

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 12/13/2025 & 12/14/2025

3:45 PM: Teresa Millias

10:30 AM: Janet Wenner

Eucharistic Ministers: 12/13/2025 & 12/14/2025

3:45 PM: Pat Fowble

10:30 AM: Corinne Connington

Altar Servers: 12/14/2025

10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger & Brian Hogan

Greeters: 12/14/2025

10:30 AM: Julianne Militello

Ushers: 12/14/2025

10:30 AM: Nolan Stroosnyder & Gregory Provencher

Readings for the week of December 7th, 2025

Sunday: Is11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

December 7th, 2025
Second of Sunday of Advent

Op. 766—Gather the People

Psalm 72: Justice Shall Flourish

Gospel Accl. 274 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v2

Off. 288—Ready the Way

Comm. 660—Jesus, Come to Us

Cl. 282—The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Nov 22nd & Nov 23rd, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 1,158.53	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 2,333.53

“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!

2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2025-2026 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners.

Our assessment for the Diocesan Appeal is \$20,049. Our contributions to date are \$4,699.00 from 16 of our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish.



Cantata Choir
Rehearsals



December 9 all parts with accompaniment
December 14: Cantata performance at 3 pm
December 21: Snow date

The Fifteen Promises of Mary

Granted to Those Who Recite the Rosary



- I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
- The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

Community Christmas Baskets

Please donate the following items for our Community Christmas Baskets:

Macaroni & Cheese, Jams & Jellies
Peanut Butter, Tuna



Please place your items in the bin in the hallway through December 16th.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Friday, December 12th at St. Vincent de Paul, there will be a Social hour at 5:00 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Please come and attend this special Mass.



December Birthday Celebration

This Sunday we will be celebrating Fr. Joe’s Birthday as well as our other parishioners with December birthday’s.

Please come and join us. Let’s make Fr. Joe’s birthday a happy day for him!!

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



Kindle Winter Basket Raffle

Discipleship formation youths have a Kindle Winter Basket that they are raffling off. The tickets are \$5.00 a raffle ticket and will be Raffled off on Sunday December 21st. You have to be in it to win it!!!

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.



The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

WATCH ON FORMED!!

Healing Service

Our monthly Healing Service will be held this weekend after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you know someone who is in need of healing, please bring them to our service.

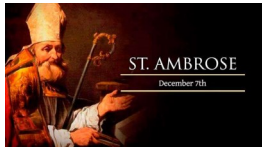


Discipleship Formation Cookie Bake

This coming Saturday, December 13th, the children of our Discipleship Formation classes will be making cookies for the homebound and Seniors to make their holidays extra special.

If you would like to join us in helping out or coming to support this worthy cause, stop down at the parish hall at Noon.

You may be able to get a delicious treat for yourself!!



St. Ambrose
Feast Day—December 7th

God’s ways are not our ways—and that’s good news!

Ambrose was a highly educated young man who showed great promise. He spent his early years in public service in Italy, eventually becoming Governor of Liguria and Emilia. A short time into his rule, the bishop of Milan died. Because he feared a major uprising, Ambrose attended the election to keep the peace. He gave an address to the crowds, and it was so inspiring that people started chanting for him to become bishop. The only problem? Ambrose wasn’t even baptized! Ambrose ran away from the crowds, but they didn’t give up. Within the next week, Ambrose was baptized, ordained and duly consecrated bishop of Milan. As overwhelming as his new responsibilities as bishop must have been, he focused on creating Holy Moments of charity and kindness for the poor. He was so well-loved by the people that he was sometimes even more politically powerful than the emperor. Who would have guessed that Ambrose would become one of the first doctors of the Church...and one of the most powerful Catholic saints of all time? Definitely not Ambrose himself! In Isaiah we read: “Your thoughts are not my thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, declares the Lord” (Isaiah 55:8). We are also repeatedly reminded in the Scriptures that God’s ways and man’s ways have very different outcomes. The ways of God challenge our priorities. They remind us what matters most and what matters least. And make no mistake, it is not easy to walk in these ways. But the fruits of his ways are abundant. He will replace your confusion with clarity and wisdom, he will replace your anxiety with peace, and he will fill you with gratitude and joy even in the midst of great difficulty. God is with us, even when we think he is not. God is in control, even when it appears that those who hate him are in control. And God is at work in our lives, even when it appears that everything is falling apart. God has a different way of doing things—a better Way. Are you thriving or just surviving? If you’re not thriving, why not? Perhaps it is time to abandon man’s ways and embrace God’s. Sometimes people ask, “How will I know when I am embracing God’s ways more?” It’s a great question. Here is an easy litmus test: when you become less self-focused and more focused on others. (reprinted from Catholic.org)



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Fellowship Meeting—Tuesday, December 9th at St. Joseph’s in Worcester. Eucharistic Adorations 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>

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 & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly and Ed Hil- lenbrand for a speedy recovery.



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GREECE PILGRIMAGE
In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise
Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

“The world is a book and those who do not travel Read only one Page.”

Set a goal to travel with Fr. Joe to Greece.

October 30th—November 9th, 2026

For additional information, please visit <http://www.206Tours.com/cms/frarockiasamy>

Discipleship Formation Star Sale

The children from Discipleship Formation will be selling remembrance Star for \$5.00 each to put on the St. Joseph’s Christmas tree this year. These stars are not only for the deceased, they can be for the ailing or someone that needs prayer. They will be displayed at the social hour and the Christmas boutique and can be purchased at that time.



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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!

Prepare the Way of the Lord



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

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Cheryl Jory

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

**Will you please remember “St. Joseph’s Church”
in your Last Will?**

December 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!