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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

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 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

Monday, November 27, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

8:00AM **Margaret**

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:00AM **Claire**

Thursday, November 30, 2023

5:00PM **Ann R. Cote**
Happy Birthday, Mom
by daughter Judith

Friday, December 1, 2023

8:00AM **Dick**

Saturday, December 2, 2023

4:00PM **Mitchell and Harriet**

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:30AM **Maryann Shea**
29th Anniversary Remembrance
by sister Anna

10:30AM **Roland and Josephine Brigham**
by family

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Lucie LaJeunesse

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:30am

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton

Marek Sitkowski

Lector Patty Bickford

Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am

Holy Communion Brad Wass +2

Lector Don Lagacy

Altar Server Alvin Montreuil



Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley

John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero

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,

The Christmas Bazaar will be at the Parish Center this Saturday, December 2. Come to the Bazaar to make purchases, take a chance on the raffles, and enjoy the good company of all the people who are working at the Bazaar. Thank you to all the people who donated to the Bazaar. Your donations will turn into cash that the parish needs to continue the work of the local Church. Thank you to the people who are hard at work preparing to stage the event. They moved merchandise, planned the layout, set up tables and chairs, and will sell goods and tickets on Saturday.



Remember the Pastor's Prize. I purchased scratch tickets and we will have two lucky winners. The first prize is Mass lottery scratch tickets, purchase price \$100. The second prize is Mass lottery scratch tickets, purchase price \$50.

The annual January Calendar Raffle will begin on January 1. You may have received your tickets in the mail or will receive them soon. Each day of January I will have someone pick a lucky winner at mass. Each weekday will award a \$25 prize and each Sunday will have a \$100 winner. The exception will be Sunday, January 28 when we will pick three winners. One winner will win \$200, another \$300 and still another will win \$500 on that day. Each winner in the raffle will also win a \$5 Massachusetts State Lottery Scratch Ticket.

Most parishioners will receive seven tickets in the mail with a letter that outlines this raffle. I received mine this week. Each calendar goes for \$10. The best deal is seven tickets for \$50. I will be busy processing the tickets and money and will be prepared to have the first winning ticket drawn on January 1, 2024.

People who want to participate in this raffle and have not received tickets in the mail can soon pick up the Calendar Raffle tickets on the last pews in the church or at the rectory. Make your returns through the mail, place them in the collection basket on the weekend or drop them at the rectory. Please mark your envelope with the words, "Calendar Raffle."

Support from this raffle will see the parish through the winter months when we pay heating and snow plowing bills. It will also allow the parish to pay down some of the debt that we owe from not paying bills to the diocese years ago. So far, we can still receive a dollar for dollar write off for every dollar we pay. Thank you for your participation.

St. Joseph Parish has a permit from the Town of Auburn to conduct this raffle and all the other raffles we conduct through the year. We must make an annual report to the town and pay a tax to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission after each event.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." (MATTHEW 25:40)

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

Sunday, November 26, 2023



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

Monday, November 27, 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 28, 2023

Bazaar Set Up 9:30AM Parish Center

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Bazaar Set Up 9:30AM Parish Center

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 30, 2023

Bazaar Set Up 9:30AM Parish Center

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Friday, December 1, 2023

Bazaar Set Up 9:30AM Parish Center

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Christmas Bazaar 9:00AM-2:00PM Parish Center

Grade 2 First Penance Preparation 10:00AM-11:00AM Parish Center

Private Event Noon-3:00PM Lower Church Hall

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

Sunday, December 3, 2023

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

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



Parish Support



DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES, TOTALS FOR LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

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.



Caroling and Cookies in Worcester

Join the Emmaus Ministry on the front steps of St. George Church, 38 Brattle St., for Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa on Sunday, Dec. 3 beginning at 6:00 pm with Caroling followed by Cookies & Cocoa in the Church Hall.

Questions? please call 508-854-0864 or email emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com.



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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.

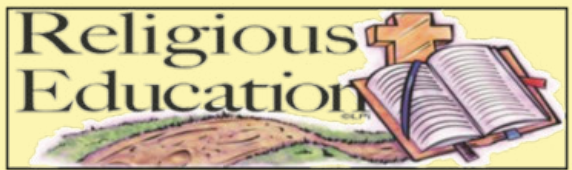
If a tag requests multiple gifts, select only one gift. If a tag is taken, please return a gift. Also, do not include anything edible and do not include batteries, even if required for the gift.

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.

NEWS FROM



Grade 2 - First Penance Preparation Schedule

December 2 & 9 – 10am, at the church

December 9– First Penance Retreat

11:15am - 1pm in the lower church hall

Please bring a lunch

December 16– 10am

First Confession at the church

St. Joseph



Saturday, December 2, 2023

Our 17th annual Christmas Bazaar is next Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Parish Center from 9:00AM-2:00PM

Don't miss out on the attic treasures, collectibles, jewelry, baked goods, candy, toys and so much more!!!! Be sure to take a chance on the over 30 raffle items and Fr. Bomba's donation of a \$100 and a \$50 Lottery Scratch ticket board.

If you would like to donate baked items for our baked goods table, 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.

Please wrap up your single serving items individually. Bring them to the parish center on Thursday, November 30 or Friday, December 1 between 9:30am-3:30pm.

We will be setting up the hall on Tuesday, November 21, through Friday, December 1, from 9:30am-3:30pm. We can use the help. Come anytime that is convenient for you.



Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth.

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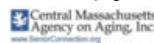
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