

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GIUSEPPE C. ESPOSITO, M.DIV., M.A.

PASTOR

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SAINT

JOSEPH  
THE WORKER

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed on federal holidays/  
holydays of obligation.

Monday through Friday—8:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Office closed daily from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE

Seven South Broad Mountain Avenue

Frackville, PA 17931-1800

Telephone: (570) 874-0610—Fax: (570) 874-0969

Ext. 4--Parish Secretary;

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Parish web site: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://www.stjoesfrackville.com)

## PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in this process.

### ST. JOSEPH COMPLEX LOCATIONS

49 North Line Street &

33 South Broad Mountain Avenue

## REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Assumption B.V.M. School

112 South Seventh Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-0106

[www.assumptionbvmschool.net](http://www.assumptionbvmschool.net)

Marian Catholic High School

166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Telephone: (570) 467-3335,

[www.mariancatholics.org](http://www.mariancatholics.org)

St. Jerome Regional School

50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252-4313

Telephone: (570) 668-2757

[www.sjrschool.com](http://www.sjrschool.com)

Nativity B.V.M. High School

One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-8110,

[www.nativitybvm.net](http://www.nativitybvm.net)

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.

302 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

570-622-4638 Fax: 570-622-3420

[www.stjosephctr.com](http://www.stjosephctr.com)

## SACRAMENTS

**Sacrament of Baptism-** The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on Sundays after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance in order to make arrangements. Parents must be registered in the parish and active for at least three months prior to the Baptism.

**Sponsors must be canonically eligible.**

**Certificates of Eligibility-** sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation requires that a person be an active, registered member of the parish three months prior to receiving the certificate of eligibility. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Sacrament of Marriage-** Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months before the proposed marriage dates in order to arrange for the necessary preparation. An appointment is necessary before a wedding date may be scheduled. Parish and Diocesan pre-marital classes are required. Only parish guidelines will be followed in planning the marriage ceremony.

**Order of Christian Funerals-** At the time of death, contact the funeral home of your choice.

The funeral home will then contact the Parish Office.

## DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

**DIRECT** Phone line: (800) 791-9209

[wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Secretary for Youth Protection, Diocese of Allentown, 1515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538

Phone: (610) 871-5200 ext. 2204 FAX: (610) 871-5211

[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited & encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more info about this program.

The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, & Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

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**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service.** If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at

[www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.



# THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## OCTOBER 20, 2024



### Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:30 PM Cody Chaklos requested by Family  
SJWP

### Sunday, October 20

8:00 AM John F. Bolinsky requested by wife, Linda  
SJWP

11:00 AM Clarence & Mary Bretz requested by  
SJWP Fetterolf Family

### Monday, October 21

8:30 AM William & Florence Kaledas requested by  
SJWP Robert Kaledas and Family

### Tuesday, October 22

8:30 AM NO MASS  
SJWP

### Wednesday, October 23

8:30 AM NO MASS  
SJWP

**NO Adoration after Mass until 12 noon**

### Thursday, October 24

8:30 AM NO MASS  
SJWP

**Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### Friday, October 25

8:30 AM NO MASS  
SJWP

### Saturday, October 26

5:30 PM Russell Brobst requested by Kraft Family  
SJWP

### Sunday, October 27

8:00 AM Deceased of Mohutsky & Malloy Fami-  
SJWP lies & Nolan and Quinn requested by  
Dave & Melissa Malloy

11:00 AM Alice Oshman requested by Husband and  
SJWP Children

#### PRAY FOR:

All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely & all our deceased. Increase their faith and assist them in their difficulties.



### CANDLE OFFERINGS



The **Vigil Light at the Statue of Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary by Darlene & Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns for health, guidance and God's blessings for the Kluss Family requested by El and Dol.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention by TMS.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for Mary "Sissy" Tejjaro requested by Barbara T. Kushwara.

### WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (SJWP)

Sunday: 7:45 to 7:55 a.m. (SJWP)

The St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except Thursdays it is open until 4:00 p.m. for those that want to visit and spend time with our Lord.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please remember that we have Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday after Mass until 12 noon and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Church location. Please schedule some time with our Lord. Holidays and various other dates.....times may differ. The Church is open daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vigil Lights \$9.00/week and Sanctuary Lamp \$12.00/week  
If you would like to reserve a candle, just please call the office or place request and money in the collection basket.

### WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 29—\$3,845.45

*Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and other collections.*

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY WEBSITE

Visit the newly refurbished cemetery website. It includes Annunciation BVM and St. Joseph Cemeteries. It has been expanded to include more information about our deceased loved ones.

The web address is

[www.sjwcemeteries.org](http://www.sjwcemeteries.org) or you can go to our website to find the link.

Parish website: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://www.stjoesfrackville.com)



# PARISH NEWS

## Ministry Schedule—October 26—27 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### SERVERS:

**Saturday, October 26**

5:30 p.m. Johnny and Emily Walsh

**Sunday, October 27**

8:00 a.m. Michael Fantanrosa

11:00 a.m. Kyra and Alexander Krapf

### LECTORS:

**Saturday, October 26**

5:30 p.m. Janelle Ziegmont

**Sunday, October 27**

8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes

11:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

**Saturday, October 26**

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Mike Boychak

**Sunday, October 27**

8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels

**Nursing Home:** Gerald Campomizzi

11:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

**NURSING HOME EM** —**after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is the time in which to leave to go to the Nursing Home. This gives them time to be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding.**

### ALL SAINTS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)

#### MASS TIME/LOCATIONS:

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**

**SJWP—Frackville 6:00 p.m. (a change from schedule)**

**Server:** Helena Jacobs

**Lector:** Larry Domalakes

**EM:** Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

**Friday, November 1, 2024**

**SCB, Ashland 8:30 a.m.**

### ALL SOULS DAY MASS

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. Joseph the Worker Cemetery, Frackville (bring your own chairs—If inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated at SJWP.)

### CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDI

The following children were confirmed by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert on October 9, 2024: Katie Agnes Bennett, Nico Sebastian Capone, Payton Anne Gawrylick, Joshua Michael Johnstone, Kamryn Lucy Kimmel, Kyra Kateri Tekakwitha Krapf, Brady Sebastian Minahan, Emmy Vitus Pearce, Kyla Joan of Arc Rose, Mavis Claire Trakes, John Sebastian Walsh, Teagan Cecelia Wayne, Mason Simeon Zelwalk. Lord, continue to send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Keep in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Always fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

**October 27—Kid's Choir 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. in BVM Church**

**October 27—PREP at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. w/Living Rosary**

**October 30—Pick up hoagie orders between 3 & 5:30 in Social Room on Line Street.**

**October 30—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon.**

**October 31—Adoration from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**November 1—Office Closed in observance of All Saints Day**

**TEXT ALERTS**—Anyone that would like to be notified of a change in Mass or cancellations due to weather and other unforeseen events, kindly text @stjosephfr to 81010. This is for anyone who has not yet signed up for *Re-mind*. When Father needs to change anything you will be notified on your cell phone by a text message.

### Wreaths Across America Ceremony

The annual Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 14th @ 12 noon at Resurrection Cemetery, 547 North Krocks Rd, Allentown, PA 18106. Wreaths Across America is a nationwide event that honors veterans buried across the country, including Arlington National Cemetery. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember the fallen; Honor those who serve; and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. We have several hundred volunteers that lays wreaths on the graves of 1700 veterans buried at Resurrection. Consider sponsoring a wreath or volunteering. Go to <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/153365/Overview/?relatedId=17119>.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2024

Today is World Mission Sunday. We join Catholics around the globe in supporting the mission of the Church in places where the faith is young, growing, or facing particular challenges. Your generous contributions today will make a significant impact on the lives of many and help spread the Gospel message to all corners of the world. Thank you for your prayers and support.

**SECOND COLLECTION**—This year we will continue to raise money for community Thanksgiving dinner from Holy Apostles Church in St. Clair. We will be baking and donating pumpkin pies for those in need of a Thanksgiving meal. In order to offset costs and assist with donating toward the dinners, **a second collection will be taken the weekend of October 26/27.** More information will follow if anyone is in need of a meal on Thanksgiving.

If all costs are offset the surplus of monetary donations will be given to the Thanksgiving Community Dinner being held on November 24 in the Parish Hall. You need to register for a dinner/information. Email [frackvillecares@gmail.com](mailto:frackvillecares@gmail.com) or call/text Wendy at 570-617-9085.

