

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

MALDEN, MA



DECEMBER 24, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
AND CHRISTMAS

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Saturday:
9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Immediately after daily 9:00 a.m.
mass on Mon, Tues, Fri, & Sat.

Weekend Mass

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

Holy Days

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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OUR PARISH



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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We welcome and invite you to become an active member of the St. Joseph Parish Community. Please introduce yourselves to one of the priests after Mass. If you would like to be registered as a member of our parish, our staff can provide you with the forms needed to do so.

FR. ANTHONY'S DESK

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
During this holiday season, I want to send a message of appreciation to you all. I thank each of you for your dedication, perseverance, and hard work all year. The holidays are primarily about hope, goodwill, and renewal. The Christmas season is so unique. It brings happiness -the priority of life's purpose, that happiness comes from following the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ, holding family extra close, and loving others more than ourselves.
As we near the year's end, it seems the right time to draw on the Lord's strength to continue serving our neighbors. So, go out of your way to make someone else's Christmas special by doing something extraordinary. Our trust in the Lord prompts us to be generous in our service. Now is the time to ask the Lord to renew our active love so we can be channels of grace and care to others and help them through the Winter. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

GIVING TREE

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree for the patients at Tewksbury Hospital. We are so happy to say that all the gifts were purchased and delivered! As always, this would not be possible without you all being so thoughtful and kindhearted!

Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

December 23:

Daily Saturday Mass 9:00am
Fourth Sunday of Advent Masse 4:00pm

December 24:

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am
Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm

December 25:

Christmas Masses 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am
The Parish Office is closed on Christmas Day.

PARISH FINANCE

December 9 and 10

Loose\$1,771.00
Envelopes\$2,154.00
Coin \$2.55
Total Offertory **\$3,927.55**

Online Giving \$879.00

Now accepting online and card payments.
Please remember the needy among us by donating to our St. Vincent DePaul Boxes.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

Please visit our website stjosephparishmalden.com or scan the QR Code to donate online.



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2023 GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$50,000 Raised: \$36,676.81

Dearest parishioner, Our 2023 Grand Annual campaign has begun and we want to thank all those who have donated for their generosity! If you would like to donate to the Grand Annual campaign you can find the pledge cards near the doors of the church or donate online through our website. You may place the pledge card in the Sunday collection or return it to the parish by mail. The Grand Annual funds go toward increasing security at the church, including placing cameras around the property and fixing the Church doors. Please consider a gift of \$300 or more. No matter how you donate, your generosity will be much appreciated. Our Parish community benefits from you being here and we are so thankful for your participation and assistance!

PENNIES FOR THE UNBORN

January 6 & 7 and January 13 & 14

The Catholic Daughters of America Court Maplewood #510 of Saint Joseph Parish will be collecting donations t all the entrances the weekends of January 6 & 7 and January 13 & 14. Any monetary donation is greatly accepted.

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

January 13 and 14

Please save after Christmas and New Years! Cub Scout Pack 609 will have their Bottle and Can Drive fundraiser on Saturday January 13 from 3:30-5:00pm and Sunday January 14 from 8:00am-11:30am; before and after all masses. Please bring your donations downstairs or leave them outside and we will get them for you. Thank you!



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CHOIRS

Saint Joseph Children's Choir

Practice Sunday Mornings 8:30am by the Piano.

Saint Joseph Adult Choir

Practice every Thursday night in the Conference Room at 7:00pm.

FILIPINO APOSTOLATE

The Filipino Apostolate Malden Chapter celebrates Mass at our parish on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:00pm.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* would like to thank everyone for your generous response to helping the needy in our community. Below is a summary of our financials for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

10/1/22 - 9/30/23	
Income	
Church Baskets & Other Donations	\$8,712
Fundraiser	\$1,137
Reimbursements from Boston Council	\$2,022
Total Income	\$11,871
Expenses	
Bread of Life dinners (16 meals x approx. 125 individuals)	\$5,752
Food Vouchers (for 62 adults & 40 children)	\$3,656
Rent (for 5 adults)	\$3,800
Utilities (for 3 adults & 3 children)	\$1,587
Furniture (1 family)	\$280
Dues (to Archdiocesan Council)	\$200
Administrative (stamps, env, fundraising exp)	\$342
Total Expenses	\$15,617
<p><i>The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a world-wide lay Catholic organization that addresses the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. We are a network of friends inspired by Gospel values to grow spiritually and offer person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.</i></p>	
<p>We are looking for new members. If you are interested, please leave your name and number at the rectory.</p>	

AED TRAINING— NEW DATE!

February 10, 2024 from 10am-3pm

To reserve your spot we will need your name, phone number and \$15 to hold your spot. Please call the Parish Office at (781) 324-0402 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions. You must reserve your spot by February 1, 2024.

KIDS' CORNER

Fridays at 10:00am in the Conference Room

No meeting due to Christmas and New Years! Please join us on January 5! Merry Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

1:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of every month. An interview with parents is required. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call 800-710-9963 or visit them at www.mema.org

THE MARRIAGE GROUP

The marriage group has online, on-demand Catholic Marriage Prep! The courses are promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Visit their website at themarrriagegroup.com or call 810-957-1550.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 | Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27, 29 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Monday, December 25

Is 52:7-10 | Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5,9-14

Tuesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Ps 31:3cd-4,6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 | Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4 | Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 | Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Thursday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 | Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8 | Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11 | Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6 | Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 | Ps 96:7-8a,8b-9,10 | Lk 2:36-40

