

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Gary Herold by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Jan Goudy by David & Theresa Clements  
 \* Birthday Blessings John Patrick Colin by Bill & Lu Colin  
 \* God's Blessings, Peace and Good Health for the Gusmano Family by the Gusmano Family  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**10:30 AM** + Linda Marion Clements by Christine Gartung  
 + Carolyn Muehl by Jim Longendyke  
 + Sharon Heller by Altar Rosary Society  
 \* Anna Maria Santini Health—by Antoinette Competiello  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00 AM** + George & Alice Pappadem by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Bob Evans by Barbara Evans  
 \* Kerrie Colin Birthday Blessings\* by Bill & Lu  
 \* God's Blessings, Peace and Good Health for the Gusmano Family by the Gusmano Family

**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM** + Laurel Doty by Debi & Henry Sanna

**Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Johanna Golja by Karen Hermanowski  
 + Joanna Ahern by David & Theresa Clements  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Third Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 AM** + Henry Nicholas Sanna by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Dan Twomey by Rose Twomey & Family  
 + Al Gran by Millie Kenyon  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

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

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 04/18/2026 & 04/19/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory 10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 04/18/2026 & 04/19/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Joe Polisenio 10:30 AM: Helen Reilly**  
**Altar Servers: 04/19/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Brian Hogan & Jayson Krueger**  
**Greeters: 04/19/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder & Joan DeBenedittis**  
**Ushers: 04/19/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Nolan Stroosnyder and Riely Poole**

**Readings for the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

**Divine Mercy Sunday—April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Op. 677—Blest Be the Lord  
 Psalm 118: Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good  
 Off. How Beautiful (if choir sings) or 505 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones  
 Comm. 779—In the Breaking  
 Cl. 412— Let Heaven Rejoice

**Weekly Offering Table**

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00**  
**April 4<sup>th</sup> & April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

	Sat	Sun	Total
Easter	\$ 3,456.00	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 5,871.00
Regular			\$ 1,041.00

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.”

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

**2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal**

The Diocesan Appeal for 2025-2026 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners. Our assessment for the Diocesan Appeal is \$20,049. Our contributions to date are 8,578.00 from 27 of our parishioners.  
**Thank you to all of the parishioners who have sent in contributions. We have 42.7% of our total needed. Hopefully, we can finish our goal shortly.**



**Spring Cleanup & Sale Meeting**

This Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall, there will be meeting to discuss this year’s Spring Cleanup and Spring Sale. Please attend if you are volunteering that day. Thank you.

**Catechist Workshop**

This coming Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. there will be a Catechist Workshop with guest speaker David Amico. Please make sure you attend this informative workshop

**“Solutions for Joint Pain”**

If you want to join Fr. Joe’s class on “Solutions for Joint Pain”, the date is April 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall.  
 Everyone is welcomed!! Please call St. Vincent’s or St. Joseph’s by April 14th so we have a count for handouts.

**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



**Watch on Formed**

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

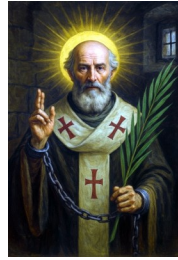
**St. Joseph’s Welcome**

Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph’s would like to congratulate all of the members who entered into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers;

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Sarah Lynn Eastwood</i>      | <i>Lydia Ruth Flachs</i>            |
| <i>Rachel Elizabeth Edson</i>   | <i>Glen Phillip Wiegand</i>         |
| <i>Cindy Dymphna McCullough</i> | <i>Morgan Kathleen Zaengle</i>      |
| <i>Kimberly Jade Spencer</i>    | <i>Madison Rose Frances Schulte</i> |



**Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr  
Feast Day—April 13<sup>th</sup>**



Saint Martin lived during a time of theological and political tension between the Western church centered in Rome and the Eastern church centered in Constantinople. After the fall of the Roman Empire in the sixth century, newly elected popes had to obtain approval from the Byzantine emperor before being consecrated, putting the emperors in charge of Church governance.

Martin was born in a small town about 100 miles north of Rome. He was of noble birth, an excellent student, and exercised charity to the poor. As a cleric, Martin became Pope Theodore I's papal legate to Constantinople, where he represented Pope Theodore in all matters with the emperor and patriarch. The most pressing theological issue that Martin faced was the ongoing debate about the nature of Christ. Many within the Eastern Church adhered to monothelitism, a heresy claiming that Christ had only a divine will, not a human will. The pope held the orthodox position that Jesus had both a human and divine will. In 648, in an attempt to end the debate, the Byzantine emperor Constans II issued the *Type of Constans (Type)* that attempted a middle path by forbidding discussion of the controversy and permitting everyone to adhere to his own position. The Patriarch of Constantinople, Paul II, embraced the emperor's *Type*, but Martin did not.

One year later, Pope Theodore died after naming Martin as his successor. Customarily, the newly elected pope was supposed to receive the Byzantine emperor's approval before his installation. For the first time in more than 100 years, Martin immediately moved forward with his coronation without the emperor's consent. This angered Constans, but he did nothing about it—at first.

Pope Martin quickly called the Lateran Council of 649, making monothelitism the topic of discussion. The Lateran Council provided much direction for the Church's future in its teaching and in excluding the emperor from Church governance. The council was attended by 105 bishops, held five sessions, and issued twenty decrees condemning monothelitism, including the *Type*.

When Pope Martin published this new teaching, the enraged emperor sought to have him arrested, or even killed. After several attempts, a Byzantine army captured the pope and brought him to Constantinople. Pope Martin was already ill when he was captured; abuse and lack of decent food caused his condition to worsen during the three months at sea.

Pope Martin was put on trial and found guilty of treason for not accepting the *Type*. Through Patriarch Paul II's intervention, the emperor sentenced Martin to exile in Crimea instead of death. Though elderly and sick, Martin was continually abused, malnourished, and ridiculed.

The emperor successfully ordered the Church in Rome to elect a new pope—a final blow to the abused pontiff. Pope Martin, seeking only the good of the Church, acquiesced. Of all he suffered his abandonment by the Church leaders pained him the most. Not long after being exiled, Pope Martin died due to the abuses, exposure, and malnourishment he endured. The Church considers him a martyr, the last pope to receive that crown.

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**GREECE PILGRIMAGE**  
*In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise*  
Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

**"The world is a book and those who do not travel Read only one Page."**  
Set a goal to travel with Fr. Joe to Greece.  
October 30<sup>th</sup>—November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
For additional information, please visit <http://www.206Tours.com/cms/frarockiasamy>

**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, Beverly Erway, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Adrian Origen, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly, Gene Rothe, Ed Hillenbrand, Alvira Braga, Matt Mantione, Charlene & Helen Tiffany, Margaret Schneider, Dannah Carter and Walter Marchlowski 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!

*Happy Those Who Believe  
Without Seeing*



**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**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

**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?**