### A prayer for strength

"Lord, I don't know what lay before me today, but I commit it all to You. Please give me strength and courage to get through the joys, challenges and happenings of the day".



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Fall Roofstock 2024 Dance**  
**BAND**  
**ANOTHER SIDE**

Saturday, November 16 from 7 to 11 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (Annunciation BVM)  
Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville, PA

Advance tickets \$10.00 and at the door \$15.00

Tickets will be available after Masses and in the Parish Office.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Must be 21 years of age or older.

(tickets are on sale after Masses and also available in the Parish Office)

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC**  
**DAILY MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT**

Monday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Theresa of Calcutta Church, Mahanoy City, PA 17948

**FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

**Sponsoring a Hoagie Sale for the Parish**

Pre-paid orders will be taken at all Masses beginning on September 28.

Ham & Cheese, Italian & Turkey hoagies (with or without onions) will be available to order.

The cost per hoagie is \$8.00. It will be a 6 inch hoagie on a soft roll.

Our parish will make \$3.00 per hoagie with the exception of the turkey hoagie,  
due to the fact that fresh turkey will be used.

Pick up will be at the Social Room at 34 South Line Street on Wednesday, October 30 between 3:00 & 5:30 p.m.

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS FOR BOTH ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER & ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

Day: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

Anyone wanting a memorial gift for someone they have lost in the past year,  
kindly contact Tim from Sullivan Funeral Homes by texting him at 570-573-4288.

Leave your loved one's name and information along with a picture.

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**BACK FROM THE DEAD CEMETERY**

**OCTOBER 25, 2024** —The Back from the Dead Tour is a walk through the grounds of the Seton Shrine where participants will experience the Saints come back to life for one evening. Call 570-429-0370 now to reserve your seat. Cost of the trip is \$40.00 per person. Please bring a brown bag or snacks and a drink as no meals will be provided. The bus departs from the Carroll Street lot at 4:00 p.m. sharp. Estimated arrival time in Emmitsburg is between 6:00 & 6:30 p.m. with time to eat brown bag dinner upon arrival. Tours are at 7:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Departure from Emmitsburg will be between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Estimated arrival time back in St. Clair between 10:30 & 11:00 p.m.

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**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS:**

St. Charles Borromeo—Saturday 3:30 to 3:55 p.m.  
St. Joseph the Worker—Saturday 5:00 to 5:25 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo—Sunday 8:30 to 8:55 a.m.

St. Joseph the Worker—Monday 5:10 to 5:25 p.m.

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

St. Charles Borromeo—Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
St. Joseph the Worker—Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph the Worker, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

St. Joseph the Worker—Mondays 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo—Tuesdays 8:30 a.m., Fridays 12 noon

# Remembrance Day

for both St. Charles Borromeo and  
St. Joseph the Worker

**Date:**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
6 p.m.

**Location:**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish  
Ashland, PA



Anyone that would like a memorial gift for someone they have lost in the last year, kindly text Tim from the Sullivan Funeral Home at 570-573-4288 with their loved one's information and picture.



*Second Annual*

*FREE Event*



# Frackville Community Thanksgiving DINNER



JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD,  
FELLOWSHIP AND TO GIVE THANKS

November | 24 | 3-6pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall  
11 S. Broad Mnt. Ave. Frackville

Hosted by St. Joseph the Worker Parish &  
The Frackville Police Dept.

Please pre-register by e-mail  
[frackvillecares@gmail.com](mailto:frackvillecares@gmail.com) or call/text  
Wendy at 570.617.9085

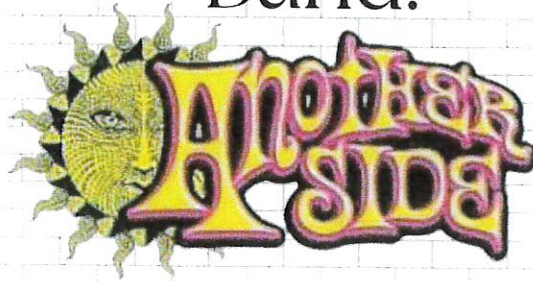


510-874-0610 ext. 4

# Fall Roofstock 2024



Band:



