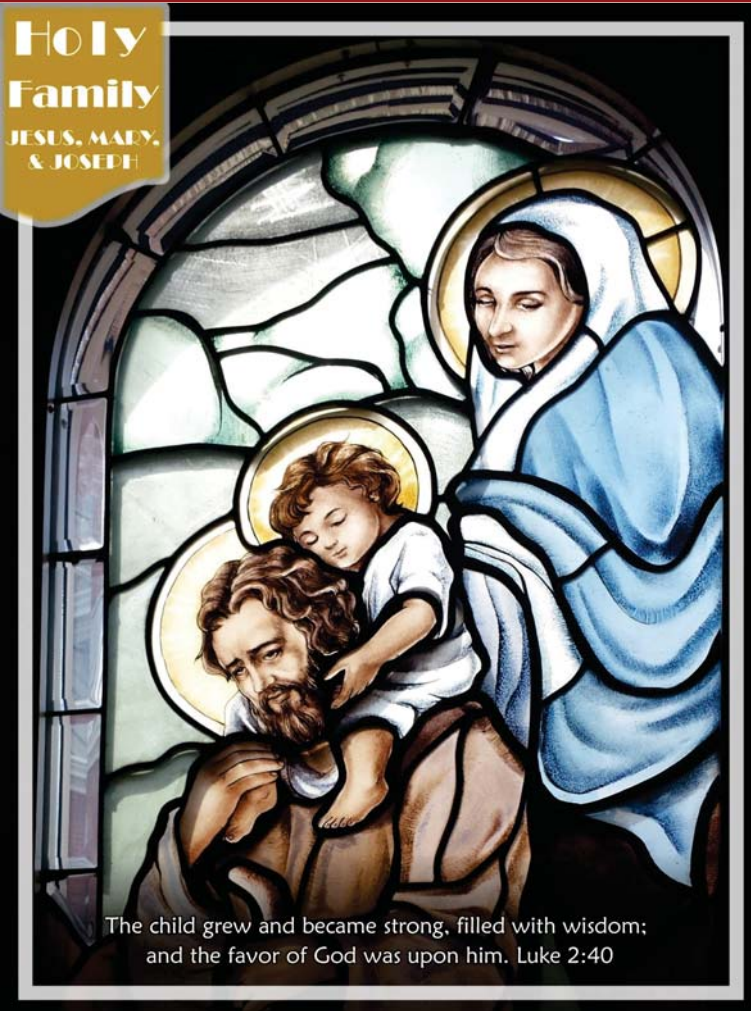


# Saint Joseph Basilica



**Holy  
Family**  
JESUS, MARY,  
& JOSEPH



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:40

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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### Principal

Beth Boudreau

### Secretary

Aleksandra Gronek

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS/ MSZE ŚWIĘTE

**Sunday Vigils / Soboty wieczorem:** 4:00 p.m.

### Sundays/Niedziele

7:00 a.m. (Polish); 9:00 a.m. (English);  
10:30 a.m. (Polish)

**Holy Day Vigil / Wigilie Świąt:** 5:00 p.m.

### Holy Days/Święta

6:30 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. (Polish)

### Weekdays / W tygodniu

6:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri); 7:00 a.m. (Sat)

## CONFESSIONS / SPOWIEDŹ

### Saturdays / Soboty:

7:30 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m.

**First Friday / Pierwszy Piątek:** 6:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.:**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Thursday / Czwartki

**Office Is Closed! / Biuro zamknięte!**

*Please call ahead for an appointment with a priest.*

*Spotkania prosimy osobiście umawiać z księdzem.*

## PARISH PERSONNEL

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Weekend Assistance

Business Manager

Office Staff

Organist

Sacristan

Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski

Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz

Rev. Allen Alexander MIC

Brenda Noonan

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### Mission Statement

*Saint Joseph Parish is committed to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus Christ as a Catholic community of faith, by promoting a sense of commitment to the Church, encouraging divine worship and prayer, fostering evangelization and nurturing the spirit of service.*

