



## CONTACT US

### Rectory and Parish Office

194 Oxford Street North, Auburn, MA 01501-1529

Phone 508-832-2074

Fax 508-832-8894

Regular Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Email [stjoes01501@gmail.com](mailto:stjoes01501@gmail.com)

Pastor

Secretary

Director of Music

Rev. Paul M. Bomba

Ms. Jean Ashton

Ms. Judy Freeland

### Religious Education and Parish Center

68 Central Street, Auburn, MA 01501-2310

Phone 508-832-6683

Fax 508-407-8952

Email [stjoesreledaub@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesreledaub@gmail.com)

Director of Religious Education

Maintenance

Ms. Lisa Wass

Mr. Errol Hall

### Outreach Ministry

Mr. Donald Lagacy 508-287-7489

Outreach to hospitals, nursing homes, and homebound

Visits gladly made upon request

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

They tested him  
by asking,  
"Teacher, which  
commandment  
in the law is the  
greatest?"

## 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 28, 2023

4:00PM **James Palmer**  
38th Anniversary Remembrance  
and **Melena Palmer**  
16th Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

## Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:30AM **Joseph W. Fleming**  
29th Anniversary Remembrance  
by Mom

10:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

## Monday, October 30, 2023

8:00AM **For Health and Well-Being  
for Linda J. Harris**  
by family

## Tuesday, October 31, 2023

8:00AM **Bill and Clarence**

6:30PM **John and Sophie**

## Wednesday, November 1, 2023

8:00AM **Stan and Maria**

Noon **People of St. Joseph Parish**

## Thursday, November 2, 2023

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

## Friday, November 3, 2023

8:00AM **Lena**

## Saturday, November 4, 2023

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

## Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:30AM **Richard Fleming**  
by Anna

10:30AM **John and Rose Salvati**  
by the Benvenuti family



Saturday, November 4, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Lucie LaJeunesse

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:30am

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton

Marek Sitkowski

Lector Patty Bickford

Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am

Holy Communion Mary Skorvanek +2

Lector Lisa Wass

Altar Server Alvin Montreuil



Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley

John (Woody) Wood

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



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME  
ENDS**

Daylight Saving Time  
ends at 2:00 a.m. next  
Sunday, November 5.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

## Auburn, Massachusetts

**Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

This week the Church celebrates All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls Day on November 2. Both celebrations direct our attention to eternal life in God's presence. The celebrations give us pause to contemplate God's plan of salvation.

### ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

All Saints Day, November 1, celebrates all the saints. Liturgists find its origin in the fourth century in a commemoration of all the martyrs. The date was May 13. The early Church placed high honor to the people who suffered or died because they professed their faith in Jesus, the Son of God. The Church later began to rejoice in the men and women who lived according to the Gospel in heroic ways, such as doing works of charity only for the love of God. Pious men and women gained notoriety because of their devotion to God and diligently spreading the Word of God so God would be known and glorified by many.

The Church's liturgical calendar became full with many celebrations of holy people, so much so that some days celebrated a myriad of saints. All Saints Day became the practical way to remember holy men and women who embodied the Gospel and, with God's grace, enjoy eternal life in heaven. The celebration was moved to November in the ninth century and remains so until today.

All Saints Day is a holyday of obligation that Catholics observe in prayer at mass. I will celebrate All Saints Day on Tuesday evening at 6:30 and on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and noon.

All Souls Day is a celebration of prayer for remembering people who have died. Catholics pray for people who have died that God will raise them from the dead as he raised his Son on Easter and welcome them to eternal life in God's heavenly kingdom. We ask God to forgive their sins with his mercy. We entrust them to God's loving care.

Many Catholics visit cemeteries on All Souls Day and spend time at the graves of loved ones in prayer.

Parishioners write the names of loved ones on the donation envelope and place it in the basket. I celebrate masses throughout the year for these All Souls Day intentions, remembering them on All Souls Day and many other days as well.

May our friends and relatives rest in God's care and peace. May they rejoice as part of the All Saints Day celebration as well.



**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

## ***Stewardship!!!***

### ***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)***

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

## **Considering a Late Vocation?**

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 Friday, Nov. 3.**



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@psjs.edu](mailto:msgr.fay@psjs.edu).**

# Sunday, October 29, 2023



## Sunday, October 29, 2023

Grade 2 Family Mass	10:30AM	Church
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

## Monday, October 30, 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
Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center

## Tuesday, October 31, 2023

All Saints Day Mass	6:30PM	Church
---------------------	--------	--------

## Wednesday, November 1, 2023

All Saints Day Masses	8:00AM and Noon	Church
Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

## Thursday, November 2, 2023

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
-----------------	--------	--------

## Saturday, November 4, 2023

Religious Education Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center

## Sunday, November 5, 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	\$3,043
Shortfall	(\$4,457)
World Missions	\$963
Debt Redux	\$60
Year to Date	
Budget	\$322,500
Collections	\$160,534
Electronic Payment	\$9,395
Shortfall	(\$152,571)

**There will not be a second collection this weekend.**

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

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

## HELP WANTED

St. Joseph Parish is seeking a part-time custodian for the church and the rectory. It will include snow removal, lawn care, cleaning and maintenance of the buildings.

**Interested persons should compile a one-page resume of their skills and submit it to the pastor as soon as possible.**

A complete job description can be available to anyone interested in the work.



## ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PASTOR'S PRIZE RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after masses this weekend.

