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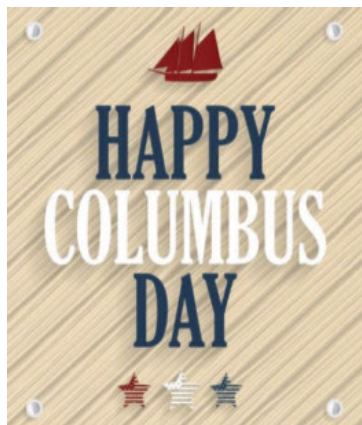
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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

October 8, 2023

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

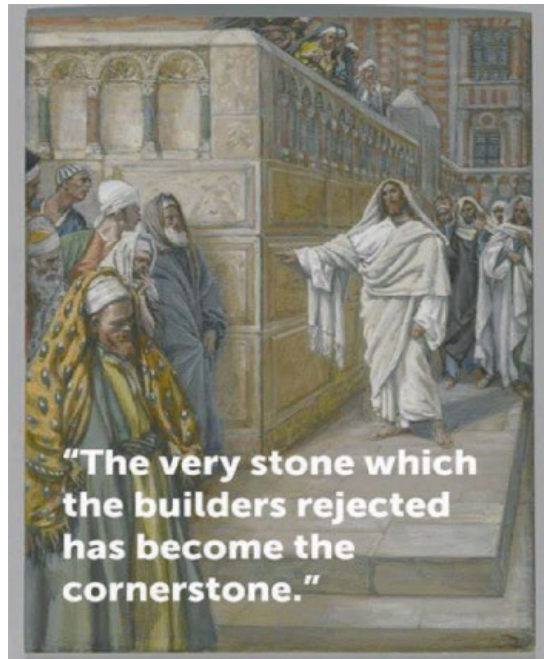
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 7, 2023

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

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **Roger McCauliff, Sr.**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Monday, October 9, 2023

8:00AM **Mary Foley**
by Eileen Flynn

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

8:00AM **Michael Cahill**
by Eileen Flynn

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

8:00AM **Geraldine D'Allesandro**
17th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Thursday, October 12, 2023

5:00PM **Walter and Joyce**

Friday, October 13, 2023

8:00AM **For a Special Intention**

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

Saturday, October 14, 2023

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

Sunday, October 15, 2023

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour +2
Lector Lisa Wass
Altar Server Alvin Montreuil



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

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.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

There is a banner that has been hanging from the loft in the church that puzzled some people who have seen it. It is made of green fabric and images are sewn onto it. The images are a lion, an eagle, a human face, and an ox. Each image has wings. People want to know the meaning and some are too timid to ask about it.

This banner has the symbols of the four Gospels. The early church assigned these images to the evangelists and they stuck. If you wish to compare them to something that is more modern, they are the computer screen icons for the Gospels.

My home parish has statues of the evangelists in the alcoves in the old main altar. I learned, a long time ago, that the statues depicted Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in that order from left to right. There were plaques attached to the foot of each statue that had the symbol of each evangelist.

Our banner at the loft in back of the church does not go in the same order. The first image on our banner is the lion. It is assigned to Saint Mark. If you have been to Venice, the Cathedral's patron is Saint Mark. There is a column in the piazza with a statue of the lion on top of it. The characteristic of the gospel that the icon communicates is courage.

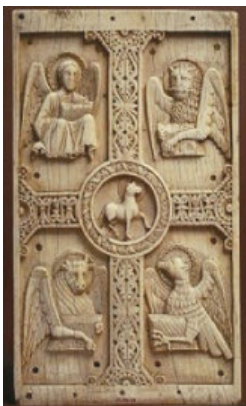
The image in the upper right quadrant is the eagle. It is assigned to Saint John. The Gospel communicates the divinity of Jesus. Like an eagle is able to soar, the early Christians were able to see that character in the Gospel according to John.

The third image at the lower left is the human face, sometimes called an angel. It is assigned to Saint Matthew. The Gospel communicates the human character of Jesus, the Son of God made man.

