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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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.

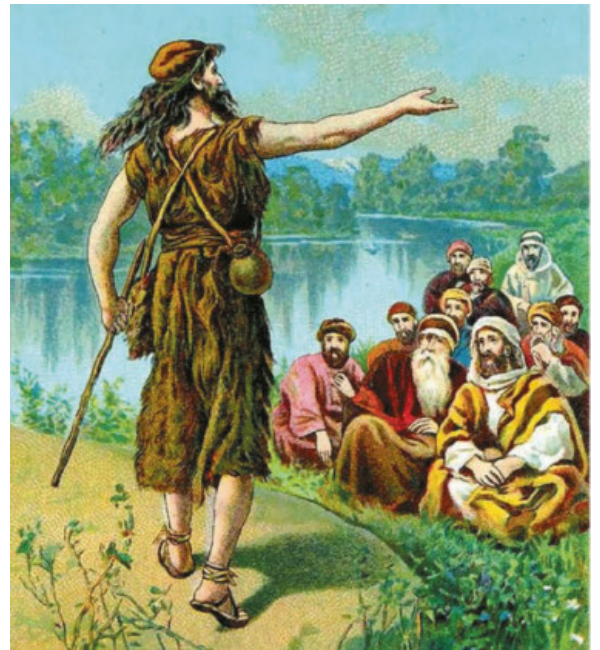
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, December 9, 2023

4:00PM **Ann R. Cote**
16th Anniversary Remembrance
by daughter Judith

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:30AM **Vincent Denaris**
33rd Anniversary Remembrance
by sister Anna

10:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Monday, December 11, 2023

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

8:00AM **William Lavin**
Anniversary Remembrance
by his daughter

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

8:00AM **Louis and Stefania**

Thursday, December 14, 2023

5:00PM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:00AM **Stan and Katherine**

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00PM **Cindy Jette and
Mary "Pat" Spaulding**
by Mary Hirbour

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:30AM **Michelle Marrier**
14th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Nikolaos Glykis**
2nd Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector Lucie LaJeunesse
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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

10:30am
Holy Communion Chris Benvenuti +2
Lector Lisa Wass
Altar Server Paul Molis



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



Please sign up to serve at the Christmas Mass that you plan to attend. Sign up sheets are available in the back of the church. *Thank you!*

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,



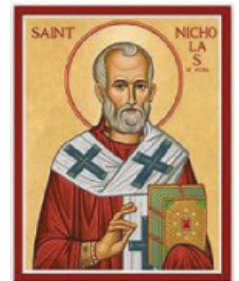
We celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent this week. We await the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. We also await the coming of Christ at the end of time. We prepare for both comings by being alert and prepared. One of the great ways that we can be awake, aware, and prepared is the acknowledgement of the presence of Christ among us always.

There are a number of particular celebrations on the Church's calendar during Advent that contribute to the anticipation of Christmas. We celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus, twice. We celebrated the Immaculate Conception on Friday. Mary, conceived without sin, is the new Eve for the human race. God prepared her to be the mother of his Son and made her free from sin even at her conception.



We follow with another celebration of Mary, this week, as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary's appearances to people in Europe did much to evoke faith in people in Europe. It could not be confined to Europe as Mary appeared to a Mexican man of faith. Many pilgrims honor our Blessed Mother as they see her image on the cloak of Saint Juan Diego in the shrine in Mexico. The Church will celebrate that visit of Our Lady on Tuesday.

Last week we celebrated Saint Nicholas. His story inspires generosity directed toward the care of children. It contributes to the spirit of Christmas, remembering the care and generosity that God inspires in the revelation of His Son.



Wednesday will bring the celebration of Saint Lucy, the virgin and martyr. She was also concerned with the care of children and was generous in sharing the family wealth with people in need. Her name has the same Latin root as the word, light. During the darkest time of the year in the northern hemisphere, we celebrate a saint whose light shines among us.

May you celebrate Advent with the spirit of anticipation with blessings and inspiration from the Church's customs and prayer.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Celtic Christmas Concert in Webster

On **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 pm**, Sacred Heart Parish, 16 East Main St., Webster invites you to "Wings of Song - a Christmas Concert of Celtic Noels" featuring the Wings of Song Chamber Chorale directed by Nym Cooke. Features music from Brittany, France with instrumental accompaniment. Free will offering accepted. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Learn more at www.wingsofsong.org.



Stewardship!!!

