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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
November 12, 2023
Thirty-Second 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.

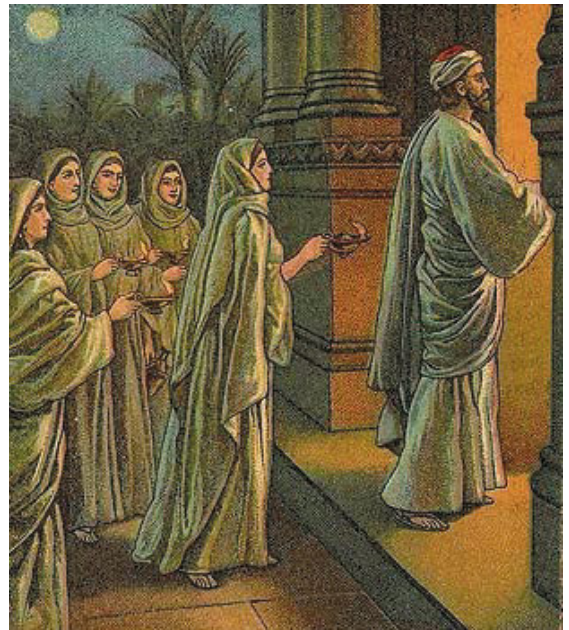
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, November 11, 2023

4:00PM *Veterans of St. Joseph Parish*

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30AM *Alan Parslow*

by Aunt Nancy

10:30AM *Robert Benoit*

Birthday Remembrance
by his spouse

Monday, November 13, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

8:00AM *Patrick J. Flynn*

Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

8:00AM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

Thursday, November 16, 2023

5:00PM *Helen and Ziggy Podmostka*

by a friend

Friday, November 17, 2023

8:00AM *Victor*

Saturday, November 18, 2023

4:00PM *Jane Reynolds*

by daughter Judy

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:30AM *Elodie-Anne Richard*

Birthday Remembrance
by her niece

10:30AM *For Blessings for Fr. Bomba*

on his 46th Anniversary
by the parish

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Lucie LaJeunesse

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, November 19, 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 Mary Skorvanek

Altar Server Paul Molis



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

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.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

One of the duties that pastors celebrate is the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The priest, the sick person and the community present pray together for the recovery of the sick person with God's grace. The outward signs of the sacrament are the laying on of hands and the anointing with the Oil of the Infirm.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that:

The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- *the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;*
- *the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;*
- *the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;*
- *the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;*
- *the preparation for passing over to eternal life.*

I have seen the effects of the sacrament demonstrated in a number of ways. Some people make their peace with God through the sacrament and relax in peace. Others, who were in critical condition, find healing and recover. Still others open themselves to God's will and heroically pick up their cross and walk with Jesus.

Recently I notice a trend that could be changed. The person who usually calls the rectory requesting the sacrament is part of the hospice care system. This is not the most expedient way for me to get the information that I need. Family members are the best way for me to receive information about the person who needs the sacrament. Family members are usually the primary care givers and can tell me if the person can or cannot receive Holy Communion. Family members do not have to look in their records for the sick person's address or when is the best time to visit the sick person.

Therefore, if you have a family member who needs to be anointed, call me yourself. Do not have a hospice person do it. You have the best information about the person who needs anointing and it will save some time on my part.

Do not wait for the sick person to draw their last breath before you call me. It is best when the sick person has the knowledge about what is going on and can participate in the process. When the sick person joins in the prayer with me and other people present, it strengthens the sick person in spirit.

God gives the Church the great gift of the sacraments. The Church invites the faithful to participate in God's grace given through the sacraments that lead us to eternal life. May we take full advantage of God's gifts to us.



Anointing of the sick

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

(Jas 5:14-15).

Stewardship!!!

