

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 09/13/2025 & 09/14/2025

3:45 PM: Ed Hillenbrand

10:30 AM: Ed Serdy

Eucharistic Ministers: 09/13/2025 & 09/14/2025

3:45 PM: Joe Polisenio

10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 09/14/2025

10:30 AM: Jason Krueger, Peter Daempfle

Greeters: 09/14/2025

10:30 AM: Charlotte Kelley

Ushers: 09/14/2025

10:30 AM: Julianne Militello

Readings for the week of September 7th, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

September 7th, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 672—O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Psalm 90: In Every Age

Off. 696—In Every Age

Comm. 671—On Eagles’ Wings

Cl. 627—Rain Down or 609 For the Beauty of the Earth

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Aug 30th& Aug 31st, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$522.00	\$1,509.31	\$2,031.31
Candles/Poor Bx			\$ 68.25

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.”

Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.

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Altar Rosary Society

Join us for an Uplifting Experience! We invite you to unite in prayer with us as we gather to pray the rosary on September 8th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us in prayer. Immediately after the recitation on the rosary, we will hold our meeting and enjoy some refreshments.



Cantata Choir Rehearsals



Cantata Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesdays this year from 7-8:30pm. (Our accompanist is only available on Tuesdays.) Please sign up on the Choir sheet at the piano podium.

The first 4 weeks will be split voice rehearsals. Thereafter the whole choir will meet each week.

New members may contact Terry Hait after mass or call 607-652-3347.

September 23: Tenors and Basses (lower voices)

September 30: Sopranos and Altos (higher voices)

October 7: Tenors and Basses

October 14: Sopranos and Altos

October 21, 28, November 4, 11: All parts

November 25, December 2, 9 all parts with accompaniment
December 14: Cantata performance at 3 pm
December 21: snow date



This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

Coming to Formed

For Healing Rosary—Friday— 7:00 p.m.

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978

Password: 104215

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Grandparents Day—September 7th

We know quite a bit about the Blessed Virgin Mary, but very little about her parents. Apparently even their names—Joachim and Anne—come from tradition rather than scripture, originating in a second-century text known as the *Protoevangelium of James*.

Through Mary—so deeply grounded in the faith of her people—we glimpse the power of generations who remained steadfast in prayer, hope, and devotion. Her courage, wisdom, and loyalty to family reflect a home rooted in love and faithfulness. At the foundation of that home stood Joachim and Anne, whose quiet, faithful lives helped prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah. Tradition tells us they were a wealthy couple who generously tithed and gave to the poor. They had long prayed and pleaded with God for the gift of a child—and in His perfect timing, their prayers were answered.

St. Anne’s name means “grace,” and Joachim’s means “raised by Yahweh” or “established by God.” These holy grandparents were given the gifts and graces needed to raise the Mother of God.

The feast of Saints Joachim and Anne is more than a tribute, even though their feast day is on July 26th, however the celebration is transferred to the first weekend after Labor Day. So, this year it falls on Sunday September 7th. The theme for the 2025 celebration is "Blessed are those who have not given up Hope" As grandparents, we are called to help shape future generations. In our Catholic tradition, grandparents are more than just caretakers or babysitters; we are memory-keepers, witnesses, and prayer warriors. We hold hands, wipe tears, tell stories, we offer our wisdom from our own life experiences and most importantly offer unconditional love that points back to God.

But what happens when our hands are tied, when, out of respect for our children’s wishes, we are not allowed to openly share our faith with our grandchildren? In those moments of despair, I turn even more deeply to Saints Joachim and Anne I pray and I entrust my grandchild to their powerful intercession, praying that grace finds a way into his or her life beyond my words. I strive to be a quiet, and just be a joyful witness planting seeds through love, kindness, and example. I offer my prayers and longing as a spiritual sacrifice, And I never lose hope and patience because God’s timing is always perfect.



