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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.

For where
two or three
are gathered in
my name,
there am I
among them.
Matthew 18:20

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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

Monday, September 11, 2023

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

8:00AM **Louis and Stefania**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

8:00AM **Eileen Robichaud**
by family

Thursday, September 14, 2023

5:00PM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Friday, September 15, 2023

8:00AM **Fr. Steve Johnson**
Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, September 16, 2023

4:00PM **Stan and Katherine**

Sunday, September 17, 2023

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

10:30AM **Kathleen Lagacy**
5th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Doreen Goodrich

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, September 17, 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 Don Lagacy

Altar Server Paul Molis

The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Janice M. Beauregard
who recently passed away.



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

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

I receive many appeals in the mail to separate St. Joseph Church from money. The one that makes me laugh the most is the proposal to have a company increase our collections by consulting with them. Of course, they charge a hefty sum to do this consultation.

I received a good appeal last week. I hope that it will have a very positive impact upon our parish.

We continue to participate in the Eucharistic Revival through this year. Bishop Robert Barron and the Word on Fire organization published a book to help American Catholics better understand the mystery of the Eucharist that we celebrate. The book is: *This Is My Body, A Call to Eucharistic Revival*. The cost was inexpensive so I think this offer was a good value for the money we spent.

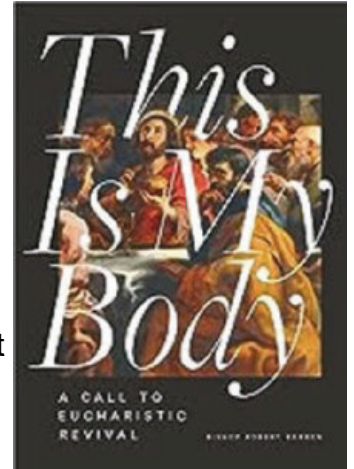
Bishop Robert Barron is the bishop of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota. He is a renowned teacher, preacher, and evangelist. He is a very popular Catholic speaker and writer. He founded Word on Fire as the vehicle to evangelize the Church in our time. A number of our parishioners subscribe to receive his work online or through the mail.

I find him somewhat tedious. When I listen to his talks or read his work I am usually frustrated because it takes him some time (forever) to get to his main point or conclusion. While I want him to get on his horse and gallop, other people enjoy the long journey he takes to get them to his conclusion. I respect the point that not everyone wants him to go fast.

So I ordered the book, *This Is My Body*, for distribution at St. Joseph Parish. I anticipate that the book will have arrived by the time you read this bulletin. If so, they will be in the vestibule of the church available for your reading. If not, I expect that it will arrive soon. It is not a big book, just over 100 pages of large print on small pages. I hope that it will engage your mind and spirit with the mystery of the Eucharist and help you reflect on what we do each weekend at mass.

I hope that you will enjoy it.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Morning of Healing in Leominster

St. Cecilia Parish, 180 Mechanic St., will host a Morning of Healing, **Saturday, Sept. 16**, beginning with 9 a.m. Mass followed by Benediction, a healing service and confessions. Featured speakers will be Msgr. James P. Moroney, Father Laurence V. Brault, Deacon Stephen Mullaney and Maureen Capistran, author of "Heaven's Helper, 'My Little Star.'"



Stewardship!!!

23d Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..."-Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

A Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment in Worcester

A Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required.

To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

All are invited to attend!



Sunday, September 10, 2023



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

Monday, September 11, 2023

Safe Environment Training 6:30PM Parish Center

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

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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

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

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Saturday, September 16, 2023

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

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

Private Event 4:00PM-7:00 PM Parish Center

Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

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

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG

St. Joseph Parish Choir
Rehearsal Thursday at
6:30pm in the church.

We welcome new members
with open arms.



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.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,766
Shortfall	(\$2,734)
Maintenance	\$1,632
Debt Redux	\$60
Year to Date	
Budget	\$270,000
Collections	\$133,754
Electronic Payment	\$7,625
Shortfall	(\$128,621)

The second collection this weekend is for **Fuel**.
The second collection next weekend will be our
CCD Offering.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Heavenly Father, on this day, a terrible act of brutality was visited upon our people.

We ask for your grace upon the souls of those who died this day, and the loved ones they left behind.

Bless those who, today, work unceasingly to protect us all from further acts of violence.

Change the hearts and minds of those who would murder the innocent in your name.

Help us to remember Christ's victory over all death.

Lead us all to you, Lord, in a true unity, begotten not of blood that was shed in anger, but shed by your Son, out of love for us. Amen.



How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.

For particular help you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.

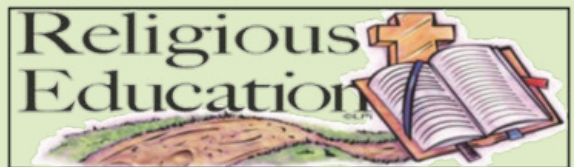
Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.missingkids.com.

Special Religious Ed Open House in Webster

SPRED (SPecial Religious EDucation) is holding the annual open house on **Sunday, Sept. 17, from 1:00 to 3:00pm**. This will be at the Emmaus Center, 17 East Main Street, Webster across from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, with parking on the Day Street lot. The program is for our intellectually challenged friends ages 7 and up.

Please contact Nicole at nwerbecki@yahoo.com or Linda at Lbrink2019@gmail.com for any further questions.

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:

stjoesreledaub@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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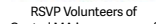
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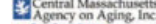
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