

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 2nd, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM + Lillian & Edward Rose by Henry & Debi Sanna

Sunday September 3rd, 2023—Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Robert Daly by Elizabeth Daly
Kevin Shalor Healing by Jim Longendyke

Wednesday September 6th, 2023
9:00 AM

Friday September 8th, 2023
12:00 PM +For the Departed of St. Joseph Parish

Saturday September 9th, 2023—Vigil
3:45 PM

Sunday September 10th, 2023—Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 AM + Charles Diehl by Karen Jahnke
+ Nicholas Uzenski by Jim Longendyke
+ Henry Trofinoff by Barbara Trofinoff & Tori Wilson

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
August 26th & 27th, 2023

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 483.00	\$ 1,507.25	\$ 1,990.25
Catholic Home	169.00	342.13	511.13
Candles			52.00
Poor Box			9.00

“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!

The Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 09/09/2023 & 09/10/2023

3:45 PM: Bill Fredette
10:30 AM: Michael Jonker

Eucharistic Ministers: 09/09/2023 & 09/10/2023

3:45 PM: Pat Fowble
10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle

Altar Servers: 09/10/2023

10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Quinn Serdy

Greeter: 09/10/2023

10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder

Ushers: 09/10/2023

10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja, Lola Kelley

Readings for the week of September 3rd, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18:23
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Baptismal Blessing
Celebration
September 24th



We will be having a celebration for the newly baptized from this year. Please come and join us for this special blessing. With your love of our Lord, they and their families continue in their religious life.

Passing of
Vicar General Fr. David R.
LeFort



Sincere condolences to his family on the death of Fr. David R. LeFort. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Faith Formation Registration



Registration for Faith Formation is continuing. Any students that participated previously have had envelopes with a welcome letter and registration form sent to their home. 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.

Sincerest Condolences



Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph’s would like to express their sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to Sandra DiNicola and her family on the passing of her father, Philip Muller. We pray for the repose of his soul. May our Lord give him eternal reward! May he rest in peace! Amen.

Thank you Francisco Miccio for the beautiful Angel
Candles!!!



Catechist Meeting



On Thursday, September 7th at 6:15 pm, there will be a Catechist meeting in the parish hall. Please mark your calendars.

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

Bible Study Classes



The Bible study class is continuing on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm in Brooker Hall. Our focus will be on the Scripture reading for the coming Sunday.

Going to Church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald’s makes you a hamburger.

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!!

I don’t have to attend every argument I’m invited to!

St. Gregory The Great Feast Day—September 3rd



St. Gregory was born in Rome in 540. His family was one of the few patrician families left in Rome after the ravages of the preceding century, and his father, Gordian, was a wealthy man who owned property in Rome and Sicily. He was educated in Rome and became a public official. In 570, at the age of thirty, Gregory became the prefect of Rome. Though he was an honest and successful public servant and one of the richest men in Rome, he gave up his position of prominence to devote his life to God.

In 575, he converted his home into a monastery under the patronage of St. Andrew and the guidance of monk, Valentius. He became a monk himself and established six more monasteries in Sicily. He was ordained by Pope Pelagius II and appointed papal ambassador to Constantinople in 579. In 586, he returned to Rome and became abbot of St. Andrew's monastery. After Pope Pelagius died of the plague in 590, Gregory was elected to the papacy, the first monk to be so honored.

Rome and the rest of Italy were being devastated by drought, famine, plague, and the fierce Lombard invaders. "What happiness is there left in the world?" Gregory asked in a sermon. "Everywhere we hear groans; our cities are destroyed, our land is a desert. See how Rome, the mistress of the world, has fallen." In 593, he negotiated a treaty with the Lombard king, Agilulf. Through negotiations and alliances with the Lombards, Franks and Visigoths, he strengthened the Church's position in Italy, France and Spain. At the same time, he continued to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth, sending missionaries to England and other parts of Europe.

Gregory conceived of his English mission, according to a story, one day when he saw some young English slaves in the marketplace. "Who are you?" he asked. "We are called Angels," they replied. "Angels of God," the pope answered. In 596, Gregory sent forty monks headed by St. Augustine to bring Christianity to England.

Through the fourteen tumultuous years of his papacy, Gregory suffered from a chronic illness that left him bedridden for long periods of time. Yet, he continued his tireless service to the Church, and in his preaching and writing urged the people of his day to a courageous patience in their trials. He called himself "the servant of the servants of God," a title very pope since has adopted. He died in Rome on March 12, 604. He is one of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church, along with Sts. Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome. (Reprinted from Book of Saints, The Regina Press, 2010)

**Lord, give us courage and patience
to serve you generously all of our days.**



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 Rosary at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

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



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.

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 Wicowski, William Libasci, and Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, Shannon Colin, Alexander Mustico, Mary & Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold and Bob Colichio for a speedy recovery.

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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!

It is Risky to Follow the Lord
Our Christian Living Is Our Main Worship



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

William Fredette

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

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

September 3rd, 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!