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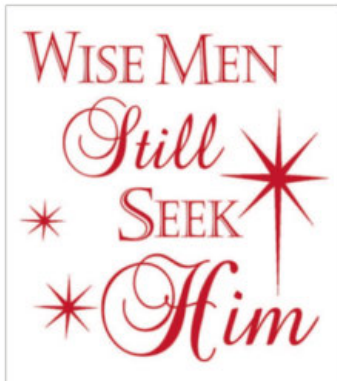
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January 7, 2024

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

The Epiphany of the Lord

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 13, 2024

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

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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

10:30am
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour +2
Lector Sandy Pierce
Altar Server Paul Molis

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00PM **Ann R. Cote**
by daughter Judith

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:30AM **Adrian Gonyea**
22nd Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Robert Cicio, Sr.**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Monday, January 8, 2024

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

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:00AM **Bill and Joan**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00AM **Marvin Degon**
Anniversary Remembrance
by Kelly

Thursday, January 11, 2024

5:00PM **Margie Falvey**
Anniversary Remembrance

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:00AM **Robert Cicio, Jr.**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

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**



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Thank you to all the people who make our Christmas celebrations a wonderful time of prayer.

- Thank you to the choir and musicians who sing praise to God and lead the rest of us to do likewise.
- Thank you to the people who came to decorate the church with lights and wreaths and Christmas tree and red drapes and banners and a manger scene that reminds us of the birth of Jesus.
- Thank you to the people who participated as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and servers.
- Thank you to the people who took up the collection and served as ushers and welcomed people to the church.
- Thank you to people who brought friends and family to church to pray who do not usually join us.

Thank You 

Thank you to the people who sent cards and gifts to the rectory to help me celebrate the season. I have enough cookies to see me through to Ash Wednesday!!

We continue the Christmas season this weekend as we celebrate the visit of the Magi. Next week we will remember the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by Saint John and that will conclude the Christmas liturgical cycle. Some people will extend the season a bit until we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. We give thanks to God for the gift of His Son.

The secular press has spent many words about the Holy Father and the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith releasing the declaration, *Fiducia Supplicans* (Supplicating Trust) on the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings. Much of what is published is not correct. Please do not believe everything you read in popular media.

You may read the original document in an official English translation on the Vatican website. Go to the Roman Curia from the main page of the Holy See. Go further to the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and you will find the document there. It is long.

I think that reporters failed to read the original document to publish what is in the popular media. The Dicastery made extensive explanation of blessings and God's bestowal upon people through the ministry of the Church. The important point that the Holy Father and the Dicastery makes is that the Church does not bless a sin. The Church does bless sinners to call them to holiness.

When I bless people at the end of mass I do not require a Church membership card, nor a moral account of their behavior to receive a blessing. The blessing is for all. The blessing is bestowed to everyone in the church calling all of us to holiness and grace.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

The Epiphany of the Lord

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



Sunday, January 7, 2024



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Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10	10:30AM-2:00PM	Church
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, January 8, 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
Boy Scout Training	6:00PM-9:00PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Thursday, January 11, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, January 12, 2024

Coin Club	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, January 13, 2024

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

Sunday, January 14, 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.



Tickets now available for 2024 Men's Conference

Tickets are now available for the 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference, which will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 2024** at Worcester's DCU Center.



Tickets are only \$50 for adults and \$30 for students and can be purchased online at www.catholicmenworc.com or by calling (978) 537-3016. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark and Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers ("The Dynamic Deacon") and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include lunch, and the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50 plus relevant vendors, all within the same area of the spacious and ultra professional surroundings of the DCU Center. Sound, lighting, seating, comfort and convenience will be a huge upgrade for 2024, in addition to our usual great slate of speakers.

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.



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

The Epiphany of the Lord



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,220
Shortfall	(\$4,280)
Debt Redux	\$65
Year to Date	
Budget	\$397,500
Collections	\$200,244
Electronic Payment	\$11,765
Shortfall	(\$185,491)

The second collection this weekend is for
The Catholic University of America.
The second collection next weekend will be for
Maintenance.
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



No Religious Ed Classes

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



Weather Cancellation Information

If Religious Education classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be notified in the following ways:

All grade levels – Check your email. When a decision is made that classes will be cancelled, an email will be sent to all families.

Saturday (Gr. 1, 2, 9 & 10) – You will receive an email or phone call before 8:30am.

Afternoon and evening classes (Gr. 3 – 8) If school is cancelled, or there is an early release, religious education classes are also cancelled.

If we need to cancel classes because of a daytime, or impending late afternoon or evening storm, schools will be contacted, and they will inform the students.

If you are not sure, email stjoesreledaub@gmail.com, and a response will be sent. Let's hope for a mild winter!!!

Pro-Life Morning of Reflection – Jan. 13

All are invited to attend a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment on **Saturday, Jan, 13 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required.

To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.



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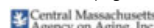
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