

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday** December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024—Second Sunday of Advent—*St. Joseph—Model of Obedience & Faithful Servant Message*  
**10:30 AM** + Beatrice Sarter by Snyder & Sarter Families  
 + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie  
 \* Healing for Tom Hernandez  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Monday** December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**12:00 PM** Mass (This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

**Wednesday** December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**9:00 AM** Mass

**Friday** December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM** Mass

**Saturday** December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024—Vigil  
**3:45 PM** + Rich & Ann Duffee by Dave & Theresa Clements  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024—Third Sunday of Advent  
**10:30 AM** + Robert Reich by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + John Jaszcar by Jim Longendyke  
 \* Healing for Hudson Frost by Amy & Bernie  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41  
 November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

|         | Sat      | Sun        | Total      |
|---------|----------|------------|------------|
| Regular | \$325.00 | \$1,704.00 | \$2,029.00 |

“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!**

**Instagram**

St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul now have an Instagram. If you have Instagram, look for “[joevin138](#)”,

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 12/14/2024 & 12/15/2024**  
**3:45 PM: Diane Fedor**  
**10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 12/14/2024 & 12/15/2024**  
**3:45 PM: David Clements**  
**10:30 AM: Chris Gartung**

**Altar Servers: 12/15/2024**  
**10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Peter Daempfle**

**Greeter: 12/15/2024**  
**10:30 AM: Elyse Snyder**

**Ushers: 12/15/2024**  
**10:30 AM: Angel Mravlja**

**Readings for the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:39-47  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 —Second Sunday of Advent**

**Op. 292**—Let the Valleys Be Raised  
**Psalm 126** “The Lord Has Done Great Things”  
**Alleluia: 274** O Come, O Come Emmanuel with V-2  
**Off. 288**—Ready the Way or **282** The King Shall Come  
**Comm. 660**—Jesus, Come to Us or 62—Let Us See Your Kindness  
**Cl. O Blessed St. Joseph**

**The Responsorial Psalm**

“ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. ”

**Discipleship Formation Donations Needed!!**



Discipleship Formation would like to collect dollar store 2025 calendars and hand creams for the nursing homes in our local area.

A container for donations will be provided in the hall. Please consider donating. Let’s be a beacon of light for the residents in the nursing homes. They are lonely and miss their loved ones and for some this is all they may receive. God Bless, Corinne Connington—DFCC

**Discipleship Formation Dove Sale**



The children from Discipleship Formation will be selling Remembrance Doves for \$5.00 each to be put on the St. Joseph’s Christmas tree this year. These doves are not only for the deceased, they can be for the ailing or someone that needs prayers. They will be displayed at the social hour in the parish hall and the Christmas boutique and can be purchased at that time. The children from Discipleship Formation will place them on the tree.

“Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him”....*St. Dominic Savio*

**St. Joseph’s Cantata Choir presents:**



*A New and Glorious Morn!*

by *Lloyd Larson*

*Sunday, December 15, 2024\* at 3 pm*

*St. Joseph’s Church*

*Worcester, NY*

*Please join us as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas in song and scripture. Refreshments will follow the presentation.*

*\*Snow date: 12/22*

**Immaculate Conception**



Mass for The Immaculate Conception will be held on Monday, December 9th at 12:00 p.m.

**(This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)**

**Christmas Cheer**



If you know of any child who may be in need of a Christmas gift, please contact the parish office at 607-397-9373 before December 20th.

**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



**Help a Child in Need this Christmas**

This Christmas we would like your participation in our “Help A Child in Need” program. Please come and help make this Christmas special for the children this holiday season. See the display table in the parish hall for details. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned by December 17th. Thank you!



**Discipleship Faith Formation Christmas Cookie Baking**

On Saturday, December 14th at 12:00 p.m., we will be making and preparing boxes cookies for the homebound. Any youth that cannot make it, are invited to come in the later afternoon to help package the homemade cookies.

**Happy Birthday!!**

Fr. Joe’s birthday is December 9th and we the parish of St. Joseph wish him many birthday blessings and good health this coming year!!! God Bless!!!



**Discipleship Formation Christmas Schedule**

December 1<sup>st</sup> the start of the Jesse Tree  
 December 1<sup>st</sup> Practice for the Christmas Pageant  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> Practice for the Christmas Pageant  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> 12 pm Cookie Baking for the Homebound. Craft tables fun, Hot cocoa and snacks  
 December 15<sup>th</sup> practice for the Christmas Pageant  
 December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Caroling, Storytelling in the Church starts at 5:30 p.m. Parents, please Stay for the Fun!!  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 am Mass Christmas Hospitality to follow.

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Three Kings Day (The Epiphany)

**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH LOVE, PEACE, AND JOY!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**The Immaculate Conception of Mary  
Feast Day—December 9th**



The Solemn feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception, celebrated nine months before the feast of her birth (September 8), recalls the Christian belief that Mary was preserved free from all stain of original sin from the moment of her conception by her mother, Ann. Because of her unique role as the mother of Jesus Christ, God endowed her with special graces and gifts. Like a new Eve, she brought new life to the world through her Divine Son.

The feast is also a reminder that the whole Church shares in Mary's privileges in some way. For this reason, the feast day prayer ask God to "trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

The bishops of the United States, with firm belief in Mary's intercession, confided their new nation to her care under the title of her Immaculate Conception. (The Book of Saints, Regina Press, 2010)

*Mary immaculate, star of the morning,  
chosen before the creation began,  
chosen to bring, for thy bridal adorning,  
woe to the serpent and rescue to man.*

*Bend from thy throne at the voice of our crying,  
Bend to this earth which thy footsteps have trod;  
Stretch out thine arms to us, living and dying,  
Mary immaculate, Mother of God*

F. W. Weatherell

**St. Joseph's Holiday Mass Schedule**

Immaculate Conception—Dec. 9th—12:00 pm  
Communal & 1st Penance Service—December 20th—6:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve— Dec. 24th—3:00 pm  
Christmas Day—Dec. 25th—11:00 am

**St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve— Dec. 24th—5:30 pm  
Christmas Day—Dec. 25th—9:00 am

**Christmas & New Year Celebration**

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is hosting a free community dinner on Monday, December 30, 2024 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in our parish hall to celebrate **Christmas and New Year!**

If you have a special dessert you will like to share at our dinner, please don't hesitate to bring it.

Please call the rectory at 607-397-9373 if you plan to attend. **Hope you can join us!!**

**\*For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.\***  
Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978  
Password: 104215



**K of C Council 5419**



**Fellowship Meeting**—Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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. in the Parish Hall.

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

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**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, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Ed Cacioppo, Shannon Colin, Alexander Mustico, Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold, Bob Colichio, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Alice Hughes, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, Claudia LaPierre, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase and Francisco Miccio 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!

*Signs of Hope  
Remove the Obstacle from the Road*



**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**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

**Cemetery Manager:** Kelly Daniels

**Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children:** Corinne Connington

**Music Director:** Terry Hait

**Guitarist:** Richard Gruber

**Bookkeeper:** Mike Argiras

**Trustees**

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

**Finance Chairperson**

Amy Muehl

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