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13)

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Sunday, November 12, 2023



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

Monday, November 13, 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, November 14, 2023

Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting 2024 6:30PM-7:30PM Parish Center

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

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

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

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Friday, November 17, 2023

CPR Class 9:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Confirmation 2023 Rehearsal 5:30PM Church

Saturday, November 18, 2023

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

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

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

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Grade 2 Mass 10:30AM Church

Confirmation 2023 3:00PM St. Paul Cathedral

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

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

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

“Whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus.” (Pope Francis, Message for the Seventh Annual World Day of the Poor)

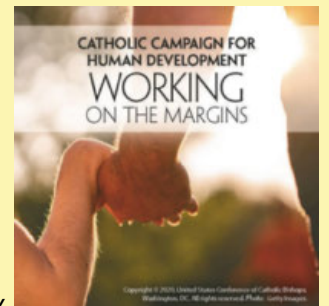
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For over 38 million Americans, there is a thin line between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This line is the Poverty Line. Nationally, for a family of four, that line is \$25,750 a year.

Since 1969, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has addressed poverty by attacking its causes and funding community projects that promote independence as a means of finding a permanent end to poverty. That’s why the CCHD theme is “Help Those on the Margins.” This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD’s anti-poverty grants and education programs.

This year, seventy-five percent of the collection will stay here in our diocese. Each November I meet with our parish and community groups which receive local grants from the previous year’s collection. It is always inspiring to see how these small grants blossom into effective programs to support the dignity of people who find themselves most often on the margins. Given our economy’s high inflation rate, the need has increased dramatically in the many food pantries and emergency assistance programs in our parishes and Catholic agencies which receive support from our local CCHD funds.

Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. We are “working on the margins” in Central Massachusetts and across America. Support the CCHD Collection on November 18 & 19 as a response to the Seventh Annual World Day of the Poor that Sunday as called for by our Holy Father. For more information about CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit www.povertyusa.org.



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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,518
Shortfall	(\$2,982)
Maintenance	\$1,423
Debt Redux	\$130
Year to Date	
Budget	\$337,500
Collections	\$168,382
Electronic Payment	\$9,795
Shortfall	(\$159,323)

The second collection this weekend is for Fuel.
The second collection next weekend will be for the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 2, 2023
9:00AM~2:00PM

We will be collecting baked goods for our bake table at the bazaar. If you would like to donate a baked item, please label it. (example: brownies with nuts, sugar-free cookies, apple pie, pumpkin bread, etc.) Whole items as well as single serving items are greatly appreciated. **Bring your delicious baked goods to the parish center on Thursday or Friday, November 30-December 1.**

Our raffle table always attracts a large crowd. We happily accept and appreciate gift baskets and gift cards to make our raffle table successful. If you would like to donate, please contact Mary McGrail, 508-832-9778 or Lisa Wass, 508-832-6683. **Raffle items can be brought to the center until Friday, December 1.**

We are still collecting donations for our attic treasures table until November 21. Please call Lisa to arrange a day and time for drop off at the parish center.

HELP WANTED

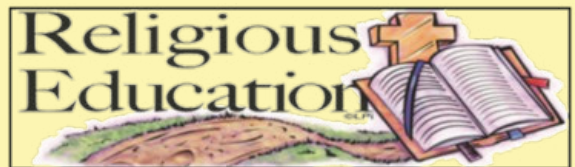
St. Joseph Parish is seeking a part-time custodian for the church and the rectory. It will include snow removal, lawn care, cleaning and maintenance of the buildings.

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.



NEWS FROM



Confirmation ~ 2023

Rehearsal for this year's confirmation candidates and their sponsors is Friday, November, 17, 5:30pm at the church. Confirmation robes will be distributed at this time

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 12 candidates from St. Joseph Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they are sealed in the Holy Spirit and become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Confirmation ~ 2024



GRADE 9 & 10 MEETING

(Confirmation 2024)

Our meeting for **both confirmation candidates and their parents** is Tuesday, November 14, 6:30pm, at the parish center.

An overview of the sacrament and requirements for confirmation will be explained and a schedule of classes and events will be provided. Please make every effort to attend.

This meeting is for students currently in grades 9 & 10 who will receive the sacrament of confirmation in the fall of 2024.

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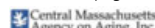
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