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Whoever exalts
himself will be
humbled;
but whoever
humbles himself
will be exalted.

November 5, 2023

Thirty-First 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.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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

Monday, November 6, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

8:00AM **Stella Cunningham**
by her son

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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

Thursday, November 9, 2023

5:00PM **Dora Lavin**
Anniversary Remembrance
by her daughter

Friday, November 10, 2023

8:00AM **Joseph and Mary**

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

Food Pantry Reminder

Next weekend is our monthly food collection. Items most needed are macaroni & cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and pasta.

Food collections will be donated to Auburn Youth and Family Services.



Saturday, November 11, 2023

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

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Jean Ashton

10:30am
Holy Communion Chris Benvenuti +2
Lector Don Lagacy
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

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The sacrament of Penance, also known as Confession, is still one of the great sacraments of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us about the naming of the sacrament:

1423 It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

1424 It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God." He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

The Catechism also instructs us about the institution and practice of the sacrament:

1446 Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as "the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace."

1447 Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their Baptism (for example, idolatry, murder, or adultery) was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation. To this "order of penitents" (which concerned only certain grave sins), one was only rarely admitted and in certain regions only once in a lifetime. During the seventh century Irish missionaries, inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the "private" practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest. This new practice envisioned the possibility of repetition and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day.

I am present in the reconciliation room, the confessional, on Saturday at 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. to hear confessions. If that opportunity is not available for you, you can make an appointment to come to confession. Priests throughout the diocese may hear your confession if you choose not to come to your pastor.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12) The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

Sunday, November 5, 2023



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

Monday, November 6, 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

Wednesday, November 8, 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 9, 2023

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, November 10, 2023

CPR Class	9:30am-Noon	Parish Center
Coin Club	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center

Saturday, November 11, 2023

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

Sunday, November 12, 2023

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



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,330
Shortfall	(\$4,170)
Debt Redux	\$110
Year to Date	
Budget	\$330,000
Collections	\$163,864
Electronic Payment	\$9,495
Shortfall	(\$156,641)

The second collection this weekend is for Maintenance.

The second collection next weekend will be for Fuel.

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.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank you ...

... To the Msgr. Thomas F. Neary
Council #13637 of St. Joseph
Parish for their generous
donation to the parish.



Assumption University Panel on Women's Issues

On **Thursday, Nov. 9 at 11:30 am**, the D'Amour College at Assumption University is sponsoring a lecture/panel titled "Did the Women's Movement Make a Wrong Turn?" Panelists include noted authors Erika Bachiochi, Mary Harrington, and Assistant Professor of Theology Rachel Coleman as moderator. Will take place at Curtis Hall, Assumption University, 500 Salisbury St, Worcester. All are welcome.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar



Our 17th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Parish Center on Saturday, December 2, from 9:00am-2:00pm.

We have wonderful volunteers but can always use more help. If you would like join the team, please reach out to Mary McGrail 508-832-9778 or Lisa Wass at 508-832-6683. We would love and appreciate your help.

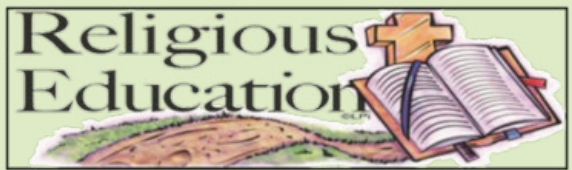
We continue to accept donations of jewelry, knit goods (mittens, all sizes & colors), holiday décor, toys and attic treasures. We cannot accept clothing, bedding, electronics or large furniture. Gift baskets and gift certificates are greatly appreciated for our raffle table.

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

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



Confirmation



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 grade 9 & 10 who will receive the sacrament of confirmation in 2024.

PROMISE to Protect **Pledge to HEAL**

Who Are the Abusers?

Estimates are that approximately 60% of abusers are men, 15 to 20% are women, and 20 to 40% are men and women acting together. So while men are indeed the majority of sexual abusers, it is dangerous to underestimate the risk that female sexual abusers also pose to children. Among educators, 57.2% of abusers are male, and 42.4% of abusers are female.

For particular help you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363

Source: Charol Shakeshaft, Hofstra University, from speech given at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

G.K. Chesterton Society

The G. K. Chesterton Society of Worcester invites new members to join us on **Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 pm** at Immaculate Conception Church's lower hall, 353 Grove Street, Worcester. The group is currently discussing Chesterton's book on St. Thomas Aquinas.

For further information, contact Candace at cjaegle787@gmail.com.



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