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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect
Life
Sunday



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.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, September 30, 2023

4:00PM **Doris Kalil**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by her granddaughter

Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **Jane C. Smith**
12th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going and family

Monday, October 2, 2023

8:00AM **Clarence and Rose**

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

8:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

8:00AM **Kristen L. McGuire**
10th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going and family

Thursday, October 5, 2023

5:00PM **John and Stasia**

Friday, October 6, 2023

8:00AM **Harriet Bomba**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by a parishioner

Saturday, October 7, 2023

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

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **Roger McCauliff, Sr.**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, October 7, 2023

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

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Chris 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 Markvenas - Timmy Canty - Iris Wood
Bryce Linton and Family - Christopher Chiras
Linda J. Harris - Giuseppe Struppa

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.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The new book for Mass intentions for 2024 will open on Monday, October 2. The Church instructs priests to pray for the intentions of the people in the parish under our care. I do that in a general way when I offer one mass each week for the People of Saint Joseph Parish. Along with that the Church encourages priests to receive intentions for masses from the faithful and allows the priest to receive a stipend for doing so. It is one of the ways that the Church provides for the financial support of priests.



The present stipend for masses in the Diocese of Worcester is \$10.00. Bishop McManus and the Presbyteral Council are discussing the possibility of raising that amount. The bishop has not yet taken any action to do so ... yet. If and when he does, I will communicate that to you.

You may find it interesting that the Church only allows the priest to take one stipend each day. If the priest celebrates a second or third mass on a day, the stipend is turned over to the diocese for charitable works.

The Church only allows a priest to receive intentions for a mass that he will be able to fulfill in one year. That law makes me delay the opening of the intention book for the following year in October, so the book opens on Monday, this week. Some pastors open the book in their parishes earlier, but I wait until October.

People may telephone their intentions, send an email request, or come to the rectory to book mass intentions. My policy is that the first person that requests an intention will receive that intention. If another person wants the same date and time, I may not include a second intention and receive a second stipend for the same mass. If you send in your intention by telephone or email, be sure to send the stipend in shortly afterward. Some parishioners have failed to supply the stipend for masses they requested.

I will receive intentions for masses from people who cannot afford to give a stipend. That transaction must take place with me personally. My secretary is not authorized to receive an intention without receiving a stipend.

Weekend mass intentions are more popular in this parish. If you wish to have a mass offered for your intention on a weekend, please request it soon or it may not be available when you want it.

I usually receive mass intentions for people who have died. A person may request a mass to be offered for a person who is alive, for example that they may be healed, or have a successful surgery, or might be relieved of depression or addiction, or have a safe delivery of a baby, or have God's grace on the anniversary of marriage. The intention does not have to include the name of the person. I do have to publish the intentions in the bulletin.

Jean is ready to receive your intentions. Remember that she arrives at 9:00 a.m. and leaves by 3:00 p.m.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Hope for the Holidays: Renewing Our Joy in Jesus

Ever feel lost and hopeless around the holidays? Family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas can be especially dark and challenging when loved ones have given up on God and/or the Church. Yet Jesus longs to shine through our lives so we can spread his love to others. Speaker: Paul Jarzembowski, Associate Director, US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. Author of *Hope from the Ashes: Insights and Resources for Welcoming Lenten Visitors* and *Hope for the Holidays: Finding Light at the Darkest Time of the Year*. **Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm BY ZOOM**. Registration: NO COST.



To receive the Zoom.com link, send your name and phone number in an email by Oct. 13 to: boucherjohn@hotmail.com.

(Sponsored by the Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee, Diocese of Worcester, MA)

Sunday, October 1, 2023



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AA Meeting 7:00PM-9:00PM Lower Church Hall

Monday, October 2, 2023

Religious Education Classes Grades 3, 4 & 5 4:00PM-5:15PM Parish Center

Religious Education Classes Grades 6, 7 & 8 6:45PM-8:00PM Parish Center

Plumbing School 5:30PM-10:00PM Parish Center

Altar Server Training 6:00PM Church

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Reader Training 6:00PM Church

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Plumbing School 5:30PM-10:00PM Parish Center

AA Meeting 7:00PM-9:00PM Lower Church Hall

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Friday, October 6, 2023

Extraordinary Minister Training 6:00PM Church

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2 10:00AM-11:15AM Parish Center

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

AA Meeting 7:00PM-9:00PM Lower Church Hall



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$6,423
Shortfall	(\$1,077)
Catholic Schools	\$605
Debt Redux	\$70
Year to Date	
Budget	\$292,500
Collections	\$146,823
Electronic Payment	\$8,360
Shortfall	(\$137,317)

The second collection this weekend is for the
Maintenance.

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

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass October 22, 2023

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 13** so that commemorative certificates may be issued.



To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Webinar for Respect Life Month

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to attend our webinar, "Celebrating Respect Life Month (and beyond)" on **Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 11:00 a.m.** The webinar will explore the materials in the new edition of the annual Respect Life Program and offer practical suggestions for using them both during Respect Life Month and throughout the coming year. Pre-registration is required to receive a login link.



To register, send an email to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org with your name, parish, and email address and include the words "Webinar Registration" in the subject line.

Discerning a Later Vocation to the Priesthood?



Is God calling you to be a priest? If you are 30-60, you may be surprised! Every month Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston hosts visits for men for whom priesthood is a later vocation. The next visit is **October 6**. Join the seminary community either virtually or in person for prayer and fellowship, holy hour and evening prayer. In person visits also include dinner with the seminarians and a tour of the seminary.

To sign-up or receive more information, please contact Msgr. William Fay at 781-899-5500 ext. 134 or msgr.fay@psis.edu.

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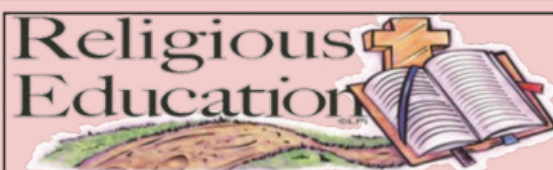
The Knights of Columbus will hold our annual Tootsie Roll Drive after the Masses next weekend,

October 7th and 8th.

Please support this worthy cause that assists children and young adults with intellectual disabilities. Thank you.



NEWS FROM



Classes are not in session Monday, October 9, in observance of Columbus Day.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said that public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to call down God's mercy. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.

JOIN US FOR THE 2023 AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA YEARLY ROSARY RALLY

What: The Holy Rosary

When: Saturday, October 14, 2023
at Noon

Where: Drury Square, Auburn
(Parking available behind the Verizon Store)

For more information contact Judy at 508-832-5431.



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 St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.



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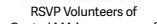
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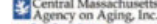
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