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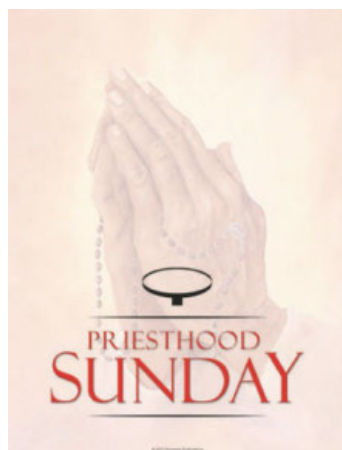
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MASSES

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 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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*

**Father Bomba is on vacation this week.
Mass will not be celebrated at St. Joseph
Church Monday through Friday.**

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



Catholic Women's Conference in Webster

All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them," to be held on **October 7** at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass.

For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The number of people who assist at mass each weekend has been reduced. Some people who were readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers have stopped being active at mass for a number of reasons. Some moved away. Others are no longer physically capable to carry out the ministry, still others have responsibilities with family.

This presents the opportunity for other people to step up and begin to be active in these ministries each weekend at mass. These ministries are a vehicle for people to be more active in the parish and use talents and skills to enhance the celebration of mass. These ministries are a way to get to know some of the people with whom we worship every weekend and employ service into the prayer at mass. It is one thing to talk the talk, but another to walk the walk.

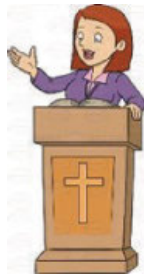
The three ministries that I ask you to consider are Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or Reader. The Second Vatican Council taught that it is necessary for lay people to be the light of Christ shining in the world. The Council Fathers opened the door for these ministries to be an active way for people to be involved and serving the Church in a visible, humble, prayerful manner that is coupled with the service inspired by Jesus when he washed the feet of his Apostles at the Last Supper. Shortly after the Council adjourned and the revisions of the liturgy became effective, Catholics began to volunteer for this valuable work.



Altar Servers have been a valuable assist to priests for centuries. Boys, and now girls, bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar and ring the bells at the consecration and carry the cross at the head of the processions at mass. Altar Servers participate up-close to the altar and have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion before the rest of the people at mass. They care for the chalices and patens and prayerfully participate at mass near the altar. Boys and girls who have received Holy Communion are

eligible to be altar servers after they have been trained.

Lay people properly proclaim the first and second readings at weekend masses. This ministry should be performed by people who have a sincere love for the Sacred Scripture and wish to share the Scripture and their love for it with the People of God. Readers should have received the sacraments of initiation and be trained to proclaim the Word of God clearly.



Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion help the priest distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus at Holy Communion. When the distribution would be long if only the priest distributed Holy Communion, the Church encourages lay people to assist with this sacred mission. These ministers may also distribute Holy Communion to the sick or people who are unable to come to mass each week. This ministry also requires participants to be trained in the practice of this ministry.

I will conduct training for all of these ministries during October. Altar Servers:

Monday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. Readers: Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Friday October 6 at 6:00 p.m. All training will take place in the church.

The first task is to pray and ask God to help you decide to take on this ministry and be committed to carrying out the duties with joy for the glory of God. This is not the last-minute chance to step forward and participate. This is the notification that the need exists, that the Church is looking for people to participate, and the training will take place next month.

It is one thing to sit in the stands at a ball game and cheer on the team to victory. It is quite another to get on the field, court, rink and play the game. This is your opportunity to get in the game.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024

The new book for mass intentions for 2024 will open on **Monday, October 2**. Thank you for your patience in not calling or sending notes before October 2 requesting a mass intention for 2024.

Sunday, September 24, 2023



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

Monday, September 25, 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

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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

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

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Saturday, September 30, 2023

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

Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

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



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	\$3,611
Shortfall	(\$3,889)
CCD	\$926
Debt Redux	\$50
Year to Date	
Budget	\$285,000
Collections	\$140,400
Electronic Payment	\$7,825
Shortfall	(\$136,775)

The second collection this weekend is for the **Fall Catholic Schools Appeal.**

The second collection next weekend will be for **Maintenance.**

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts & grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Respect Life Retreat in Worcester

All are invited to attend A Morning for Life to be held on **Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9:15 am to 1 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Msgr. James Moroney will offer a reflection on "Preaching the Gospel of Life to a Confused World." 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.



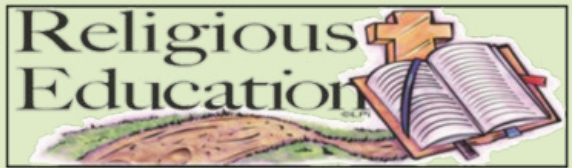
Saint Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr HS Fall Open House

On **Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 am-Noon** join us for our Fall Open House and explore all that Worcester county's only co-educational, Catholic Junior/Senior High School offers students and families in grades 7-12. At our Open House, you will be able to explore the academic, social, and spiritual opportunities we offer; engage with faculty, staff, and coaches; connect with current students and families; tour our campus; and experience a sampling of Knight Life. **Please pre-register here: <https://www.saintpaulknights.org/admissions/open-house.cfm>**



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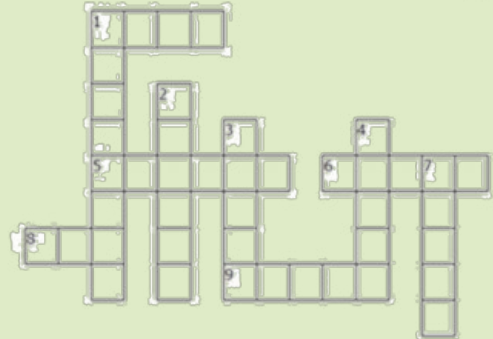
Religious Education



Don't Miss Church!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)

Based on John 20:19-31



ACROSS

- An entrance into a building or room
- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- To be in a state of pleasure or delight
- Breaking a religious or moral law
- The body parts at the end of the arms

DOWN

- Unwilling to believe that something is true
- Not open
- To believe in something for which there is no proof
- A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
- Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war

NAILS
THOMAS

PEACE
CLOSED

DOOR
SIN

DOUBTING
HANDS

HAPPY
FAITH

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Internet Safety for Kids

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old-style telephone party line, except that the teens are typing. Child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their physical location.

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

Source: Bob Farley, "Exposing the Dangers of Chat Rooms," featured March 14, 2005, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus.

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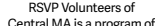
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