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MASSES

Lord's Day Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. in the church

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the church

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

or by appointment



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As individuals and families, our mission as the Parish Community of Saint Joseph is to live fully the call of Jesus Christ, to be the People of God by giving witness to the Gospel, passing on our Catholic tradition, strengthening the spiritual life of parishioners and serving those in need. We are committed to being an active, welcoming, and supportive community, proclaiming Christ's teaching through word and deed.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, September 2, 2023

4:00PM **Jim Falvey**
Anniversary Remembrance

Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:30AM **Joyce S. Gallivan**
by Mari and Bob Haroian

10:30AM **Mitchell and Harriet**

Monday, September 4, 2023

8:00AM **Bonnie Lemoine**
by Judy

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

8:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

8:00AM **Timothy Fleming**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by Anna

Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:00PM **For Health and Healing**
for Linda J. Harris

Friday, September 8, 2023

8:00AM **Rita**

Saturday, September 9, 2023

4:00PM **Ann R. Cote**
by daughter Judith

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:30AM **Joan, Doug Sr., Dougie Jr.**
and Glenn Nephew
by Anna

10:30AM **Bernice Garry**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector Lucie LaJeunesse
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Phil Benvenuti +2
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Paul Molis



John (Woody) Wood - Alan Parslow
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb
Thomas McMahon - Elsie Faneuil - Julia
William Daniels - Anne Berberian
Jack Holmberg - Marianne and Robert Haroian
Cindy Fitzgerald - Joseph Cloutier, Jr.
Joyce and Bruce Seaman - Judith Daniels
Patrick and Kate Dee - Francis Kavanagh
Patty Snow - Pauline Mercier - Arthur Cote
Steven Dufault - Richard Chiras
Deborah and Victoria Mink - Francis Khoury
Sharon Grybowski - Raymond Curren
Peggy Markvenus - Timmy Canty - Iris Wood
Bryce Linton and Family - Richard O'Connor
Christopher Chiras - Linda J. Harris



**Our best wishes and
blessings for a successful
and rewarding
school year!**

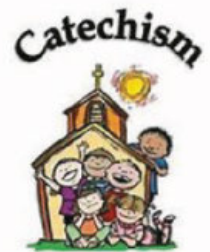
Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

We will begin another school year in the religious education program shortly. Children will come back to the classrooms to work together in their study of the Catholic faith. They will pray together, they will do classroom exercises in the study of Christian doctrine, and they will learn the fundamentals of our Catholic faith appropriate to their age level.

The primary source for growth in faith is not the religious education program, but the parents. When parents prepare for the baptism of their child I tell them that they have the primary responsibility for bringing children up in the faith. Parents must introduce their children to God. Parents should be the source of prayer for their children. They must first pray for their children when they are infants and then pass on the mantle of prayer to their children when they acquire the use of language. It is insufficient for parents to teach their children how to pray if they do not pray with their children. Praying together is a significant spiritual moment that parents and children share.

Parents read to children. It engages the children to want to read. Scripture stories are part of the library that teach children the moral lessons that will sustain them through their lifetime. God understood this dynamic when God instructed the writers of Scripture to tell the story of human spiritual development in an engaging fashion. Jesus taught in parables. The stories challenged his listeners and became the foundation of the apostles' seminary training. When parents read the scriptures to their children and make it part of their library of literature, they share a valuable gift. It also enhances the parents' understanding of the faith when they must read the scripture and explain it to the children. Some great examples are Noah and the arc, God's creation of the world, and the gathering of children to Jesus.



Parents are the primary teachers of their children about morality. Parents constantly teach by their own example. Many children justify their own behavior by comparing it to what their parents do. When parents keep the commandments and teach their children to do likewise, it establishes a serious moral development for their children.

When this spiritual foundation is launched in a home, the religious education program takes it to the next level. Skilled teachers use the foundation to build the structure of the Church into the child's development. Then children learn from children. The community's experience of God enhances the sphere of the individual child and that is when the flower of faith comes to blossom.

The religious education program prepares the children for their First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. It expands on the base that children experience in their homes.

Prepare the children in this parish for a life of faith. May it lead to everlasting life in heaven.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26
St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Blessed Virgin Mary Birthday Celebration in Leominster

St. Cecilia's Respect Life Committee will host a celebration **Sept. 9** with a 9 a.m. Mass at 180 Mechanic St., followed by a birthday party for the Blessed Mother and a talk by Irene and Deacon Bob Connor on the work of First Concern, a crisis pregnancy center. You can bring a birthday gift for the Blessed Mother in the form of gift cards for First Concern (for car seats for moms in need) and baby gifts (diapers, clothing) for Catholic Charities.



