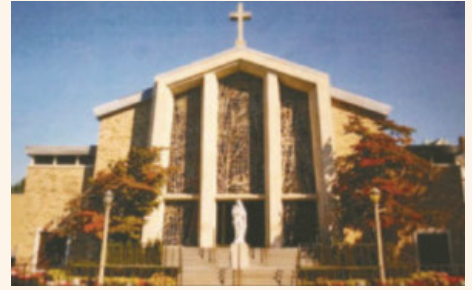


ST. JOSEPH PARISH MALDEN, MA



DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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:

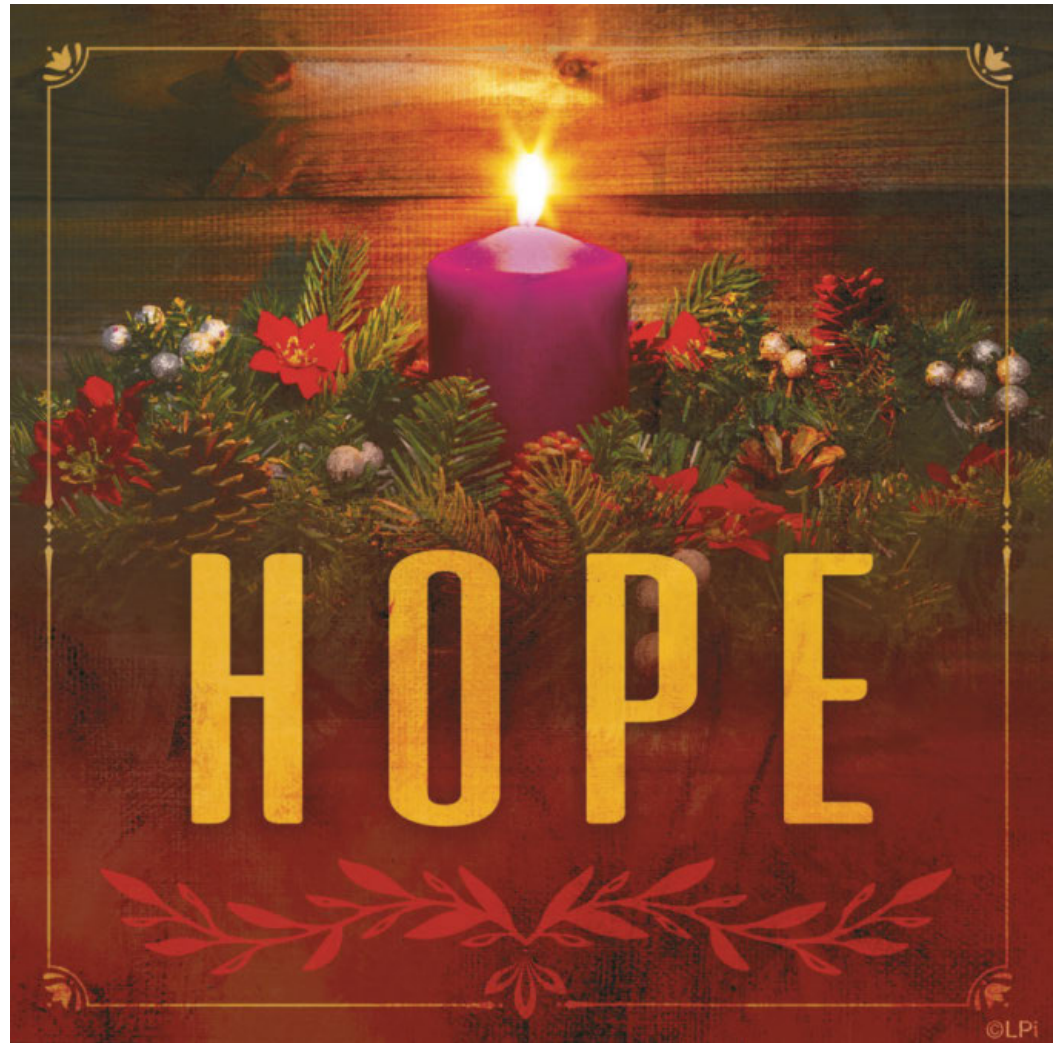
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

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.

Welcome to the Beginning of the Year of Grace and the Season of Advent!

Advent is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas in which the first Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered. Likewise, it is when our hearts and minds are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent imperatives cause us to live in a state of paranoia; however, it give us readiness as we gain greater sensitivity to the countless ways Christ appears before us each day through the duties of our vocation and life circumstances.

Today, we bless an Advent Wreath! Customarily, the wreath holds three violet-colored candles, and the fourth is a rose. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and the number of candles lit each week corresponds to the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, which sets a joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming.

Throughout the Advent Season, please know the 'LIGHT IS ON' for you on **Tuesdays** from **6.30 PM to 8.00 PM**. And, on **Saturdays**, from **3.00 PM to 3.45 PM**, or by appointment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As there are no more general absolutions, the available openings for individual reconciliation serve as the Sacramental means for us to draw closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ as we seek His forgiveness and spiritual sustenance. When we examine our conscience and confess our sins, we ask Jesus to come to us in his mercy.

On the third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 17th, members of the Religious Education will play the Christmas pageant at 9.00 AM Mass. We shall also mark St. John Paul II's beloved tradition of **Bring Your Baby Jesus to Church Day!** It is a beautiful Advent tradition that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene even more joyous. We ask that our kids bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home for blessings. We ask your family to gather around the Crib to sing the sweet carols charged with human and Christian sentiment.