1st Prize: Mass Lottery Scratch Tickets  
Purchase Price \$100.00

2nd Prize: Mass Lottery Scratch Tickets  
Purchase Price \$50.00

\$1.00 per chance.

Drawing: Saturday, December 2 at the Christmas Bazaar.



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated in the church On Tues., October 31 at 6:30 p.m. and on Wed., November 1 at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

ALL SAINTS DAY



**All Souls Day**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Mass for all faithful departed to be celebrated in the church at 5:00pm on Thursday, Nov. 2.**

### St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar



Start cleaning out your attics, closets and boxes in the basement. The St. Joseph annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 2, and we are beginning to collect donations.

Donations of jewelry, knit goods (mittens, all sizes & colors,) holiday décor, toys and attic treasures will help make this year's event successful. We cannot accept clothing, bedding, electronics or large furniture.

Items can be brought to the parish center on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Please call ahead to be sure Lisa is available.

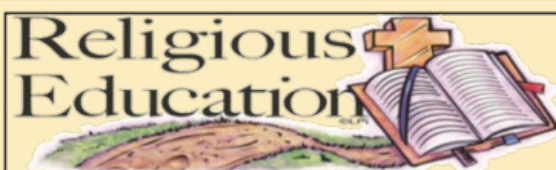
**We can always use more helpers to make our bazaar a success.**

**Please contact Mary McGrail at 508-832-9779 or Lisa Wass at 508-832-6683.**

### 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.**

NEWS FROM



### **Religious Education Service Project**



As in years past, our students continue to collect food for the food pantries at Auburn Youth & Family Services and St. Joan of Arc Church in Worcester.

Each week, they bring in a non-perishable food item that is added to the monthly food donations from the parish. Our goal is to collect 600 items by April when classes end. Last year our families donated 458 food items.

Please pray for the success of this project and keep these organizations in your prayers as well. As Jesus told us in the Gospel of Matthew; "I tell **you** the truth, when **you did** it to one of the least of my people ... **you did it for Me.**

### The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about you;

Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.

Open my eyes so your love I will see;

I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You have given to me.

Open my ears so your word I will hear;

Open my mouth to tell others you're near.

Let your light shine in all I say and do!

Amen



**IF YOU LIVE ALONE You Need**

**MDMedAlert!™**  
At HOME and AWAY!

As Low As  
**\$19<sup>95</sup>** /mo.

- ✓ Ambulance ✓ Police
- ✓ Family ✓ GPS & Fall Alert



**CALL NOW!**  
**800.808.9294**



md-medalert.com



*St. Mary's* Health Care Center  
A Member of Covenant Health

**Age Well. Live Well.**

- Innovative Health Care Center
- Restoring Individual Independence
- Rehabilitative Therapies & More!

508.753.4791 | 39 Queen St., Worcester

*Philip P. Massad*  
**Movers and Storage**  
754-1225  
752-0100



**A Step Ahead**

Christine M. Ganong  
Owner/Child Care Provider

A Step Ahead  
Family Child Care Center  
102 Pakachoag Street  
Auburn, MA 01501  
508-767-1214  
astepaheadauburn@hotmail.com

**NE** NORTHEAST  
INSURANCE AGENCY

Home • Auto • Business • Life

567 Southbridge Street, Auburn, Ma

508-832-0404

800-443-7007

www.neinsure.com



**K.R. OUELLETTE**  
**Plumbing & Heating**  
**754-7291**  
64 So. Ludlow Street  
Worcester, MA  
Kevin R. Ouellette - Owner  
M.P.L. 11193

**Britton**  
*Funeral Homes, Inc.*

Britton-Wallace Funeral Home  
91 Central Street  
Auburn, Massachusetts 01501

Shannon M. Henry  
(508)832-4420

www.brittonfuneralhomes.com



*P*ersonalized burial and cremation services with care and compassion.

**ACE** TEMPERATURE CONTROL, INC.  
*Since 1963*

**HVAC-R CONTRACTORS**  
**DUCTLESS MINI SPLIT INSTALLATIONS**  
office@acetemp.com  
Licensed Commercially for MA and RI  
Serving Central Massachusetts  
**508-754-9130**  
**1-877-223-8367**  
www.acetemp.com

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Victoria Cudlin**

vcudlin@4LPi.com  
(800) 477-4574 x6603

**CENTRAL MASS SAFETY COUNCIL AUTO SCHOOL**



We offer school vacation and summer classes at St. Joseph's Parish Center Driver Education plus 4 ½ Crash Avoidance Class at NO additional cost.  
ONLY AVAILABLE AT CMSC AUTO SCHOOL  
(508) 835-2333 • www.centralmassafety.org  
WEST BOYLSTON / AUBURN / NORTHBORO MILFORD  
SHREWSBURY / WESTBOROUGH



RS # 5325

**508-846-4946**  
bakerautolc@gmail.com

www.bakerautomotiveworcester.com

**FREE OIL CHANGE**  
with any auto body service

383 SOUTHBRIDGE ST.  
WORCESTER, MA

**KEI Keating Enterprises**

Landscape Design,  
Construction,  
Maintenance and  
Snow Removal

50 years of serving the area

**508-753-6415**

**A Project of RSVP Volunteers of Central MA**  
**Senior Fraud Helpline | 1-800-297-9760**

Sponsored By



RSVP Volunteers of Central MA is a program of

Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Inc.

www.centralmaaging.org



Become a **SENIOR VOLUNTEER** (55+)  
Make Giving Back Your Second Act

**508-796-1807**