*Within the context of our Polish - American religious and cultural heritage, we foster our tradition and aspire to personal growth in faith. We are determined to develop our vision for the future, to educate the children in Christian values and to be receptive to the creative and saving grace of God.*

## Weekly Masses Intentions / Intencje Mszalne

### Sunday Vigil, December 30th

4:00pm - r.s. Albert Chlapowski (4th anniv.)  
- int. wife, Alice & family

### Sunday, December 31st - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00am - ś.p. Weronika Maslon  
- int. rodzina  
9:00am - r.s. Mary Bukowski (3rd anniv.)  
- int. children & grandchildren  
10:30am - ś.p. Rafał Lachcik  
- int. Bogdan i Marzena Lachcik z rodziną

### Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

6:30am - ś.p. Rafał Lachcik (1st Gregorian Mass)  
9:30am - r.s. Andrea Franas  
- int. husband, Richard

### Tuesday, January 2nd

6:30am - ś.p. Rafał Lachcik (2nd Gregorian Mass)  
6:30am - For the parishioners

### Wednesday, January 3rd

6:30am - r.s. Rafał Lachcik (3rd Gregorian Mass)  
6:30am - r.s. Antoni & Elzbieta Nagiel - int. Zofia

### Thursday, January 4th

6:30am - ś.p. Rafał Lachcik (4th Gregorian Mass)

### Friday, January 5th - First Friday of the Month

6:30am - r.s. Rafał Lachcik (5th Gregorian Mass)  
8:30am - r.s. Krystyna Plewa - int. Janina Turowska  
7:00pm - ś.p. Emily Dabrowski - int. Sara

### Saturday, January 6th

7:00am - r.s. Rafał Lachcik (6th Gregorian Mass)  
7:00am - God's blessings and good health for J. Cecilia Majka  
on her 104th birthday - int. daughter, Judy

### Sunday Vigil, January 6th

4:00pm - r.s. Robert Shead  
- int. Staff at Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home

### Sunday, January 7th - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am - ś.p. Anna Baldowski  
- int. syn George z rodziną  
9:00am - r.s. Christine Dudek  
- int. Staff at Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home  
9:00am - In loving honor and memory of all named for the  
Christmas flower offering  
10:30am - ś.p. Rafał Lachcik (7th Gregorian Mass)



**BAPTISM.** On designated Sundays. Please call to make arrangements. Parents are required to receive orientation.

**SAKRAMENT CHRZTU** W wyznaczone niedziele. Proszę zadzwonić na plebanię, aby ustalić datę. Rodzice zobowiązani są do krótkiej katechezy.

**MARRIAGE.** Proper preparation for marriage requires one year's notice. Please contact the rectory for appointment.

**SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA** Narzeczeni powinni zawiadomić kancelarię parafialną rok przed datą ślubu.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** For those of advanced age, ill or hospitalized, call the rectory to arrange visitation.

**SAKRAMENT CHORYCH** Po sakramentalną posługę księdza proszę dzwonić na plebanię.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** If you would like to become part of St. Joseph Parish Family, please call the rectory.

**ZAPISY DO PARAFII** Parafia św. Józefa serdecznie zaprasza nowych członków. Zapisy przyjmujemy w kancelarii parafialnej.

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process established by the Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. If you wish to become Catholic, or are a Baptized Catholic in need of making your First Communion

## JOIN OUR PARISH / DOŁĄCZ DO NASZEJ PARAFII

If you wish to become a member of our family please fill out this form and mail it to the rectory or put it into the collection basket.  
Jeśli pragniesz dołączyć do naszej rodziny, wypełnij poniższy formularz i prześlij go do biura parafialnego lub włóż do koszyka z kolektą.

\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner / Nowy Parafianin

\_\_\_\_ Data update / Zmiana danych

Name / Imię i Nazwisko: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / Ulica: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town / Miejscowość: \_\_\_\_\_ State / Stan: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone / Telefon: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH December 31, 2023

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - COLOSSIANS 3:13



Are you old enough to remember Art Linkletter doing a show called “Kids Say the Darndest Things”? It featured young kids being asked questions about themselves or their friends or their families, especially their parents. Inevitably, one of the kids would say something that would reveal a secret, misinterpret events or cause parents a bit of embarrassment. The comments were especially funny when we knew that the same things could be said of our families.