Dear Sisters and Brothers, we belong at the manger just as much as the shepherds, angels, and kings. The Nativity scene is complete once we take our place in it. May the Infant Jesus present in the Crib of your home be the concrete sign of a sincere faith that will enlighten, guide, and direct your life and that of your dear ones.

PARISH FINANCE

November 18 and 19

Loose	\$1,863.00
Envelopes	\$1,674.00
Coin	\$1.04
Total Offertory	\$3,538.04

Online Giving \$1,154.00

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!

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2023 GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$50,000 Raised: \$32,576.81

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!

GIVING TREE

Gifts due back by December 10th

Each "ornament" on the tree represents a gift wish for a resident at Tewksbury Hospital. The hospital provides comprehensive treatment, care and comfort to adults with chronic medical and/or mental illnesses. You are invited to take home an ornament and return it with the gift requested. Please do not wrap the gift, but if you can, include a gift bag or box. If you would like to donate cash and have someone do the shopping for you, please contact Joann at (617)240-7163. The Giving Tree Collection Box will be in the foyer on the weekends of December 2/3 and December 9/10.

December 10 is the last day that we can accept gifts! Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Due by December 20th at 4:00pm

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at Christmas, please send the following information to the Parish Office. Donations are \$15.00 and your loved ones' names will be listed in the Church Foyer.

In Memory of:

From:

Phone Number:

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.



**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MASS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 8, 2023- 9:00AM AND 7:00PM**

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

TOYS FOR TOTS

November 1 through December 13

Toys for Tots will have a box in the foyer for donations. Every year we are overwhelmed by the support that this parish gives to the Toys for Tots foundation! We want to extend our gratitude for all that you do and for being so generous!

CASH PRIZE CALENDAR

Saint Joseph Parish will be doing a cash prize calendar fundraiser until December 17th, 2023! Every purchase has a chance to win cash prizes, every day during the month of January. Calendars are \$15 cash or \$16 credit, see any of our staff members for details. These calendars make great stocking stuffers for Christmas! Good luck!

630 SALEM STREET HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

December 9th from 9am-3pm

Vendors and Crafters! Call to Grace at (781)605-3536 to reserve a table on a first come first serve basis. Tables are \$20 each. Entrance on the Columbia Street Door.

CUB SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATHS

This weekend after all Masses!

Cub Scout Pack 609 says thank you to all those who ordered Christmas wreaths and baskets! Your orders will be available for pick up after all masses this weekend! Orders are closed at this time.

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 3

IS 63:16B-17,19B,64:2-7 | PS 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 | 1 COR 1:3-9 | MK 13:33-37

Monday, December 4

Is 2:1-5 | Ps 122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9 | Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5

Is 11:1-10 | Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 | Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6

Is 25:6-10a | Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 | Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7

Is 26:1-6 | Ps 118:1 and 8-9,19-21,25-27a | Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15,20 | Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4 | Eph 1:3-6,11-12 | Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9

Is 30:19-21,23-26 | Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6 | Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE LISTED

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

EARLY SUBMISSION THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR

Bulletin Date	Announcement Due
December 24, 2023	December 11, 2023
December 31, 2023	December 17, 2023

2023 SCHEDULE OF ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS (2ND COLLECTIONS)

Monthly - First Weekend each month

December 8- Immaculate Conception

December 25- Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust

Please keep in mind the collections that are now added into one group will be split between the listed (formerly separate) collections. Thank you for your generosity.



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MASS INTENTIONS

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MASS INTENTIONS



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

Saturday, December 2:

9:00AM - Fred Intosca

4:00PM - Pam Belinowicz

Sunday, December 3:

7:30AM - For the People

9:00AM - William Carlow

10:30AM - James Tirrell

Monday, December 4:

9:00AM - Marie Carmelle Fafontant

Tuesday, December 5:

9:00AM -

Wednesday, December 6:

9:00AM - Allan Scott

Thursday, December 7:

9:00AM - John Bennett and Timothy Dow

Friday, December 8:

9:00AM - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00PM - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Saturday, December 9:

9:00AM - Robert Fischer Jr.

4:00PM - Victor Lemmo

Next Sunday, December 10:

7:30AM - For the People

9:00AM - William Sidor

10:30AM - Prisco Imbriano

Please pray for those who were buried this past week:

Vincenzo Bordonaro

Altar Flowers placed in remembrance of:

Pam Belinowicz

From: Janet Spindler

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

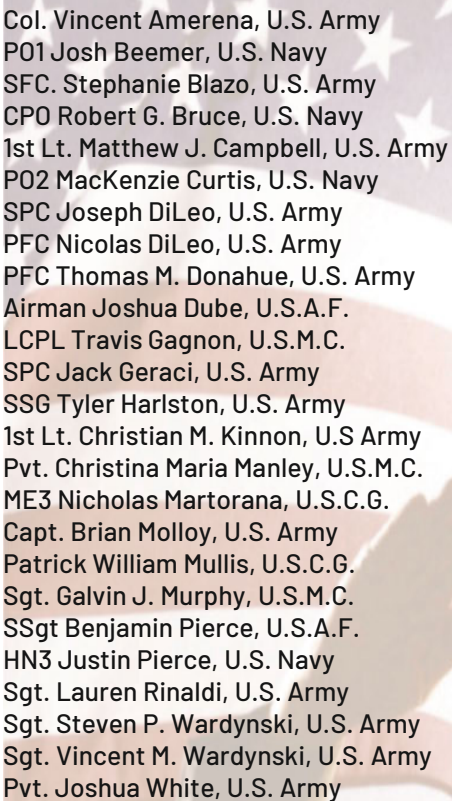
Our weekly bulletin must be submitted for print by Monday at 9:00a.m. Therefore there may be instances where an intention booked after the submit time will not make the bulletin. However, the name will still be mentioned during mass.

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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