The symbol on the lower right is the ox for Saint Luke. It denotes Luke's communication of service, strength, and sacrifice that Jesus outlined for the Church. Oxen were used by farmers to pull the plow or a wagon. They were also offered in sacrifice to God.

When our parishioners see that banner that is usually displayed during ordinary time, we should remember the inspiration they received from the Church's faith account of what Jesus did while he lived among us in the flesh and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that made the evangelists commit the story to paper.

May we live the words of the Gospel.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Knights of Columbus

Msg. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637
of St. Joseph Parish

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold our annual
Tootsie Roll Drive after the Masses this
weekend, October 7th and 8th.

Please support this worthy
cause that assists
children and young adults with
intellectual disabilities.

Thank you.



In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said that public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to call down God's mercy. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.

JOIN US FOR THE 2023 AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA YEARLY ROSARY RALLY

What: The Holy Rosary

When: Saturday, October 14, 2023
at Noon

Where: Drury Square, Auburn
(Parking available behind
the Verizon Store)

For more information

contact Judy at 508-832-5431.



Sunday, October 8, 2023



Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

Monday, October 9, 2023

No Religious Education Classes		
Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Finance Committee Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, October 13, 2023

Coin Club	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, October 14, 2023

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
Diocesan Event	11:30AM-8:00PM	Parish Center

Sunday, October 15, 2023

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



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,446
Shortfall	(\$3,054)
Maintenance	\$1,255
Debt Redux	
Year to Date	
Budget	\$300,000
Collections	\$151,269
Electronic Payment	\$8,660
Shortfall	(\$140,071)

The second collection this weekend is for **Fuel**.
 There will not be a second collection next weekend.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

North American Martyrs Parish Novena

Fr. Frederick D. Fraini, III will begin a Novena to the patrons of their parish on Monday, October 9 at 6:30pm. It concludes on Thursday, October 19 with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus at 6:30pm. Guest speakers include: Rev. John Gavin, SJ Oct. 10; Msgr. Robert Johnson Oct. 11; Rev. Lucas LaRoche Oct. 12; Msgr. James Moroney Oct. 13; Rev. Paul Shaughnessy, SJ Oct 16; Msgr. Richard Reidy Oct. 17; Msgr. Stephen Pedone Oct 18; Bishop McManus Oct. 19. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30pm each night. For complete details on the speakers and saints, visit <https://namartyrsauburn.org/novena-to-our-parish-patrons>. North American Martyrs is located at 8 Wyoma Drive, Auburn.



NEWS FROM



**Classes are not in session
Monday, October 9,
in observance of Columbus Day.**



St. Joseph weekly bible study group

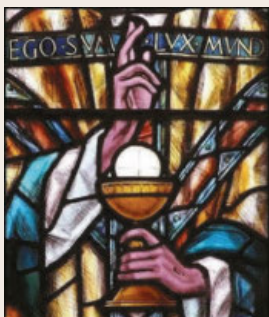
will begin meeting on Wednesday mornings, from 10am-Noon at the Parish Center this fall. The starting date will be set soon. This is a very informal discussion group. All are

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.



Learn to "Stop" Inappropriate Activity Before It Happens

Child safety tip: Teach your child to respect the word "stop!" Teach your preschooler that "stop" means "stop," and that your child has the right to stop people from touching his or her body. Obviously, exceptions will have to be made for doctors and parents, but even parents must listen when a child doesn't want to be tickled or hugged anymore. Reinforcing this excellent lesson gives your child the power to recognize—and to stop—"bad touching" by others if it should happen.

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.kidsafe.com.

St. Jude Novena in Leicester

Join us for the St. Jude Novena at Saint Aloysius-Saint Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester on **Sunday, Oct. 29 at 2:00 pm**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Homily, Litany to Saint Jude, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Benediction.



Meeting

**Tuesday, October 10
7:00 PM
in the Lower Church
Hall**

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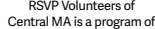
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