The family is the school of life and faith. We learn about God, how to live our faith, how to love and accept others, how to share, forgive, get along, be hopeful. We learn about sin and grace, about triumph and defeat. We learn how to trust and be trusted. The people we call our own teach us who we are and who we can become. They celebrate our strengths and support our weaknesses. They keep our secrets and trumpet our successes. In good times and in bad, through thick and thin, family needs to be together, one for all and all for one. And that is the darndest thing!

### SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

**December 17, 2023**

Weekly \$5699.10; Online Weekly \$357;  
Fuel \$106; Diocesan Obligations \$376  
Christmas Flowers \$250; Immaculate Conception \$126  
Retirement Fund for Priests \$1341

**December 24, 2023**

Weekly \$5815.05 ; Online Weekly \$247  
Fuel \$125; Diocesan Obligations \$75  
Christmas Flowers \$135  
Retirement for Priests \$30

**December 25, 2023**

Christmas \$ 9300.50

**Thank You For Your Generosity!**  
**God Bless You!**

### DONATIONS

**St. Joseph School Fund** - In memory of Jo-Ann Canty - \$50  
Given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Liro; \$50 Given by Elaine Falke;  
\$50 Given by Madelyn Laramie & Bob & Family; \$50 Given  
by Barbara & Francis Gnat; \$25 Given by Genevieve Lariviere;  
\$25 Given by the Nichols family; \$25 Given by Joseph Beresik

**Stewardship Note:** Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families with money for food, utility and rent bills. Thanks!**

**To make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, send it c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 18 E. Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.**

### Sanctuary Votive Candles

#### Blessed Mother Altar

#### Candle 1

✠ In loving memory of Dotty & Chet Hanc ✠  
Given by granddaughter, Betzi Hanc

### NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH



Beginning **Wednesday, January 3, 2024**, the opportunity to pray to God through the intercession of St. Joseph for our intentions will be held after the 6:30am Mass. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor and we can bring our needs and petitions to him. Please join us in our weekly Novena and Devotion to our Patron. You may want to state your intentions on the petition slips available in Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel to be read during the devotion.

**Note change of time**

### FIRST FRIDAY



Please join us this Friday, January 5th, for First Friday devotions. Please see the schedule below:

6:30am - Mass in English  
7:00am - 3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration  
8:30am - Mass in English  
3:00pm - Chaplet to Divine Mercy  
6:00pm - Confessions & adoration  
7:00pm - Mass (Polish)

### NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY



On Sunday, January 7th at 3 pm, we will have special devotions for Divine Mercy. We ask parishioners and friends to join us in the singing of the Chaplet followed by Benediction.

Confession will be available during the service.

### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY



On Monday, January 1st, we celebrate the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

We celebrate this holy day exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the Christmas octave. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary “mother of God” is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the “Prince of Peace,” the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the “Queen of Peace”

This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

### RECTORY OFFICE

**The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day.**

*To help support the parish, you may mail your envelopes to the rectory, drop them off, or give online.  
This information can be found on the parish website.  
Next weekend's second collection is for Higher Utility and Energy Costs.*



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**There are no Religious Education classes in observance of the Christmas and New Years' holidays. Classes will resume on January 8, 2024.**

**Have a blessed and joyous New Year!**

### 125 CLUB WINNERS

December 30 - Christine Shore #97

### JANUARY CASH CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

Please help to support your Basilica with the purchase of one or more January Cash Calendars. All profits benefit our parish obligations to the diocese. For \$10 you receive 31 chances to win a daily cash prize of \$25 to \$500. You need not be present to win; winners will be notified by telephone or mail. Please see Jane O'Leary and Sr. Jeanne after Mass at the Basilica entrance to make your purchase.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Please join us in wishing blessed birthday greetings to the following parishioners who are members of the 90+ club:

Olga Markiewicz

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### NEW MISSALETTES AVAILABLE

The new 2023 - 2024 Polish/English missalettes are available in the sacristy or at the rectory. A \$10 donation is suggested.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Andrew Bobola Parish in Dudley invites you to a concert of Christmas carols performed by our St. Joseph Basilica choir. The concert will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

### 2024 CALENDARS

Thank you to Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home for once again providing us with informative and beautifully designed bilingual calendars. The calendars indicate Holy Days and Saints' Feast days. They are available in the sacristy and the rectory for a free will offering.

