips, and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ’s body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder — and witness — of Christ’s ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord’s words, “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it” (Mt 10:38,39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves — our souls and bodies — with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory of everlasting life.

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Harvest Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 18th

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m

(or until food runs out)

\$12.00 adults/\$6.00 child

Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Stuffing, Delicious Desserts & Much more!!!

Take outs available

Come & Enjoy a Festive Night
with Friends & Family!!

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 Wiecowski, 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, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick and Wade Lewis 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!

Jesus' Saving Death Gives Life



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

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Cheryl Jory

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

Will you please remember “St. Joseph’s Church”
in your Last Will?

September 14th, 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!