Saturday, November 16, 2024 ~ 7 to 11 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (Annunciation BVM)

Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville, PA

Advanced Tickets: \$10

At the door: \$15

Refreshments and adult beverages will be available for purchase

*Must be 21 years or older*



# PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON



Compiled by the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference for the 2024 General Election

In keeping with its mission, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information compiled here has been gathered from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites, and other resources, as of September 6th, to help voters form their consciences before voting in November. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The PCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

*"Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life."*

— *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 49, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2002*



Vice President  
**KAMALA HARRIS**



Former President  
**DONALD TRUMP**

## ABORTION

In a 2023 interview, Harris said, "We need to put into law the protections of Roe v. Wade. And that is about going back to where we were before the Dobbs decision." Harris posted on social media in July 2024, "We who believe in reproductive freedom will stop Donald Trump's extreme abortion bans—because we trust women to make decisions about their bodies." In her address at the Democratic National Convention Harris said, "[W]hen Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedom, as president of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law."

As president, Trump nominated three Supreme Court justices who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade. In an April 2024 video, Trump said, "My view is now that we have abortion where everyone wanted it from a legal standpoint, the states will determine by vote or legislation... Many states will be different." He also said he would not sign a national abortion ban. In August 2024, Trump said he is voting no on Florida's ballot Amendment 4, which would legalize abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy with no protections for the unborn baby.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Harris' 2020 plan included legalizing marijuana, abolishing mandatory minimum sentences, ending the death penalty and solitary confinement, stopping private prisons, getting rid of cash bail, and leveraging the president's clemency powers to reduce the number of people in federal prison. As a Senator, Harris introduced a bail reform bill with Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) in 2017 and voted in favor of the First Step Act in 2018.

In 2018, Trump signed into law the First Step Act, which, according to a Federal Bureau of Prisons overview, "was the culmination of a bi-partisan effort to improve criminal justice outcomes, as well as to reduce the size of the federal prison population while also creating mechanisms to maintain public safety." During an Aug. 2020 White House briefing, Trump stated, "I'll appoint more tough-on-crime prosecutors. ... When you enforce the law, order follows. And we need order."

## DEATH PENALTY

During her 2020 Presidential bid, Harris stated she would seek to end the death penalty. In 2024, the Democratic National Committee dropped the call for an end to the death penalty from its platform.

The Trump administration presided over 13 federal executions. Trump has said that he supports expanding the death penalty to include convicted drug smugglers/traffickers.

## EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

No statements on Harris' position on educational choice were found. The 2024 Democratic Party Platform states, "We oppose the use of private-school vouchers, tuition tax credits, opportunity scholarships, and other schemes that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from public education."

Trump's website states, "Republicans believe families should be empowered to choose the best Education for their children. We support Universal School Choice in every State in America. We will expand 529 Education Savings Accounts and support Homeschooling Families equally."

## ENVIRONMENT

At a UN climate summit in 2023, Vice President Harris announced "a new \$3 billion pledge to the Green Climate Fund, which helps developing countries invest in resilience, clean energy, and nature-based solutions."

In 2019, the Trump Administration began the process of withdrawing from the Paris agreement on climate change, an international accord to reduce global green-house gas emissions.

## GENDER ISSUES

In social media posts in June/July of 2023, Harris called on Congress to pass the Equality Act, which would add the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws, and would exempt itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. As a U.S. Senator, Harris also cosponsored the Equality Act in 2017.

In a Jan. 2023 video, Trump said, "I will ask Congress to pass a bill establishing that the only genders recognized by the United States government are male and female and they are assigned at birth. The bill will also make clear that Title IX prohibits men from participating in women's sports and we will protect the rights of parents from being forced to allow their minor child to assume a gender which is new and an identity without the parents' consent."

## HEALTH CARE

At a March 2024 event, Harris said the Biden-Harris Administration "strengthened the Affordable Care Act so that, today, more Americans have healthcare coverage than ever before."

In a Nov. 2023 social media post, Trump said, "Getting much better Healthcare than Obamacare for the American people will be a priority. ... It is not a matter of cost, it is a matter of HEALTH. America will have one of the best Healthcare Plans anywhere in the world. Right now it has one of the WORST!"



# PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON

2024 General Election

## VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS



## FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

### IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES

In 2021, as vice president, Harris began leading the Biden Administration's efforts to address the root causes of migration from countries in Central America, citing the need for a multilateral approach and encouraging private-sector investment. In her keynote at the Democratic National Convention, Harris pledged to bring back a bipartisan border package that would have dramatically limited the number of people allowed to claim asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border, while increasing resources for local communities receiving migrants.

At the July 2024 Republican National Convention, Trump promised to launch the "largest deportation operation in the history of the United States." In 2018, the Trump Administration implemented a "zero tolerance policy," an escalated effort to prosecute individuals entering the U.S. unlawfully, resulting in the separation of thousands of children from their parents, some of whom remain separated today. As president, Trump implemented policies such as the "Migrant Protection Protocols" and "Title 42," which severely limited access to asylum along the U.S.-Mexico border, and set the lowest refugee admissions ceiling since the resettlement program was created in 1980.

### IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)

In a March 2024 social media post, Harris said, "President @JoeBiden and I will always protect access to IVF."

In an August 2024 speech, Trump said, "Under the Trump administration, your government will pay for — or your insurance company will be mandated to pay for — all costs associated with IVF treatment"

### POVERTY

In a proposal released in August 2024, Harris pledged to send Congress proposed federal limits on price increases for food producers and grocers. The proposal also called for creating a \$40 billion innovation fund for businesses building affordable rental housing units, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit for some frontline workers, and reducing taxes on healthcare plans offered on the marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act. Harris also supports raising the federal minimum wage to \$15, supports expanding Social Security benefits by \$1,300 annually for those making less than \$16,000 a year, and has pushed for expanding SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) through the SNAP for KIDS Act.

Trump signed the Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility executive order that calls on federal agencies to reevaluate welfare regulations. He favors mandatory work requirements for social welfare programs, and called for \$8.8 billion in affordable housing cuts in his fiscal year 2019 budget request. During his 2016 campaign, Trump suggested raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10 but also expressed belief that the decision should rest with states. He has stated in the past that the federal government should not cut Social Security benefits. The Trump Administration proposed cuts to SNAP (formerly Food Stamps).

### RACIAL EQUITY

In an op-ed Harris wrote, "People are protesting because Black people have been treated as less than human in America. ...[O]ur country has never fully addressed the systemic racism that has plagued our country since its earliest days. ...No longer can some wait on the sidelines, hoping for incremental change. In times like this, silence is complicity."

On his website, Trump said, "Joe Biden recently signed a very sinister executive order mandating that almost every federal department and agency establish a Marxist 'equity' ... enforcement squad to implement a woke takeover of the entire federal government... Instead of treating everyone equally... 'equity' means that benefits are awarded and policies are enforced based on skin color and sexual identity. We don't think that's a good idea... I will revoke this executive order on my first day back in office."

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

As Senator, Harris co-introduced the Do No Harm Act that states that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) "should not be interpreted to authorize an exemption from generally applicable law that imposes the religious views, habits, or practices of one party upon another." The measure was first introduced in 2017 in response to the Supreme Court's 2014 Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores decision, which held that applying the HHS contraceptive mandate to closely held corporations violated RFRA.

Trump signed an Executive Order Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty to ensure that faith-based organizations would not be forced to compromise their religious beliefs as they serve their communities. This includes defending the rights of religious orders to care for the infirm and elderly without being fined out of existence for refusing to facilitate access to services that violate their faith. In June 2024 Trump said, "When I return to the White House, I will, once again, aggressively defend religious freedom in all of its forms."

### UKRAINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

In 2024 Harris said, "Russia's aggression is...an attack on international rules and norms and the principles embodied in the U.N. Charter. ...President Joe Biden and I will continue to support Ukraine and continue to impose costs on Russia." Regarding the Middle East, Harris said, "It is time for this war to end and end in a way where Israel is secure, all the hostages are released, the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza ends, and the Palestinian people can exercise their right to freedom, dignity, and self-determination."

In his 2024 Republican National Convention speech, Trump said, "I will end every single international crisis that the current administration has created, including the horrible war with Russia and Ukraine, which would have never happened if I was president. And the war caused by the attack on Israel, which would never have happened if I was president."

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