### PRAYER GROUP

A prayer team is being formed in our parish. Their goal is to bring souls to Jesus through Mary by praying the rosary with anyone they meet. They would like to encourage everyone to pray and to turn to the Sacraments. The group would also be able to bring the Eucharist to the sick.

The group would like this to be in the form of a visit at the nursing home, to anyone homebound or anyone in the church itself who would like to pray with others. They may visit once or as much as needed. Would you or someone you love be interested in having a prayer team come for a short visit to pray with you? Feel free to reach out to Fr. Gregory or the rectory at 508-943-0467.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners and friends of St. Joseph parish who have been generously contributing to the church and the school during these difficult times. I am most grateful for your support. God bless you.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are looking for new members, especially those with children in St Joseph School. Please contact Ron Ducharme at 508-414-4450 for information.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The St. Joseph Parish Financial Report for fiscal year September 2022 to August 2023 has been completed. Copies are available in the sacristy and at the rectory.

### JANUARY PRO-LIFE MASS

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. [Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Jan. 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!](#)

### A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph Basilica and St. Joseph School families,

We would like to express our deepest and sincerest appreciation and gratitude for all the prayers, love, gifts and concern during this Christmas Season. We promise our daily prayers for God's choicest blessings upon all of you. The St. Joseph community has always made the Felician Sisters feel like family. Your hearts and your doors have always been open to us.

Deo Gratias, in Mary's Immaculate Heart,  
Sr. Jeanne Marie  
Sr. Mary Ann

### SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE FEAST DAY JANUARY 6



Born in Canada, Andre worked for three years in the United States as a weaver and manual laborer. After returning to Canada in 1870, he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross and took final vows in 1874. For decades, Brother Andre humbly served his community near Montreal as doorman, janitor, barber, gardener and infirmarian. With St. Joseph as his model and intercessor, he developed a healing ministry and huge following. In 1904, he moved into Montreal to help build the Oratory of the Holy Cross, and remained there for the rest of his life. When this "Miracle Man of Montreal" was canonized in 2010. Pope Benedict XVI said he "lived the beatitude" of the pure of heart."

### SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY SODALITY OPLATEK DINNER

The Holy Rosary Sodality is sponsoring its Annual Oplatek dinner on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 12:30 P.M. at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster. The price of the ticket is \$25.00. You will be able to choose from a selection of 11 meals with salad, rolls, vegetable, dessert and coffee. Tickets will be available from Board members or at the rectory. Everyone is invited. Please come and celebrate the Christmas season in a traditional way.

**CONGRATULATIONS !**

On Saturday, December 16th, the Saint Joseph School FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Robotics Team competed in the Massachusetts FLL Championship Tournament at WPI. Over 450 teams competed in FIRST LEGO League robotics competitions in Massachusetts this season and 72 of the top teams competed at WPI. The Saint Joseph School team was one of two teams representing Southern Worcester County. The town of Douglas was also represented.

This year's challenge theme was *Masterpiece*. Therefore, in addition to competing with an autonomous robot that the team designed and programmed to solve missions, the team had to imagine and innovate a new way to create and communicate art across the globe—using their imagination to re-think the world of art! Following much discussion regarding their interests and hobbies, the SJS team, also known as the Fantastic 4, decided to focus on dance. The team learned that there are limited resources for visually impaired dancers to study independently. Therefore, they utilized a tactile drawing board to create a library of basic poses and positions that dancers could feel instead of seeing. Then, they shared their project with fellow Saint Joseph School students, dancers, and visually impaired friends.

