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... and as he
watched
Jesus walk
by, he said,
“Behold, the
Lamb of
God.”

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

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00PM **Robert Benoit**
Anniversary Remembrance
by his spouse

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30AM **Helen Wojnarowicz**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by a friend

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

Monday, January 15, 2024

8:00AM **Bill and Clarence**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

8:00AM **Caroline Messina**
Anniversary Remembrance
by her daughter-in-law

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

8:00AM **Lena**

Thursday, January 18, 2024

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

Friday, January 19, 2024

8:00AM **John and Sophie**

Saturday, January 20, 2024

4:00PM **Louis and Theresa**

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **Stan and Maria**

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Pat Messina

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30am

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton

Marek Sitkowski

Lector Mary Skorvanek

Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am

Holy Communion Scott Maselek +2

Lector Don Lagacy

Altar Server Paul Molis



Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley- Donna Perron
John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb
Thomas McMahon - Elsie Faneuil - Julia
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Jack Holmberg - Marianne and Robert Haroian
Cindy Fitzgerald - Joseph Cloutier, Jr.
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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

REMINDER ...

**The Msgr. Thomas F.
Neary Council #13637
Knights of Columbus of
St. Joseph Parish will
hold its monthly meeting
on Tuesday, January 16
at 7:00PM in the
lower church hall.**



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

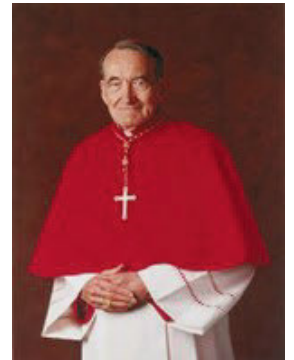
Some people question what is happening to the Church. Like the politics of our society, there seems to be the same climate of intolerance and extreme views that tear at the fabric of the Church. People in the pews and students in schools become confused with the polarization and wonder where the truth lies.

Much of this happens online. Some also happens in universities and religious orders. Was it always that way? To some extent, it was always that way. There are classical arguments that have long roots in history like the discussion about justification and grace that goes on between Jesuits and Dominicans. While each group's discussion comes from a particular point of view, there is always a respect for the position of the opponent.

The Church has found room for differing philosophical and theological traditions. This trait, with God's grace, has helped to strengthen the Church in her pursuit to bring the Gospel to many.

I want to give you two examples of differing points of view that were presented by two priests, now both deceased, where the Church found room with generous grace.

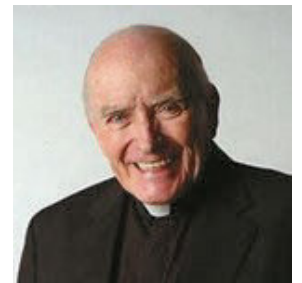
Avery Dulles was a convert to the Catholic faith. His search for God brought him to the Catholic Church. He was well educated and spent most of his life writing and teaching. He joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and was ordained a priest. He was a serious scholar and was very much in demand to lecture in universities around the world. He spent much time at Woodstock College and the Catholic University of America. His book *Models of the Church* was one of my textbooks that I found very valuable.



Father Dulles was very careful in his approach. It was easy to see a systematic reasoning in his thought. He was always cautious in stating what was Church teaching and what was his theological idea. He was always careful not to confuse the two.

I spent a morning with him in Leuven, Belgium sipping coffee and discussing an article he had recently published in *America* magazine. Pope John Paul II named him a cardinal in the Church, even though he was not a bishop. When Pope Benedict visited the United States he interrupted his schedule to pay a personal visit to Cardinal Dulles.

Andrew Greeley was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He specialized in his study of sociology and was known for being an associate at the National Opinion Research Center. Much of his work had to do with the sociology of the Catholic Church in the United States. He was well known for some of his outlandish statements that often grabbed headlines in newspapers, especially in Chicago.



Some of you may remember him because you read his books. He published fiction and was very popular in the 1970-2000 period. He was often on the N.Y. Times Best Sellers List. He also wrote a column for a Chicago newspaper syndicate that found its way into many newspapers. The *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* carried his column. Many people asked how someone who writes like him could be a priest. The usual response was, what Father Greeley writes today completely depends upon with whom he spoke yesterday.

Cardinals Cody and Bernardin were both challenged with statements that Father Greeley made and were always quick to remark that he was a priest of the Archdiocese in good standing, despite his remarks.

There was room for both priests in the Church. Their writings stirred people to think about God, about themselves, about relationships. It was a kinder moment in our history that allowed people to explore and think and talk.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Sunday, January 14, 2024



Sunday, January 14, 2024

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

Monday, January 15, 2024

No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2 10:00AM-11:15AM Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10 10:15AM-11:30AM Parish Center
CMSC Driver Education Classes 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center
Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Grade 2 Mass 10:30AM Church
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.



An Appropriate Way to Report Inappropriate Behavior

How should you communicate your concerns to someone who may be behaving inappropriately with children? The "I" message is a simple way to reframe what you want to say so that the listener hears you speak of your feelings and concerns rather than hearing a complaint against him- or herself. The "I" message, simply diagrammed, says, "I feel [feeling] when [situation] because [reason]." For example, you can say, "I feel anxious when you drive a child home alone after religious education classes, because that could put you or the child in a potentially risky situation." It is a much more constructive approach than saying, "You shouldn't be driving children home alone because it is against the rules and puts them in danger."

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

Source: Paul J. Ashton, "CAREfronting vs. Confronting Those Who Behave Inappropriately," featured August 9, 2004, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus.



CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

The Calendar Raffle began on January 1 and will continue until the end of the month.

The lucky winners are:

January 1	\$25	Nancy Parslow
January 2	\$25	Melissa McDonald
January 3	\$25	Raymond Garry
January 4	\$25	Bruce Kuchnicki
January 5	\$25	Charles Hannon
January 6	\$25	T.J. Maselek
January 7	\$100	George Gagne
January 8	\$25	Mary P. Ouellette
January 9	\$25	Joan Flynn

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,033
Shortfall	(\$4,467)
Catholic Univ	\$483
Debt Redux	\$135
Year to Date	
Budget	\$7,500
Collections	\$3,033
Electronic Payment	\$320
Shortfall	(\$4,147)

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.



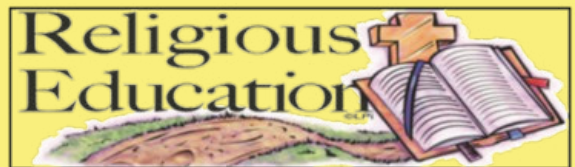
Christmas Decoration Donations

The St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar committee will be accepting Christmas decorations for next year's bazaar until the end of January.

If you have decorations that you will no longer be using, please bring them to the parish center for next year's bazaar. Our Christmas tables always have beautiful used pieces for sale. Call 508-832-6683, to arrange a drop off time. It is much appreciated!

Only Christmas items will be accepted. We do not have the storage space for other donations at this time.

NEWS FROM



Martin Luther King Jr

I Have a Dream



No Religious Ed Classes

Monday, January 15, in observance of
Martin Luther King Day.



The grade 2 family Mass is Sunday, January 21,
10:30am at the church.



Family Contact Information

We are updating our student contact information. If your child is attending religious education classes, please send in your current information.

If you have moved, changed your home/cell phone number or email address or wish to change your emergency contact information, please email the new information to:

stjoesreledaub@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Stewardship!!!

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" (John 1:38) When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

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