Sunday, September 3, 2023



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AA Meeting

7:00PM-9:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

AA Meeting

7:00PM-9:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Friday, September 8, 2023

Coin Club

5:30PM-9:30PM

Parish Center

Saturday, September 9, 2023

St. Joseph's Yard Sale

9:00AM-2:00PM

Church Parking Lot

CMSC Driver Education

8:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Center

Sunday, September 10, 2023

AA Meeting

7:00PM-9:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Miraculous Medal Novena in Worcester



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish, 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, will hold its Miraculous Medal Novena for nine consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on **Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 7:00pm** and ending on Oct. 31st. Mark the dates and plan to come and bring a friend. This year's speakers (in order) are: Rev. Lucas Laroche, Rev. Jonathan Slavinkas, Bishop Robert McManus, Rev. Richard Polek, Rev. Kenneth Cardinale, Deacon Donald Pegg, Deacon Paul Audette, Rev. Frederick Fraini and Rev. Paul O'Connell.

American Heritage Girls Informational Meeting



American Heritage Girls Troop 0716 invites girls ages 5-17 to join in a year of faith, fun, and service. Informational meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 5-6:30 pm** at Our Lady of Mt Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish, 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester.

For more information, contact troop0716ahg@gmail.com or visit <https://sites.google.com/view/ahg-troop-0716>.

Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,448
Shortfall	(\$5,052)
Fuel	\$1,325
Debt Redux	
Year to Date	
Budget	\$262,500
Collections	\$128,988
Electronic Payment	\$7,325
Shortfall	(\$126,187)

The second collection this weekend is for **Maintenance.**

The second collection next weekend will be for **Fuel.**
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



With the end of our 2023 Partners in Charity Appeal, we wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Through your support, St. Joseph Parish raised a grand total of \$46,848.00, bringing us to 77% of our parish goal of \$60,700!!

Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship.

Food Pantry Reminder

Next weekend is our monthly food collection. Items most needed are macaroni & cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and pasta.

Food collections will be donated to Auburn Youth and Family Services.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph



Saturday, September 9, 2023

Church Parking Lot

189 Oxford St. N.

9:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Thank you to all who have donated amazing items to sell. We will continue to collect donations until September 6. Give Lisa a call or email (508-832-6683); stjoesreleaub@gmail.com to set up a drop off time at the parish center.

PLEASE NOTE---The church parking lot will be closed until 9:00am to give volunteers time for set up. Please do not arrive before 9:00. Thank you!!!

Grief Support Workshop in Uxbridge

St. Mary Church is offering "Grieving with Great HOPE," a five-week grief support workshop **every Thursday evening beginning Sept. 22 and ending on Oct 19 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**. It is from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic Apostolate ministering to those mourning the loss of a loved one including a spouse, child, parent, sibling, cousin, etc. As Catholics, we have hope for eternal life in the risen Lord for ourselves and for our loved ones. In this workshop, practical tools for intentional mourning will be introduced and we will seek to become disciples of hope. Cost is \$12.00 and includes an accompanying workbook. To register, please call the office, register on-line at stmaryuxbridge.org/grieving-with-great-hope or email: dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org. All are welcome to attend, no matter when your loss occurred. If you feel you need support, but cannot join the workshop, please reach out to Diane in the parish office at 508-278-2226 X23. St. Mary's Church is located at 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge.



COVID-19 TEST KITS

The COVID-19 test kits located in the back of the church list an expiration date of August 19. According to the Town of Auburn, who provided the kits to us, these test kits **ARE GOOD UNTIL NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

NEWS
FROM



WELCOME BACK TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES

**Classes begin on Saturday, September 16
for grades 1 & 2
and Monday, September 18 for grades 3 - 8.**

Spread the news. We are still accepting new students. If you would like more information or to register your son/daughter in our religious education program, please contact Lisa Wass at 508-832-6683 or email:

stjoesreleaub@gmail.com.

It's wonderful when our family grows.



Safe Environment Training

Any volunteer working with children is mandated by the diocese of Worcester to complete a one-time Safe Environment training. If you currently volunteer in any capacity with children, the elderly, etc., or plan to in the future, through parish groups such as religious education, Knights of Columbus, parish events, and have not completed a safe environment training, contact the religious education office at 508-832-6683 to make arrangements.

We offer an in-person training at the parish center on **Monday, September 11, 6:30pm**. We also offer an online tutorial for you through the diocese of Worcester. If you have completed the training in the past, you only need to submit a new CORI application with a copy of your license.

We cannot have any volunteers working with our children who have not completed this training.

Participants taking the online class also need to complete a CORI form and submit a copy of their license, which is also provided from the religious ed office.

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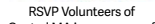
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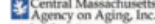
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