Following their Qualifier Event on December 10<sup>th</sup>, the team spent more time improving their project which included 3D printing their library to improve durability. This also made the library easier to sanitize between each use. In addition, they spent time creating a poem to help express how the FIRST Core Values of discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork, and fun influenced their time together. Finally, they also visited Aspire Dance Studio in Oxford, MA to continue to share their innovation project.

At both the qualifier and championship events, the team had to present their research and results in a fun and creative manner. Congratulations to the team for receiving a Judge's Award at the State Championship. The FLL Judges Award is a special recognition given to teams that stand out for reasons other than the core award categories. The award is based on the judges' observations and impressions of the team. During the presentation of this award, it was noted that the team made significant progress in their confidence and capability in both the Robot Game and Innovation Project and are shining examples of excellent Core Values. They demonstrated that they understand that what they discover is more important than what



they win. The judges also noted that the team "danced their way into their hearts."

Team members include 6th grade students Lukas Barbosa, Mychael Jones, Jacob Lopez, and 8th Grade student Emily Macko. Saint Joseph School Principal Beth Boudreau and parent volunteer Mariusz Macko coach the team. Congratulations on your hard work and achievements!



## ŚWIĘTO ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY 31 grudnia, 2023

*„Wybaczajcie sobie nawzajem, jeśli by miał ktoś zarzut przeciw drugiemu.  
Jak Pan wybaczył wam, tak i wy!” (Kół 3, 13)*



Ofiarowanie Pańskie jest obrazem naszej relacji z Bogiem. Nie chodzi o sam kult religijny i przestrzeganie przepisów prawa. Chrystus ofiarował całego siebie Bogu, na ofiarę miłą i doskonałą, Bogu przyjemną. W tym ofiarowaniu uczestniczy cała Święta Rodzina. To ona daje Bogu pierwszy wyraz służby i oddania we wspólnocie rodzinnej. W świątyni świadkami ofiarowania się są Symeon i prorokini Anna oraz inni wierzący. To za nich i wszystkich ofiarowanych Bogu oddaje się Chrystus w ofierze krzyżowej. Ofiarowanie stanowi decyzję oddania się Bogu i zrozumienie, że tylko Bóg jest pełnią i sensem życia. Nasz chrzest jest również decyzją woli i ofiarowaniem się Bogu, kiedy składamy samych siebie. Od tej pory wszystko możemy ofiarować i dedykować na chwałę Boga, nawet rzeczy najmniejsze i prozaiczne. Święty Paweł przypomina: Radosnego dawcę miłuje Bóg. Kto skąpo sieje, to i skąpo żąć będzie.

**ZAPROSZENIE NA KONCERT**

Parafia św. Andrzej Boboli w Dudley zaprasza na koncert kolęd w wykonaniu naszego chóru parafialnego. Koncert odbędzie się w niedzielę, 14 stycznia o godz. 15:00.

**UWAGA: W związku z obchodami Nowego Roku, w poniedziałek, 1 stycznia biuro parafiale będzie zamknięte.**

**Druga kolekta w przyszłym tygodniu będzie przeznaczona na pokrycie kosztów utrzymania i energii.**


W pierwszą niedzielę po Bożym Narodzeniu Kościół katolicki obchodzi niedzielę Świętej Rodziny. Święto to zaczęto obchodzić w różnych krajach poczynając od XVIII wieku a zatwierdził je papież Leon XIII. Święto św. Rodziny po raz pierwszy ustanowił 4 listopada 1684 r. w Kanadzie, za aprobatą papieża Aleksandra VII, biskup Francois Montmorency-Laval. Na stałe do liturgii wprowadzono je za pontyfikatu papieża Leona XIII, który na prośbę kard. Bausa, arcybiskupa Florencji, 20 listopada 1890 r. wydał dekret aprobowany "kult czci zwrócony ku Rodzinie Świętej". Leon XIII był też pierwszym, który wskazał na małżeństwo jako miejsce uświęcenia. W Liście Episkopatu Polski do wiernych z dnia 23 października 1968 roku czytamy: "Dziś ma miejsce święto przedziwne; nie święto Pańskie ani Matki Najświętszej, ani jednego ze świętych, ale święto Rodziny. O niej teraz usłyszymy w tekstach Mszy świętej, o niej dziś mówi cała liturgia Kościoła. Jest to święto Najświętszej Rodziny - ale jednocześnie święto każdej rodziny. Bo słowo «rodzina» jest imieniem wspólnym Najświętszej Rodziny z Nazaretu i każdej rodziny. Każda też rodzina podobnie jak Rodzina Nazaretańska jest pomysłem Ojca niebieskiego i do każdej zaprosił się na stałe Syn Boży. Każda rodzina pochodzi od Boga i do Boga prowadzi". — zaczerpnięte z tygodnika "Niedziela"


