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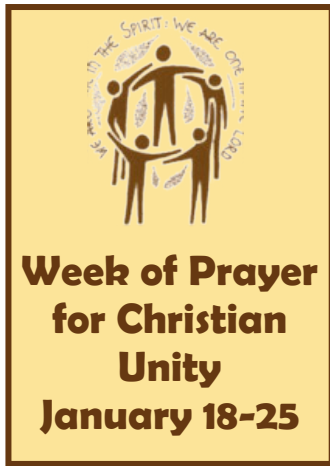
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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Week of Prayer
for Christian
Unity
January 18-25**

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.

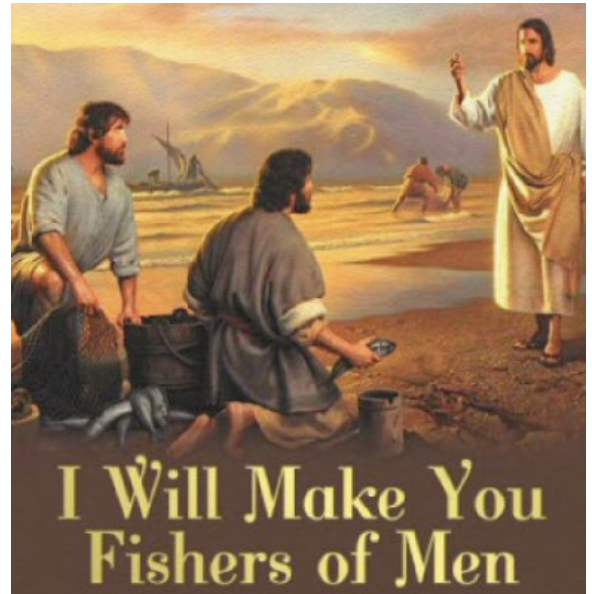
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, January 20, 2024

4:00PM *Louis and Theresa*

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30AM *People of St. Joseph Parish*

10:30AM *Richard Gregory*
by Jack

Monday, January 22, 2024

8:00AM *John W. Stefanski*
10th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

8:00AM *Joseph and Mary*

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

8:00AM *Margaret Falvey*
Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, January 25, 2024

5:00PM *Victor*

Friday, January 26, 2024

8:00AM *Joe and Stasia*

Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:00PM *Francis*

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30AM *George and Anna Martin*
Birthday and
Anniversary Remembrances
by family

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

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Doreen Goodrich

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30am

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski

Lector Anna Fleming

Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am

Holy Communion Phil Benvenuti +2

Lector Scott Maselek

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
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



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.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Bishop has sent this message and I am passing it on to you.

On Monday, January 22, 2024, the Church throughout the United States will observe the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. This observance is designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373), as a particular day of prayer and penance, reminding us of our preeminent priority to pray and work for an end to the tragic scourge of abortion. All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

While the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in the case Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health thankfully overturned the infamous and unjust 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. throughout all nine months of pregnancy, the issue of the legalized abortion has now returned to the states and our work is far from over.

Fifty years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With millions of lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to reverently observe the Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day and in the months to come, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer.” Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God’s grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



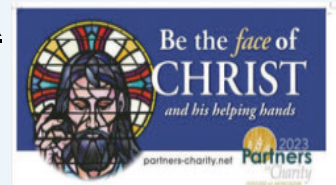
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A SPECIAL ITALIAN DINNER

As an ongoing supporter of Partners in Charity I want to cordially invite the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Auburn, to a special Partners in Charity 2024 Italian Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, January 23 at St. Joseph Church Parish Center, located at 68 Central Street in Auburn. The dinner will start at 6PM.

Please kindly RSVP by calling 508-929-4366 or send an email

to development@worcesterdiocese.org. As Bishop, I look forward to welcoming and seeing you along with your pastor as we launch the upcoming appeal.

Gratefully, Bishop McManus



Sunday, January 21, 2024



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Grade 2 Mass	10:30AM	Church
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, January 22, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 3 - 5	4:00PM-5:15PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 6 - 8	6:45PM-8:00PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
Diocesan Event	6:00PM-8:00PM	Parish Center

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church hall
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Thursday, January 25, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, January 27, 2024

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

Sunday, January 28, 2024

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.



A Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses in the United States face significant challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which began in 1924, supports these dioceses in order to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Home missions are those Latin and Eastern Rite dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Currently, over 40% of dioceses are considered home missions.

Home mission dioceses often have Catholic populations distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of Amarillo in Texas is a good example. In the Diocese of Amarillo, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church. The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions.

I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of January 28 to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



With every prayerful best wish, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,272
Shortfall	(\$4,228)
Maintenance	\$2069
Debt Redux	\$78
Year to Date	
Budget	\$15,000
Collections	\$6,305
Electronic Payment	\$440
Shortfall	(\$8,255)

The second collection this weekend is for Fuel.

The second collection next weekend will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

NEWS FROM



Show what you know...



The following questions are from the grade 5 text. Answers will be in next week's bulletin. Good luck!!

The cycle of feasts and seasons that make up the Church's year is call the _____.

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are the Sacraments of _____.

The season of prayer, fasting and charity before Easter is called _____.

Name the Seven Sacraments. _____.

Talking and listening to God is called _____.

The sacred box God commanded Moses to build to hold the restored tablets of the Ten Commandments is call the Ark of the _____.



"Guardian Angels watch over us so God can work on more important stuff."

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
January 10	\$25	Francis Kavanagh
January 11	\$25	Thomas Higgins
January 12	\$25	Patty Domenick
January 13	\$25	Dolores Cloutier
January 14	\$100	Mary Creamer
January 15	\$25	Deborah Halley
January 16	\$25	Judy Freelander

Assumption School Open House

Assumption School, PreK through Grade 8, is holding an Open House for prospective families on **Sunday, January 28th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** We are located at 17 Grove Street, Millbury.

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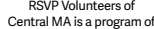
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