Praying the Rosary

"We encourage all parishioners to arrive early for Mass and use the time before the liturgy to pray the Rosary. This allows for a deeper and more meaningful participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." Let us enter into a spirit of reverence and recollection before the liturgy begins."

St. Regina Virgin & Martyr
Feast Day—September 7th



The life of this Saint is shrouded in obscurity. All that we know about her is found in Acts of her martyrdom, which are considered rather unreliable in their details. She was born in the 3rd century in Alise, the ancient Alesia where two hundred years earlier Vercingetorix had fought so valiantly against Caesar. Her mother died at her birth, and her father, a prominent pagan citizen, entrusted the child to a Christian nurse who baptized her.

When he learned of this fact, the father flew into a rage and repudiated his own daughter. Regina then went to live with her nurse who possessed little means. The girl helped out by tending sheep, where she communed with God in prayer and meditated on the lives of the Saints.

In 251, at the age of fifteen, she attracted the eye of a man called Olybrius, the prefect of Gaul, who determined to have her as his wife. He sent for the girl and discovered that she was of noble race and of the Christian faith. Chagrined, he attempted to have her deny her faith, but the saintly maiden resolutely refused and also spurned his proposal of marriage. Thereupon, Olybrius went toward the incursion of the barbarians. On his return, he found the Saint even more determined to preserve her vow of virginity and to refuse to sacrifice to idols. In a rage, he had recourse to whippings, scorching, burning pincers, and iron combs—all to no avail as the grace God sustained the Saint. She continued to praise God and defy Olybrius. In the end, her throat was severed and she went forth to meet her heavenly Bridegroom.



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Fellowship Meeting —Tuesday, September 9th at St. Joseph's in Worcester. Eucharist Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information, visit us on the web at: <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>

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, Jim Bender, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick and Wade Lewis for a speedy recovery.



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2025 Annual
St. Joseph's Harvest Dinner
 This year we will be having our Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 18th.
 We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the dinner, recruiting volunteers to set up, serve and clean-up. If you wish to attend the meeting, please sign-up on the Harvest Meeting Sheet on the piano podium. There are also signup sheets for donations of food and volunteer work on the podium.
 Hope to see you there!!
 Fr. Joe

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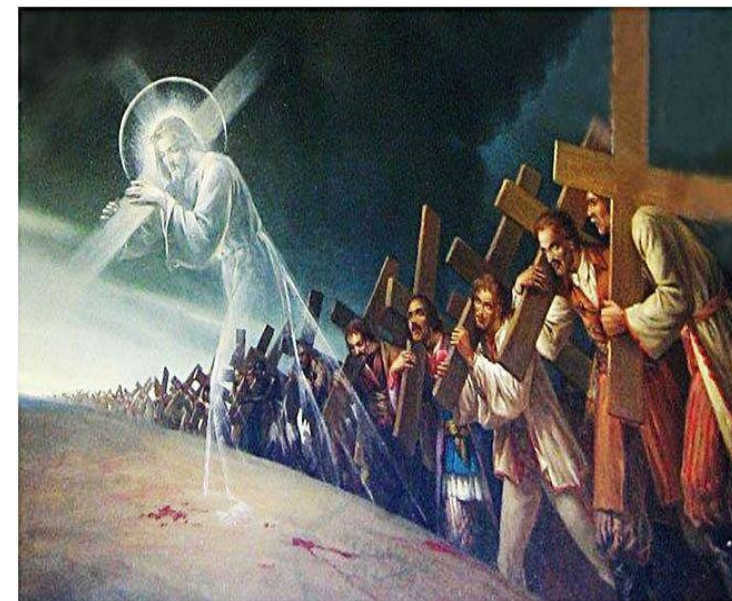
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Mission Statement: To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.

Vision Statement: St. Joseph is a Vibrant, Welcoming, Evangelizing and Transforming Catholic Community!

The Cost of Being A Disciple



September 7th, 2025

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

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Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children: Corinne Connington

Music Director: Terry Hait

Guitarist: Richard Gruber

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