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." (MARK 1:3)

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

Congratulations to the winners

of the Pastor's Prize Raffle:

**Diane Flynn was the winner of the
Lottery Tickets: Purchase Price \$100.**

Lisa Wass won the Lottery

Tickets:

Purchase Price \$50.

**Thank you to everyone who
bought tickets.**



Sunday, December 10, 2023



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| Gr. 9 & 10 Rite of Commitment Mass | 10:30AM | Church |
| AA Meeting | 7:00PM-9:00PM | Lower Church Hall |

Monday, December 11, 2023

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| Religious Education Classes 3, 4 & 5 | 4:00PM-5:15PM | Parish Center |
| Religious Education Classes 6, 7 & 8 | 6:45PM-8:00PM | Parish Center |

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

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| Bible Group | 10:00AM-Noon | Parish Center |
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Wednesday, December 13, 2023

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| AA Meeting | 7:00PM-9:00PM | Lower Church Hall |
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Thursday, December 14, 2023

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| Choir Rehearsal | 6:30PM | Church |
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Saturday, December 16, 2023

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| Religious Education Grade 1 | 10:00AM-11:15AM | Parish Center |
| Grade 2 First Penance | 10:00AM | Church |
| CMSC Driver Education | 8:30AM-3:00PM | Parish Center |
| Plumbing School | 8:00AM-5:00PM | Parish Center |

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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

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



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| Weekly Goal | \$7,500 |
| Last Weekend | \$4,780 |
| Shortfall | (\$2,720) |
| Maintenance | \$1,669 |
| Debt Redux | \$30 |
| Year to Date | |
| Budget | \$367,500 |
| Collections | \$185,048 |
| Electronic Payment | \$10,850 |
| Shortfall | (\$171,602) |

The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The second collection next weekend will be for Christmas Flowers and Fuel.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

The sympathies of our parish are extended to the family of **Elaine J. Mullins** who recently passed away.



Vianney Dinner

The next Vianney dinner is Monday, Dec. 18 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00-8:30 pm social. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.



Healing Mass at Cathedral

The Cathedral of Saint Paul, 19 Chatham St. in Worcester will hold a Healing Mass on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 pm.

Second Sunday of Advent



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.

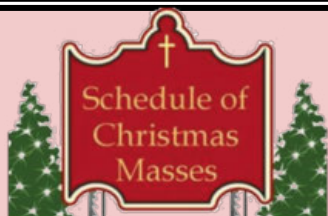
Simply attach your chosen tag on the gift.

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.



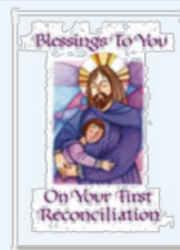
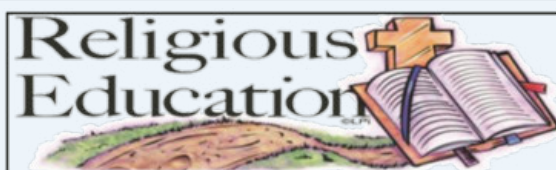
**CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**
Mass will be celebrated
at 4:00 PM and
10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
Mass at 9:00 AM
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
MONDAY, JANUARY 1
Mass at 9:00 AM

The Solemnity of Mary is not
a holyday of obligation this year.

There will not be an 8:00 AM Mass on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

**NEWS
FROM**



Grade 2 ~ First Penance

Saturday, December 16, 10:00am at the church

Children's Prayer for the Second Week of Advent



Jesus, You are the light of the world.

May your love take away our sins.

May it help us to prepare the way for you
by being kind, forgiving and fair. Amen



***It is that time
once again!***

Our annual calendar raffle tickets have been mailed out. The raffle will begin on January 1.

We will award a \$25 cash prize on each day of January, with special bonus winning days occurring on Sunday, January 7, 14, 21 & 28, when you can win a prize in the amount of \$100 to \$500!

As an additional bonus, all winners will also receive a \$5 MA State Lottery scratch ticket!

Each calendar ticket is \$10 for entry into all drawings, so you can win more than once! Also, when you purchase or sell 5 tickets, you receive an additional 2 tickets free! So, the cost of 7 tickets is only \$50!

A limited number of tickets are available in the front of the church, at the parish center or at the rectory. Ticket returns may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or returned to the rectory in person or by mail.

***They make great stocking stuffer gifts for Christmas!!
Good luck to one and all!!***

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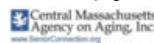
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