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CATECHETICAL
SUNDAY



September 17, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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 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

Monday, September 18, 2023

8:00AM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

8:00AM *Stan and Mary*

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

8:00AM *Fred Fraini, Sr.*
Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, September 21, 2023

5:00PM *Raymond J. Robichaud, Sr.*
by family

Friday, September 22, 2023

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

Saturday, September 23, 2023

4:00PM *John and Lea Galeckas*
by family

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30AM *Jacky Herils*
3rd Anniversary Remembrance
by Stephen

10:30AM *For a Special Intention*

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Lucie LaJeunesse

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30am

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski

Lector Anna Fleming

Altar Server Jean Ashton

10:30am

Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour +2

Lector Don Lagacy

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 - Christopher Chiras
Linda J. Harris—Giuseppe Struppa

REMINDER ...

**The Msgr. Thomas F.
Neary Council #13637
Knights of Columbus of
St. Joseph Parish will
hold its monthly meeting
on Tuesday, September
19 at 7:00PM in the
lower church hall.**



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Thank you to all the people who participated in the Yard Sale on Saturday, September 9. The sale provided about \$1900 to Saint Joseph Parish. The sale was hard work for all the people who staged the event. The weather was hot and sticky, but the rain held out until the event was over and all the equipment and left over merchandise was under cover.



I was very pleased to see that people worked together to make it all happen. Moving everything to the church parking lot and setting up was a monster task that seemed to go well with much cooperation. Thank you very much for your work.

Thank you to all the people who donated to the *Partners in Charity Appeal*. The money raised in the Appeal provides for the care of many people in Worcester County. Much of the money is used for religious functions in the diocese, like support for religious education and worship. Much of the money is also used to provide for the basic human needs for people.

Partners in Charity provides for only a portion of the funds that Catholic Charities needs to do its work. Catholic Charities finds most of its money in grants, donations, and gifts from other sources. The portion that comes from *Partners in Charity* is an important resource that allows some basic needs to be met.



Thank you again for your generosity.

I will have an orientation meeting for people interested in the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* in the church on Monday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. I invite anyone who wishes to receive the sacraments of initiation to this meeting.

This includes:

- People who have never been baptized and wish to receive this sacrament.
- People who received baptism in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into the Catholic faith.
- People who never received their First Communion.
- People who never received Confirmation.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:8)

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the life that He intended for you.

Catholic Scouting Religious Emblem Information Sessions in Worcester

Boy Scouts and their parents are encouraged to attend this information session on how to attain the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Catholic Scouting Award on either **Tuesday, Sept. 26 or Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 pm** at St. Christopher Church Hall, 950 West Boylston Street, Worcester. (Parking is available in the lot behind the church) This is for interested Catholic Scouts ages 13 – 17 (grades 7 – 12) who are seeking to learn more about their faith and their role as a Catholic Scout in today’s society, and how to register for our upcoming classes to earn the awards. **Questions? Please email John Atlas of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, at JKARL1958@gmail.com.**



Sunday, September 17, 2023



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Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, September 18, 2023

Religious Education Classes Grades 3, 4 & 5	4:00PM-5:15 PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 6, 7 & 8	6:45PM-8:00PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, September 23, 2023

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
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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	\$3,035
Shortfall	(\$4,465)
Fuel	\$1,282
Debt Redux	\$40
Year to Date	
Budget	\$277,500
Collections	\$136,789
Electronic Payment	\$7,725
Shortfall	(\$132,986)

The second collection this weekend is for **CCD**.
The second collection next weekend will be for the
Fall Appeal for Catholic Schools.
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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear friends in Christ,

Why is support for Catholic schools part of the mission of every Catholic, not just that of parents with children in our schools? After all, this is not the late-19th century or early-20th century America, a time when Catholic children of immigrant families faced many obstacles when entering public schools.



Catholic Schools
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A simple sign hangs in every Catholic school: "Christ is the reason for this school." Let us not be fooled. To practice and pass on an authentic Catholic faith in the classroom is becoming increasingly necessary in our society. We are called to be instruments of evangelization in society by being witnesses to the love of God.

We often hear that many community and business leaders in Central Massachusetts are products of Catholic schools. Their alma maters did not boast the fanciest buildings, or the most expansive after-school programs, or even the flexibility to express one's individuality in daily attire. What they did offer and continue to offer to this day, is attention to the individual student, sound academic and social formation and, most importantly, being formed in the Catholic faith (or in Catholic values for those of other faiths) in order to learn what true success in life really means beyond how to make money.

Each year we remind ourselves that religion is not just one topic among others in Catholic schools. The relevance of our faith can be discussed in the context of every single topic taught in our classrooms, including science, math, history, literature and languages. Faith is also a guiding force in after-school programs, sports and the arts. The Catholic school student learns that to live the good life is to live a life filled with meaning, which is not the same as living a life focused on self-indulgence or self-importance.

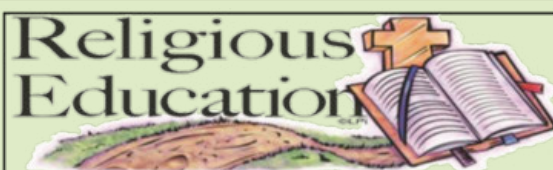
We recognize how difficult it is for many parents to pay tuition while often paying taxes that support public schools, but they know they are investing in their child's future, both temporal and eternal. For many families, especially new immigrant families, increased access to financial aid is the only way they can consider a Catholic school. It takes everyone sharing in solidarity with our Catholic school families.

What more can you do? Talk to family and friends about the value of the Catholic school option in our communities. Support their decision to choose a Catholic school. And, never forget the power of prayer to support the work of our teachers, administrators and staff who are dedicated to the ministry of Catholic school education, a ministry which makes tangible the love of Jesus in the life of each student they encounter.

Thank you for considering prayerfully how support of Catholic schools, in whatever way you can, will help today's students become tomorrow's leaders in both society and the Church.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus,
Bishop of Worcester

**NEWS
FROM**



The classrooms are ready, the books and crayon boxes are waiting to be used and we are excited to begin a new year of religious education with your children. Parents, you are the most important teachers in your child's life and our teachers look forward to the opportunity to support you in their religious education. Never hesitate if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Looking forward to an amazing year!!!

Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school.

Amen.

Author: Courtney DeFEO

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. Family members are welcome!



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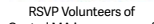
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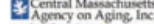
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