

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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Mass Times (see calendar on next page)

Please call the **Office** (Mondays 9 am-12:30 pm or leave a message) to make an appointment about the following:

- ❖ **Mass Intentions:** Please call the office or place your **name, address, phone number, intention (specify living or deceased),** and **\$15 suggested donation** in the collection basket at a weekend Mass, or on our website.
- ❖ **Cemetery Inquiries:** For Richfield Springs, please call 315-858-1682. For West Winfield, call 315-292-0770.

Please call the Priest’s Residence 315-822-3191 to speak with Father Lehnert about:

- ❖ **Christian Initiation:** To become a Confirmed Catholic.
- ❖ **Baptism:** Preparation meetings are required.
- ❖ **Marriage:** Contact Father *at least* 6 months before.
- ❖ **Anointing of the Sick** (call anytime)
- ❖ **Confession:**
Saturdays 3:15-3:45 (RS), after 6:00 pm Mass (WW)
Sundays 8:00-8:20 am (WW), after 10:30 am Mass (RS)
Weekdays after Masses and by appointment
- ❖ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**
RS Wed. 12:45 pm – Thu. 9 am; and before All Masses
- ❖ **The Holy Rosary:** 30 minutes before Masses
- ❖ **Parish Library (RS):** Mon.-Sat., 8 am -7 pm; Sun. 8 am – 5 pm.

Faith Formation Coordinator: Ruth Rowe (WW)

Music: Jo-Ann Capraro and choir (WW 8:30).
Barbara Brown (WW 6:00); (RS 4:00).
Stephanie Elderkin (RS 10:30)



Check out our website www.stjoseph.work
and Facebook page, *St. Joseph the Worker Parish*,
for help and inspiration for your spiritual life!

Let us pray... (lists renewed monthly; call to update!)

For the sick of our community, including: Nichole Banks, Stephen Bond, Jolene Boyt, Douglas Capraro, Renee Carolin, Lupe Castillo, Tom Crohan, Sally Davis, Maria Dingman, Regina Dodson, Rocco Elefante, Bob Famulare, Sal Ferlazzo, Kathy Grayer, Jerry Griffiths, Linda Griffiths, Tom Huxtable, Shae Kelly, Shannon Kelly, William Korosec, Larry Kozak, Cathy LaBarge, Leo Mackin III, Phyllis Merkley, Stan Misiolek, Michael Obernesser, Richard Owens, Frank Peo, Mrs. Posato, SSG Posato, Allan Pullis, Brian Reinhardt, Eve Ryan, Sam Salamone, Bernie Schmitt, Marie Schooner, Nyles Seamon, Eric Simonsen, Buffy Sink, Andy Smith, Marian Staruck, Michael Stringer, Geraldine Sullivan, Robin Sullivan, Bob Sweeny, Adeline Tanner, Sita Torres, Shanon Vela, Catalina Vicari, Carol Walker, Laura Walker, James Warner, Eileen Wheeldon, Barbara Wilkerson, Tanya Whetsel.

For those who serve our country, including Mitchell Clark, Mary Ellen Coleman, Dan Crim, John Durhak, Michael Feola, Fr. David Hammond, Nathan Hudson, Kevin McNicholas, Benjamin Munyan, Geoff Roberts

For holy vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and faithful, fruitful marriages.

Weekly Collection for September 20, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2872
Building Insurance	\$1455
Online Giving (Regular)	\$502
Votive	\$233

New! 2026-2027 Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$37,303 Pledged: \$3,992

Thank you for last year’s support!

Please remember your parish in your Will. Prayerfully, consider putting your parish as part of your Will to help us do larger needed projects that support the good work of spreading the Gospel. If this is something you can do, please talk to the Pastor.

2nd collection this week: Catholic University of America
2nd collection next week: Fuel & Electricity

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION (SEPTEMBER 27, 2026) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Echoing the complaint heard in last week’s readings, today’s First Reading again presents protests that God isn’t fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today’s Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus’ day — tax collectors and prostitutes — who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord’s vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel’s leaders — who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8). Once again, this week’s readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God’s justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today’s Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life’s true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel’s leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority — that they had no further need to hear God’s Word or listen to God’s servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” (Pope Francis)

Welcome to our parish family! Both churches are open during the day for visits with Our Lord. (WW back-door code 333, RS side-door code 1267)