**PODZIĘKOWANIE**

Z wielką wdzięcznością zwracamy się do parafian i przyjaciół, którzy hojnie przekazali datki na świąteczne dekoracje w naszej bazylice. Bez Waszej cennej pomocy nie moglibyśmy mieć tak wspaniale wyglądającej świątyni, którą mogą podziwiać wszyscy goście i parafianie. Msza św. w intencji ofiarodawców zostanie w niedzielę, 7 stycznia o godz. 9:00.

Przy okazji pragniemy serdecznie podziękować wszystkim, którzy pomagali w dekorowaniu Bazyliki: Frederick Kitka, George Baldowski, Peter Kusek, Tom Liro, John i Jane Gogolinski, Katarzyna Kalinowski i Lidia Nole.

**PIERWSZY PIĄTEK**

W najbliższy piątek zapraszamy na pierwszą piątkową adorację Najświętszego Sakramentu.

**6:30** – Msza po angielsku;

**7:00 – 8:30** – Adoracja prywatna;

**8:30** – Msza szkolna;

**15:00** – Koronka do Miłosierdzia Bożego i zakończenie adoracji;

**18:00** – Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu i spowiedź,

**18:40** – Zakończenie adoracji;

**19:00** – Msza po polsku.

**NOWENNA DO ŚW. JOZEFA**

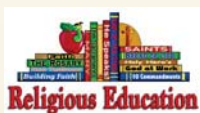

Dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy od wielu lat uczęszczali na Nowennę do św. Józefa w środowe wieczory. Zgodnie z decyzją Rady Parafialnej, poczynając od stycznia, Nowenna do św. Józefa będzie odprawiana w środy rano, po Mszy o godz. 6:30. Zapraszamy wszystkich do wspólnej modlitwy za przyczyną św. Józefa.

Dziewięciodniowa Nowenna zostanie odprawiona w marcu na dziewięć dni przed uroczystością św. Józefa.

**KATECHEZA**

Najbliższe zajęcia katechetyczne odbędą się w poniedziałek, 8 stycznia o godz. 17:30 w kościele (powieź).

**Bierzmowanie** – najbliższe spotkanie kandydatów do bierzmowania odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 8 stycznia o godz. 17:30 w kościele (spowiedź).


**SŁOWO WDZIĘCZNOŚCI**

Drodzy Parafianie Bazyliki Św. Józefa i Rodziny Szkoły Św. Józefa, Chciałbyśmy wyrazić nasze najgłębsze i najszczerze uznanie oraz wdzięczność za wszystkie modlitwy, miłość, prezenty i troskę, jakie otrzymaliśmy w tym pięknym czasie Bożego Narodzenia. Obiecujemy naszą codzienną modlitwę o Boże błogosławieństwa dla Was wszystkich. Wspólnota parafialna św. Józefa zawsze sprawia, że Siostry Felicjanki czują się jak w rodzinie. Wasze serca i wasze zawsze są dla nas otwarte.

*Deo Gratias*, w Niepokalanym Sercu Maryi,

*Siostra Jeanna Marie*

*Siostra Mary Ann*


**UROCZYSTOŚĆ  
ŚWIĘTEJ BOŻEJ RODZICIELKI MARYI**

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