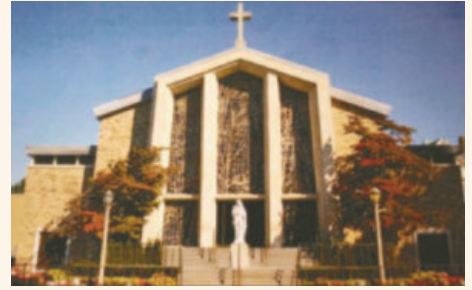


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DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

FR. ANTHONY'S DESK

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

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.

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

PARISH FINANCE

December 2 and 3

Loose\$2,291.00
Envelopes\$1,837.00
Coin\$2.00
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Online Giving\$949.00

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

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2023 GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$50,000

Raised: \$35,873.81

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

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 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.



CASH PRIZE CALENDAR— LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TODAY!

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!

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Sunday December 17, 2023 at 12:00pm

Catholic Daughters Meeting today in the Conference Room at 12:00pm.

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!

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!

EARLY SUBMISSION THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR

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

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 themarriagegroup.com or call 810-957-1550.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 17

IS 61:1-2A,10-11 | Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Monday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8 | Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 | Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a | Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17 | Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20

Is 7:10-14 | Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6 | Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21

Slg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a | Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 | Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 | 1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd | Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4,23-24 | Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10 and 14 | Lk 1:57-66

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	Flores Supre'
Maurose	Paul Arnone
Dominick Maurose	John Schultz
Nalliam Fortune	Capraro Family
Gabyanna Fortune	Joe H. and Family
Jesula Demes	
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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MASS INTENTIONS



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

Saturday, December 16:

9:00AM - William "Michael" Silkes

4:00PM - In Thanksgiving- Carline

Sunday, December 17:

7:30AM - For the People

9:00AM - Bunny Walsh

10:30AM - John Troy

Monday, December 18:

9:00AM - Pasquale Barone

Tuesday, December 19:

9:00AM -

Wednesday, December 20:

9:00AM - Maria Caruso, Rocco Dragonetti and Rosa Petriello

Thursday, December 21:

9:00AM - Ivo Ignazi

Friday, December 22:

9:00AM - Joseph, Carmela and Mary Giardiello

Next Saturday, December 23:

9:00AM - Anthony Marcella

4:00PM - Evelyn and George

Next Sunday, December 24:

7:30AM - For the People

9:00AM -

10:30AM - In Thanksgiving for the Tolete Family

4:00PM - Christmas Eve Mass

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

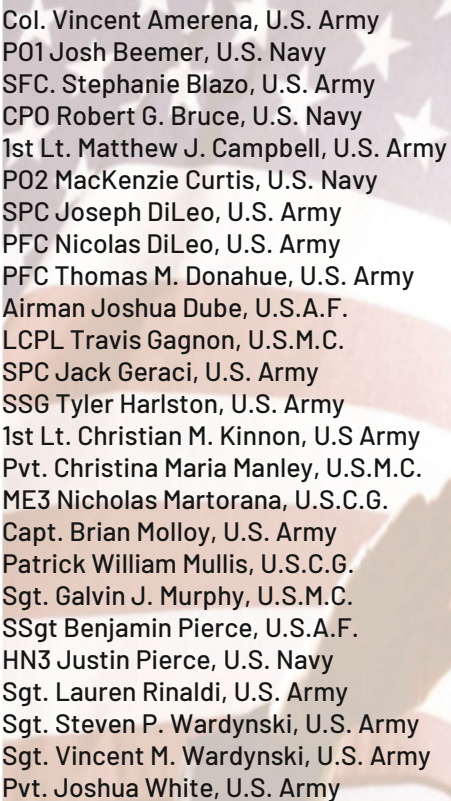
Our weekly bulletin must be submitted for print by Monday at 9:00a.m. Therefore there may be instances where an intention booked after the submit time will not make the bulletin. However, the name will still be mentioned during mass.

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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