

**Mass Intentions**

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 04/25/2026 & 04/26/2026**

**3:45 PM: Teresa Millias 10:30 AM: Chris Hoecker**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 04/25/2026 & 04/26/2026**

**3:45 PM: Denise Weber 10:30 AM: Corinne Connington**

**Altar Servers: 04/26/2026**

**10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelley & Liam Wellington-Skog**

**Greeters: 04/26/2026**

**10:30 AM: Lydia Flachs & Joan DeBenedittis**

**Ushers: 04/26/2026**

**10:30 AM: Daphne Poole & Emily Snyder**

**Readings for the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

**Third Sunday—April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Op. 675—For You Are My God

Psalm 16 (Missal pg. 280: “Lord, you will show us the path of life.”)

Off. 417—Two Were Bound for Emmaus

Comm. 554—Give Me Jesus

Cl. 686—How Can I Keep from Singing

**Weekly Offering Table**

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> & April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

	Sat	Sun	Total
<b>Regular</b>	\$ 716.00	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 1,904.00
<b>Bldg Fund</b>	\$ 354.00	\$ 656.00	\$ 1,010.00
<b>Candle/Poor</b>			\$ 218.46
<b>Rice Bowl</b>			\$ 611.65

“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!**

**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 8,978.00 from 28 of our parishioners.

**Thank you to all of the parishioners who have sent in contributions. We have 44.8% of our total needed. Hopefully, we can finish our goal shortly.**

**Sincere Condolences**



Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph’s would like to express their sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to James Bridger and family for the passing of his mother, Jeanne. We pray for the repose of her soul. May our Lord give her eternal reward! May she rest in peace! Amen

Funeral Services will be held at St. Joseph’s Church on Saturday, April 25th at 11:00 a.m.

**Healing and Anointing of the Sick**

This weekend at the end of the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. Joe will offer prayers and anointing of the sick for healing. If you wish to attend or if you know anyone who would like to attend, please come and join us.



**Spring Sale & Cleanup**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**



Our Spring sale and cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will be accepting donations now through May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for gently used or new items for the sale. Please bring your donated items to the parish hall. If anyone, would like to make a baked good for the sale that will be greatly appreciated.

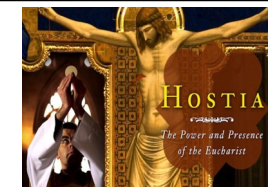
We are also looking for volunteers to help with the sale and cleanup of our church. Please call the rectory or write your name on the signup sheet on the piano podium.

Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

**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**



"This powerful and inspiring film begins with the Gospel accounts of how Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist. It explains how the sacrifices and offerings in the Old Testament prefigured the perfect and final sacrifice in Jesus Christ Himself—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The constant belief of Christians in the Real Presence throughout history is clearly demonstrated along with examples of heroic witnesses for the Faith. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is explained as the center of the Christian life where Jesus becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The practices of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction are presented as the real power behind any evangelization and essential to reviving faith in every Catholic parish.

With contributions from Fr. Nicholas Schofield, Fr. Tim Finigan, Fr. Andrew Pinsent, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, John Pontifex, Fr. Bruno Witchalls, and Fr. Marcus Holden, this film offers an inspiring presentation with clarity of teaching about the Holy Eucharist.

**Heart of Mary Scholarship Collection**



Next weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for the Heart of Mary Scholarship. These funds are awarded to St. Joseph’s high school seniors who will be attending college or a vocation program in the coming year and apply to St. Joseph’s for this scholarship.



**April Birthdays**



This weekend we will be having a birthday cake celebration for the month of April. Please come and join us after the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome!!

**Lawn Mowers Wanted**



Spring is here and we are still in need of able bodied volunteers who can cut and weedwack the cemetery and surrounding grounds.. If you are in need of extra exercise, would like to meditate and offer your skilled services to St. Joseph’s, please sign up on the Cemetery Maintenance sheet on the piano podium.

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

**St. Expeditus**  
**Feast Day—April 19th**



Puns on saints' names are not uncommon, but that a saint named Expeditus should be invoked against procrastination just seems too good.

There was a real St. Expeditus: He was one of six Armenian Christians, possibly Roman soldiers, who were martyred in Melitene. His fellow martyrs are Sts. Hermogenes, Gaius, Aristonicus, Rufus and Galata. There is documentary evidence that St. Expeditus was venerated in Turin in northern Italy during the Middle Ages. From there, devotion to him spread to Germany and Sicily in the 17th century, but how he became the saint of procrastinators is harder to pin down.

The version with the widest circulation claims that late in the 18th century relics of a martyr, along with a statue, were shipped from Rome to a Paris convent. Neither the relics nor the statue were labeled, but the shipping crate was marked "Spedito," which the nuns assumed was the name of the saint. The sisters Latinized Spedito into St. Expeditus. It's a good story, but it does sound like a holy urban legend.

An older legend tells us that on the day Expeditus resolved to become a Christian, the devil came to him in the form of a raven and tried to persuade him to put off his conversion until the next day. Expeditus declared, "No! I will be a Christian today!"

Devotion to St. Expeditus has spread around the globe. In the United States he is popular among New Orleans Catholics, who tell a story similar to the French legend. The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe received several crates of statues of saints. One of the statues was unidentified, but on the crate was the French term, Expedit, so that was taken to be the unknown saint's name.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, hundreds of thousands of Catholics crowd into the churches for Mass on the saint's feast day. The French introduced St. Expeditus to the inhabitants of Reunion, an island in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar. The saint's cult is particularly strong there, witness the countless private handmade shrines and altars lining the roads.

In art St. Expeditus is usually shown dressed as a Roman soldier, holding the palm frond that is the symbol of martyrdom in one hand, and raising above his head a cross on which is inscribed the word "Hodie," Latin for "Today," and trampling on a raven labeled "Cras," Latin for "Tomorrow." In Germany, however, St. Expeditus is depicted pointing at a clock, a reminder not to waste time, or procrastinate. (reprinted from bulletin *Saint* (Arlington Catholic Herald))



**Many Thanks!!!**

Fr. Joe would like to thank all of our parishioners who brought delicious meals and desserts for Bishop Mark's visit to our church last week. And thanks to all who helped with cleanup and serving our social hour.

The Bishop was so impressed about how good our parish is!

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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!

*On the Road to Emmaus*  
*Journeying With the Lord*



**April 19<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

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**Will you please remember "St. Joseph's Church"**

**in your Last Will?**