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November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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 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

Monday, November 20, 2023

8:00AM **Kenneth Klucznik**
by Patty Dyer

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

8:00AM **Joe and Stasia**

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

8:00AM **Francis**

Thursday, November 23, 2023

9:00AM **Henry**

Friday, November 24, 2023

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

Saturday, November 25, 2023

4:00PM **Karen Miller**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Sunday, November 26, 2023

8:30AM **Ernest Gedenberg**
by family

10:30AM **John Hyde**
by Ann Ostrowski

Saturday, November 25, 2023

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

Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

Happy Thanksgiving! We will celebrate the holiday on Thursday. Hopefully, it is part of our culture that permeates the entire year.

We give thanks to God for all gifts when we assemble for mass each day. We gather for the Eucharist, which is *Thanksgiving*. The Greek word from which we derive it is eucharistia or εὐχαριστία.

There are many references in ancient writings of the Fathers to the assembly gathering on Sunday to celebrate Eucharist. They easily could have called it something else, like the Lord's Table, or the Sacred Assembly, or the Breaking of the Bread, or the Holy Meal. Thanksgiving was and is the appropriate and proper label for the celebration that participates in the mysteries of the faith with a gathering of the faithful in prayer, sharing of the stories, and the communion in the Lord's Body and Blood.

It is most appropriate to share Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day. Both relate to giving thanks and doing so within the Church community is very uplifting. I will celebrate mass in the church on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. We will not celebrate mass in the evening as we usually do on Thursday.

Bring something from your table for blessing in the church. Leave the turkey in the oven. Bread rolls and a bottle of wine are most appropriate. Vegetables are also a good choice.

Bring a gift for the poor to donate to the food pantry. Please bring something that is in a can or box that we can give to the pantry as we usually donate on the second Sunday of the month. The spirit of thanksgiving bears good fruit when we share the blessings.

Remember that God is the giver of all good things. Be sure to focus on God's generosity and attempt to be as generous with one another.

Another facet of thanksgiving is forgiveness. As we give thanks to God for the forgiveness we receive from him, be generous with forgiveness to people who have hurt us.

Happy Thanksgiving. I give thanks to God for all the good people of Saint Joseph Parish. May your holiday be joyful. May you give thanks for many good gifts



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” (MATTHEW 25:21) God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Sunday, November 19, 2023



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Grade 2 Family Mass	10:30AM	Church
Confirmation 2023	3:00PM	Cathedral of St. Paul
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, November 20, 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 21, 2023

Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Wednesday, November 22, 2023

No Bible Group		
Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Private Event	Noon-5:00PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, November 25, 2023

No Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2

Sunday, November 26, 2023

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



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,541
Shortfall	(\$3,959)
Fuel	\$1,540
Debt Redux	\$10
Year to Date	
Budget	\$345,000
Collections	\$171,923
Electronic Payment	\$9,895
Shortfall	(\$163,182)

The second collection this weekend is for

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

There will not be a second collection next weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Bereavement Ministry – Worcester

“At the Foot of the Cross” Bereavement Ministry meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center, 37 Massasoit Rd. If you are grieving the loss of someone by death, please join us for sharing, prayer and mutual support.



REMINDER ...

The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Tues., November 21 at 7:00PM in the lower church hall.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Joseph Parish will be participating in the Giving Tree sponsored by Urban Missionaries of Worcester, which provides over 3,000, Christmas gifts to those children in need. This year there are two options available for you and your family to participate in the program.

1. Gift tags will be available in the church and parish center from November 26-December 17.
2. You may also make a donation through their "Go Fund Me" page. Find the tab on their website, www.urbanmissionaries.com for cash donations and they will purchase the gifts.

Please do not wrap gifts or place gifts in a decorated gift bag. Also, do not enclose any ribbons, bows or external decorations. Simply attach your chosen tag on the gift.

If a tag requests multiple gifts, select only one gift. If a tag is taken, please return a gift. Also, do not include anything edible and do not include batteries, even if required for the gift.

All gifts must be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 17, by 10:30am, for delivery to Urban Missionaries.

If you would like to help pack the gifts for delivery, call Brad Wass, 508-868-1421. If you would like to volunteer at Urban Missionaries, call 508-831-7455 or email:

mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com. They will let you know what their needs are. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this important cause.



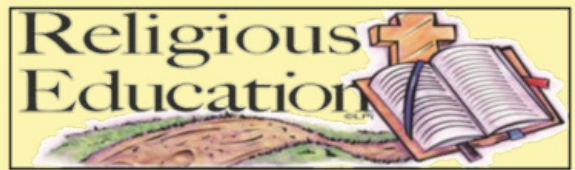
Give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day at Mass in the church at 9:00am

Bring something from your table for blessing in the church. Leave the turkey in the oven. Bread, rolls, vegetables or a bottle of wine are most appropriate.

Bring a gift for the poor to donate to the food pantry. Please bring something that is in a can or box that we can give to the pantry as we usually donate on the second Sunday of the month. The spirit of Thanksgiving bears good fruit when we share the blessings.

There will not be a 5:00pm Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

NEWS FROM



Confirmation ~ 2023

Today, twelve young adults from our parish will be sealed in the Holy Spirit upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. They are:

*Ahriana Aguilar * Aiden Aguilar
Christopher Aguilar * Luke Alexander
Owen Barrera * Erin Bjorkman * Nathan Catino
*Wyatt Diamond * Guiliana Fortunato
Thomas Hayes * Ryan Johnson * Ava Lane*



A REMINDER

There are no classes for grades 1 & 2, on Saturday, November 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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.

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