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE LISTED

Collette Scalli	Margarita Rodas
Maryann Perrine	Ryan Lathem
Claire Cafarelli	Linda Kelley
Adam Kuzinski	Harold Kingsbury
Annie Iannarone	Linda Johnson
Jessica Potter	Maggie William Roderick
Richard Spartichino	Mark Joseph
Lakeisha Maurose	Flores Supre
Dominick Maurose	Paul Arnone
Nalliam Fortune	John Schultz
Gabyanna Fortune	Capraro Family
Jesula Demes	Joe H. and Family
Marrio Fortune	

2023 AND 2024 SCHEDULE OF ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS (2ND COLLECTIONS)

Monthly - First Weekend each month
December 25- Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust
January 28- Support the Church in Latin America
February 14- Catholic Charities
February 25- Support the Church around the World
March 3- Utility and Energy Costs
March 29- Holy Land/ Good Friday
March 31- Easter Collection: Clergy Trust
May 9- Ascension of the Lord
May 19- Pentecost Collection: Seminarians
June 16- Promoting the Gospel
August 15- Assumption of Mary
September 15- Clergy Benefit Trust
October 13- Grand Annual Collection
October 20- World Mission Sunday
October 27- Holy Father and Apostolic Works
November 1- All Saints Day
November 24- Retired Religious Sisters
December 8- Immaculate Conception
December 25- Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust



Wednesday Nights at 6:45p.m. in the Parish Hall

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MASS INTENTIONS

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Please remember in your prayers the following friends and family for whom we offer these Masses:

Saturday, December 23:

9:00AM - Anthony Marcella
4:00PM - Evelyn and George

Sunday, December 24:

7:30AM - For the People
9:00AM -
10:30AM - In Thanksgiving for the Tolete Family
4:00PM - Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25:

7:30AM - Christmas Mass
9:00AM - Christmas Mass
10:30AM - Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26:

9:00AM -

Wednesday, December 27:

9:00AM - Joseph, Carmella and Mary Giardiello

Thursday, December 28:

9:00AM -

Friday, December 29:

9:00AM - Flor Maria Carmargo de Chavez

Next Saturday, December 30:

9:00AM -
4:00PM - Cheryl Bombard, Kristin Bombard and Laura Hoxie

Next Sunday, December 31:

7:30AM - For the People
9:00AM -
10:30AM - In Memory of Dobec Obidoza

If you would like to have a Mass said in the name of a loved one, deceased or living, please contact the Parish Office at 781-324-0402. The requested donation is \$10.

ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like flowers on the Altar in remembrance of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 781-324-0402. There is a fee of \$15 per flower order.

BULLETIN NOTICE

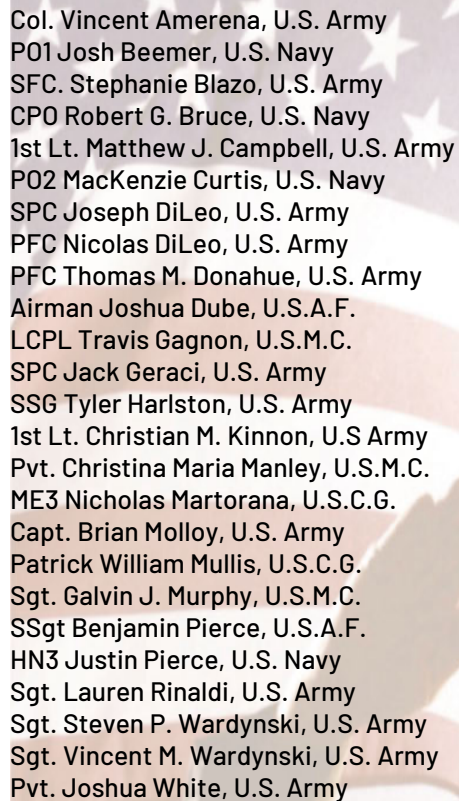
Our weekly bulletin must be submitted for print by Monday at 9:00a.m. Therefore there may be instances where an intention booked after the submit time will not make the bulletin. However, the name will still be mentioned during mass.

PRAYERS FOR OUR HEROS

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IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please remember in your prayers our sisters and brothers in the military who are the ultimate safeguards of our freedom and democracy. Prayers have been requested for the following members of the United States Military:



Col. Vincent Amerena, U.S. Army
PO1 Josh Beemer, U.S. Navy
SFC. Stephanie Blazo, U.S. Army
CPO Robert G. Bruce, U.S. Navy
1st Lt. Matthew J. Campbell, U.S. Army
PO2 MacKenzie Curtis, U.S. Navy
SPC Joseph DiLeo, U.S. Army
PFC Nicolas DiLeo, U.S. Army
PFC Thomas M. Donahue, U.S. Army
Airman Joshua Dube, U.S.A.F.
LCPL Travis Gagnon, U.S.M.C.
SPC Jack Geraci, U.S. Army
SSG Tyler Harlston, U.S. Army
1st Lt. Christian M. Kinnon, U.S. Army
Pvt. Christina Maria Manley, U.S.M.C.
ME3 Nicholas Martorana, U.S.C.G.
Capt. Brian Molloy, U.S. Army
Patrick William Mullis, U.S.C.G.
Sgt. Galvin J. Murphy, U.S.M.C.
SSgt Benjamin Pierce, U.S.A.F.
HN3 Justin Pierce, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Lauren Rinaldi, U.S. Army
Sgt. Steven P. Wardynski, U.S. Army
Sgt. Vincent M. Wardynski, U.S. Army
Pvt. Joshua White, U.S. Army

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

- John 14:27

If a member of your family is currently serving in the U.S. Military and you would like to add them to this list, or would like to update a listed name above with a new rank, please contact the Parish Office at 781-324-0402 with their name, rank, and branch of service.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

(Mass Cards)

Spiritual bouquets/ Mass Cards for both the living and the deceased, are available for purchase in the Parish Office for \$10.



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