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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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, October 14, 2023

4:00PM **Stacie Jude Angers**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Sunday, October 15, 2023

8:30AM **Cindy Jette**
6-Month Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Gary Krasowsky**
11th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Monday, October 16, 2023

8:00AM **Robert Cicio, Sr.**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:00AM **Dottie Van Keuren**
Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, October 19, 2023

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

Friday, October 20, 2023

8:00AM **Aldona Jakniunas**
Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, October 21, 2023

4:00PM **Ray Pescaro**
Anniversary Remembrance

Sunday, October 22, 2023

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

10:30AM **Roger Boucher**
by Jean Roccanti

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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

Sunday, October 22, 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 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 - Michelle Kist
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

Knights of Columbus

Msg. Neary Council 13637

Tootsie Roll Drive



The Knights of Columbus thank all the parishioners who donated to our Tootsie Roll Drive after the Masses on October 7th-8th. Your generosity helped to make our drive a total success.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

A few times each year the Church reminds us that we have a responsibility to spread the faith in the missions. We welcomed a mission priest to our parish in the summer months. He delivered the homily at all the masses. We took up a collection and we forwarded the money to support the missions.

Next week we will continue our support of the missions on World Mission Sunday. Bishop McManus wrote a letter about Mission Sunday and it is printed in this bulletin.

More people were sensitive to the work of the missions a generation ago. Much work was directed toward the African Church that was in its infancy. Now, a generation later, the African Church is much stronger.

A generation ago there were many European and American missionaries who worked in Africa. Then, a priest like Father Donald Pelletier who grew up in the Diocese of Worcester and was part of the LaSalette order, went to Madagascar to preach, teach, and provide the sacraments. He eventually became a bishop there.

Bishop Pelletier retired about ten years ago, returned to the United States, and died in a vehicle accident a couple of years ago. He always spoke lovingly of the Church in Madagascar where he spent much of his time as a priest.

The Church in Africa still faces challenges. It faces persecution in some regions. Overall, it prospers and grows in the Holy Spirit.

One great stride that the African Church has made is the ordination of native men to the priesthood. This parish benefitted from the missions in Africa when Father Patrick was assigned here.

The primary support that we can provide to the missions is prayer. Just about every missionary that I meet tells me that the missions find their strength in the prayers offered to God seeking intercession for the cause of the missions. They usually find grace because someone like us has asked God for a blessing on the Mission Church.

Missionaries are very grateful for the financial support that we give them. Our donations provide essential goods that see to the needs of people in the missions. Every missionary knows that it is difficult to proclaim the Gospel to people who need the basic necessities of life. When the Gospel comes with clean water wells, medicine, agricultural support, education, and peaceful community, the words of Jesus ring true.

Our parish will participate in World Mission Sunday next weekend. Please be generous.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Sarah Hart in Concert in Milford

On Sunday, Oct. 29 at 7:00 pm, Sarah Hart will give a concert at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, 19 Winter St, Milford. Admission is free. Free-will offering will be taken. Reception to follow in the Parish



Center Large Hall - all are welcome! Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith have touched the lives of millions. Sarah's songs are part of the common worship experience of Catholics in the US: "Go in Peace," "You Alone," "Drawn to You" and others. Her signature blend of folk, pop and rock delights listeners of every age. In October of 2013, Sarah was invited to perform for Pope Francis and a crowd of 150,000 in St. Peter's Square.

Sunday, October 15, 2023



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

Monday, October 16, 2023

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

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

Boy Scout Training 6:00PM-9:00PM Parish Center

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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

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

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Friday, October 20, 2023

Coin Club 5:30PM-9:30PM Parish Center

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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

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

CMSC Drivers Ed 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, October 22, 2023

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

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

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear friends in Christ,

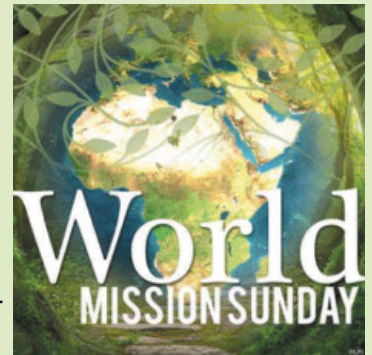
In his message for World Mission Day 2023, Pope Francis shared the following: "Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: 'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others."

The Holy Father goes on to share that the same Spirit who guides the universal Church also inspires ordinary men and women for extraordinary missions. He writes, "we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May His compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples."

Your donation on the weekend of October 22nd is critical. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. These donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), and in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood).

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. It also provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in nearly 1,200 mission dioceses. Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your own baptismal call, and support World Mission Sunday in your parish.

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



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



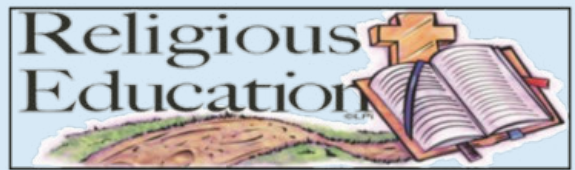
Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,514
Shortfall	(\$3,986)
Fuel	\$1,288
Debt Redux	
Year to Date	
Budget	\$307,500
Collections	\$154,783
Electronic Payment	\$8,760
Shortfall	(\$143,957)

**There will not be a second collection this weekend.
The second collection next weekend will be for
World Mission Sunday.**

NEWS FROM



A reminder, our confirmation retreat for candidates being confirmed this fall (grade 11) will be held on, **Tuesday evening, October 24, 2023 from 5 - 9pm, at St. Joseph Parish Center.** It is for candidates ONLY.

Please arrive by 4:50.

Supper will be served. If you prefer, you may bring your own.

This is an important event in the final preparation for your confirmation. If you miss the retreat, you will need to attend another at a different location. Please plan in advance to be sure there is nothing else on your calendar.



Grade 2 Parent Meeting

A meeting for parents of First Communion students is **Saturday, October 28, at the parish center, 10am.**

The meaning of and preparation for First Communion will be explained and a schedule of events will be given.

Please make every effort to attend.

The first grade 2 family mass is **Sunday, October 29, 10:30am at the church.** All families should arrive at the church by 10:20am.



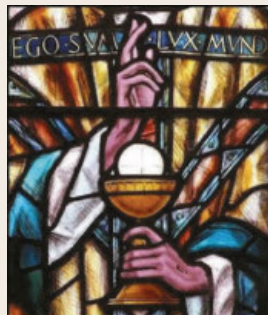
St. Joseph weekly bible study group

will begin meeting on Wednesday mornings, from 10am-Noon at the Parish Center this fall. The starting date will be set soon. This is a very informal discussion group. All are welcome. You do not have to be a parishioner of St. Joseph's to attend. Give Lisa a call at 508-832-6683 or email: stjoesreledaub@gmail.com for more information. Registration is not necessary.

Tenth Annual Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese Gala

**Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School
144 Granite St., Worcester
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 - 5:30pm**

For the past nine years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. Join us in making this 10th Anniversary Celebration extra special by attending our upcoming tasting gala. Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School will host our tasting event in the spacious gymnasium.



To make a donation, purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, call 508-929-4368 or visit worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood.

REMINDER ...

The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00PM in the lower church hall.



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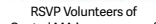
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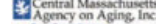
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