

Mass Intentions

**Saturday** August 19th, 2023—Vigil  
**3:45 PM**  
**Sunday** August 20th, 2023 –Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Parish Picnic  
**10:30 AM** + Michael Richard Thill by Joan Anzalone-Thill  
+ George Murray by Jim Longendyke  
+ Matthew Bowman by The Family  
+ Bea Fressie by Frank Fressie  
**Wednesday** August 23rd, 2023  
**9:00 AM**  
**Friday** August 25th, 2023  
**12:00 PM** + For the Departed of St. Joseph Parish  
**Saturday** August 26th, 2023—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** + Frederick Golja & Robert Hermanowski by Karen Hermanowski  
**Sunday** August 27th, 2023—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**10:30 AM** + Luke McDonogh Anniversary by Angela McDonogh  
+ Nicholas Uzenski by Jim Longendyke  
+ Robert L. Decker by Frank & Lorraine Brimlow

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41 Aug 12th & 13th, 2023			
	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 475.00	\$ 2,085.00	\$ 2,560.00
Assumption			\$ 450.00
Candles			\$ 76.00
Poor Box			\$ 10.20

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.”

Thank you for supporting your parish!

\*\*\*For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.\*\*\*  
Meeting I.D. 284 272 6978  
Password: 359189

Liturgical Ministers

**Lectors:** 08/26/2023 & 08/27/2023  
**3:45 PM:** Cheryl Jory  
**10:30 AM:** Sean Filipowski  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** 08/26/2023 & 08/27/2023  
**3:45 PM:** David Clements, Pat Fowble, Joe Polisenio  
**10:30 AM:** Barbara Guilfoyle, Chris Gartung, Brian Keenan  
**Altars Servers—08/27/2023**  
**10:30 AM:** Quinn Serdy, Liam Serdy  
**Greeter-08/27/2023**  
**10:30 AM:** Elyse Snyder  
**Ushers—08/27/2023**  
**10:30 AM:** Angel Mravlja, Quinn Serdy

Readings for the week of August 20th, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28  
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51  
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

If you know of anyone who has received baptism, but not other sacraments, also anyone who has not received any sacraments, who wants to become a Catholic and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, please call the parish office at 607-397-9373.

The Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Faith Formation Registration



Registration for Faith Formation has begun. Any students that participated previously can pick up envelopes with welcome letter and registration form included on the piano podium.  
Please fill out and return the completed forms as soon as possible in the Corinne Connington’s mailbox by the ladies restroom.  
Registration form for new students will be left on the Sacristy door.  
Any questions, please contact Corinne at 1-845-728-3733 or email her at caconnington@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Ministers



We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers for our weekend Masses because we are starting to give the “Blood of Christ” again. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Joe or call the rectory.

Sometimes the Majority only means that all the fools are on the Same Side!



The idea that love of neighbor is an act of sacrificial love, adds new dimension to the virtue of hospitality.

Hospitality becomes a means to serve others and Christ.

Christ himself shares much of his wisdom while dining with others. We are called to be Christ like.

Hospitality is one of the signs of a stewardship parish.

While the ministry is the responsibility of every member of the parish, it is important that the pastor, staff and parish leaders encourage an atmosphere of hospitality. We all need to be models of stewardship in all aspects in all ministries.

A Sunday Social Hour sign-up sheet is located on the piano podium. Thank you.

Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men Crooked!!

Can you help us financially?

Thank you for your generous support to St. Joseph. Your donation helps us to pay the bills. Without you, what will we do? Please attend mass and help us with your offering. Now you can make your weekly offering to St. Joseph by mail or place it in our side door rectory drop box. You are all in my prayers and masses. God Bless You! Fr. Joe

Faith Formation



The kick off date of Faith Formation is September 17th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Parents need to be there with their child or children; this will allow time for them to meet the Catechists and other faith formation families. I encourage all the parents to fill out the application and submit it to the Parish Office before the classes start.  
Classes for 2023-2024 will be held on Sunday mornings and run from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Faith formation classes are simply not enough—attending Sunday liturgies is a huge part of the faith formation curriculum. Parents are highly encouraged to attend Mass with their children. The primary instruction of the Catholic family takes places at the Sunday liturgy. Families are the first forum in which the teaching of the children and the mission of evangelization takes place.  
We would like to thank all the parents and guardians for being the first teachers of the faith! There will be more information at our KICK-OFF including a calendar for the year which includes sacramental dates, meetings and all upcoming events for the year.  
God Bless!!



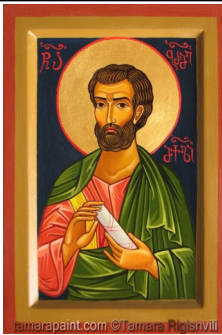
St. Joseph’s Divine Mercy Cenacle

The Members of St. Joseph’s Divine Mercy Cenacle are available to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in person with those who are sick. Also, those who want to pray with the group can contact the Parish office at 607-397-9373.



**St. Bartholomew**  
**August 24th**

St. Bartholomew, one of the twelve apostles, was born in Galilee and is probably the same person as Nathaniel, whom Philip brought to see Jesus of Nazareth. "Can anything good come from that place?," Nathaniel asked. (John 1, 45-51)



Jesus called him an Israelite incapable of deceit, an honest, straightforward man, and promised that heaven would open for him and the mysteries of God would be revealed before his eyes.

Like some other apostles, little is known about St. Bartholomew's activity after Pentecost. According to some reports, he preached the Gospel in Armenia and India and was beaten and beheaded by King Astyages for his faith in Christ. (reprinted from Book of Saints, The Regina Press, 2010)

**Lord, keep strong the faith  
which made Bartholomew believe  
in your Son.  
May we too witness to what we believe  
wherever we go.**

**Altar Servers Needed**

Boys and girls in 4th grade and older who also has had the sacraments of First Holy Communion are invited to serve as parish altar servers. Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon during our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist and Sacramental celebrations. This is an important ministry for both prayer and service. Servers are visible models of a prayerful spirit at Mass. Please contact Corinne Connington, Faith Formation Director at 1-845-728-3733.



**Prayer Remembrance**

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all the cancer patients and COVID 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 Wiewowski, William Libasci, and Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, Shannon Colin, Alexander Mustico, Mary & Jim Bender and Tessa Rheingold for a speedy recovery.



**Knights of Council 5419**

**Council Meeting** - Tuesday, September 12th at St. Joseph's in Worcester. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Find Council 5419 on the web at:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/kofc5419>



**EOMOE & Lector Schedules**

If anyone has to change their date on the schedule, please contact the rectory with the changes as well as the person who is replacing your time. Thank you!

**Baptismal Congratulations!!**

St. Joseph's welcomes the new baptized Sophia Tewell in Christ, on August 13th, 2023 at St. Joseph's Church in Worcester. Let us pray for Sophia and her family! May God bless them!



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!

**How Are We Catholic?  
Strangers No More**



**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

**Secretary:** Joan DeBenedittis

**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Corinne Connington

**Music Director:** Terry Hait

**Guitarist:** Richard Gruber

**Bookkeeper:** Mike Argiras

**Trustees**

Theresa Clements & William Fredette

**Finance Chairperson**

Amy Muehl

**Will you please remember "St. Joseph's Church"  
in your Last Will?**

**August 20th, 2023**

**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**

Contact the Parish Office

**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

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Please call the Parish Office

**All are Welcome to St. Joseph!**