Masses and Mass Intentions

Sat., Sep 26		
4:00 pm	RS	+Michael Hugick (by Rosemary Hugick)
6:00 pm	WW	For the People of Our Parish
Sun., Sep 27		
8:30 am	WW	+Walter Raymond, Jr. (by Denise Gribanoff) +Beverly Sullivan (St. Joseph Choir)
10:30 am	RS	Healing Mass for Cathy LaBarge (by David Buddle)
Mon, Sep 28 12 Noon	WW	
Tue., Sep 29		No Daily Mass
Wed, Sep 30 12 Noon	RS	+Mary Moore (by Margaret Yakos)
Thu., Oct 1 9:00 am	RS	+Patricia Thorpe (by David Buddle)
Fri., Oct 2 9:00 am	WW	
6:30 pm	RS	+Esther & Emerson Lamphere (by David Buddle)
Sat., Oct 3		
9:00 am	WW	For the People of Our Parish
4:00 pm	RS	Intention for Alan Pullis for Comfort, Strength & Peace
6:00 pm	WW	Thanksgiving for the 40 th Anniversary of Deacon Richard Brown Ordination to the Diaconate (by the Parish and Father Brian Lehnert)
Sun., Oct 4		
8:30 am	WW	+Elizabeth O’Connell (by Erin Jones) +Gregg Sheridan (by Erin Jones)
10:30 am	RS	Intention for Patricia Kasinski & Mlodynia Families (by George & Theresa Olsom)

ADORATION IS ESSENTIAL “From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others” (St. John Paul II).

Visit Our Lord and return His love in Adoration! Weekly in our parish network:

Richfield Springs: Wed. 12:45 p.m. – Thu. 9 a.m. Mass, & before Masses (St. Joseph the Worker, 37 Canadarago St., Richfield Springs) *Door code: 1267.*

Frankfort: Tue. 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Queen of Apostles Church, 412 Frankfort St., Frankfort)

Ilion: Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. after 7 a.m. Mass. (Annunciation Church, 50 West St., Ilion)

Little Falls: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Holy Family Parish, 763 E. Main St., Little Falls)

Adoration Quote “The future belongs to those who worship God in silence.” (St. John Paul II)

West Winfield Hall Renovation

A donor has donated for the renovation of the hall to fix some walls, painting, new ceiling tiles, new flooring and general updating of the hall. This will allow a more inviting environment to bring our community together.

What do we use our hall for: child and adult faith formation, outreach services like hosting the Red Cross, parish social gatherings like baptism and funeral receptions and more.

Thank you for your patience during the renovation.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary at West Winfield

Join us in West Winfield for our First Saturday mass and rosary in front of Our Lady’s Grotto to pray the rosary for our country and peace in our world.

8:30am – Quiet Adoration

9:00am – First Saturday Mass

9:45am – Rosary at the grotto

Classes: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or if there’s any Catholics who have not received their sacraments at the usual age, please contact Father Lehnert at the West Winfield office number.

If you have been hesitating or putting it off, please meet with Father Lehnert so we can at least give you the information needed to help you make this important decision.

Richfield Springs has 2 New Pews!

RS has two new pews so everyone can see what the new ones will look like as they’re donated. The consensus is very positive though they are a little lower than we’re used to. So, they will be updated along with the new ones to be a little higher.

Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Lehnert will be leading a Bible study of the mass called Biblical Walk Through the Mass. There will be a video presentation by Ascension press followed by a discussion led by Fr. Lehnert. The same class will be in Richfield Springs and in West Winfield during October.

Dates and Locations:

RS on all the Thursdays in October at 6:30pm starting Oct. 1st.

WW on all Fridays in Oct. at 10am starting Oct 2nd.

SHE Women’s Program

This is a 9-week program of deepening one’s faith for the women in our parish community.

The meetings will rotate every other week between Richfield Springs and West Winfield.

The next meeting is September 28th at 6:15pm in Richfield Springs. For more information at this time, you can contact our office or contact Fr. Lehnert.

Rosary Coast to Coast – October 4th

Less than a month away, come join us at the Rosa Mystica Shrine on October 4th for the Rosary Coast to Coast event. The shrine is located on 484 Angel Hill Road in Edmeston, NY.

Be part of this day when the Knights of Columbus and Catholics across the United States will unite in praying the Rosary simultaneously for the healing of our nation. Our Rosary will start at 4:00pm as we walk along the first Patriotic Rosary Walk in the nation. Lunch is served from noon to 2:30pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us in this day of prayer!

QR Code for Donations

Please feel free to use the QR code provided here for making donations to the Parish Wish List items above as well as regular & 2nd collections.

