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## 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.

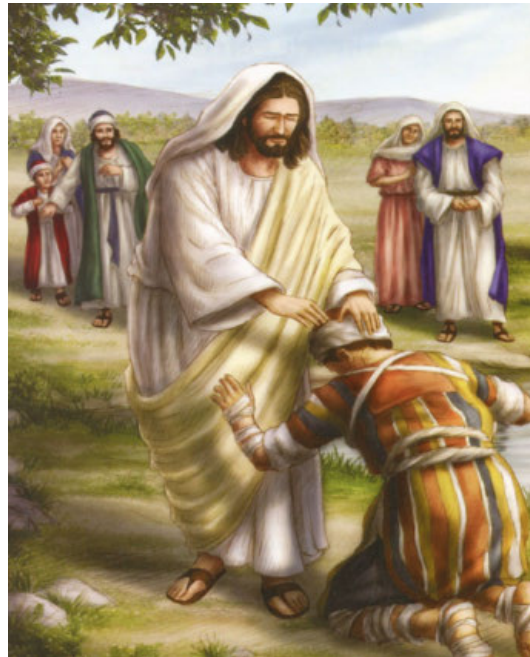
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



## Saturday, February 10, 2024

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

## Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30AM **Paul Lavin**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by his sister

10:30AM **Roger McCauliff, Jr.  
and Doris Wesolowski**  
Anniversary Remembrances  
by family

## Monday, February 12, 2024

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

## Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:00AM **Richard H. Going**  
32nd Anniversary Remembrance  
by Joan Going

## Wednesday, February 14, 2024

8:00AM **Albert Rodrigue**  
Noon **People of St. Joseph Parish**  
6:30PM **For healing for Pat Messina**  
by JoAnne and Jim

## Thursday, February 15, 2024

5:00PM **Fr. James J. Caldarella**

## Friday, February 16, 2024

8:00AM **Claire**

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

4:00PM **Albert Rodrigue**

## Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30AM **Stacie Jude Angers**  
In Remembrance  
by family

10:30AM **John F. Cunningham**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by his son

Saturday, February 17, 2024

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

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30am  
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton  
Marek Sitkowski  
Lector Mary Skorvanek  
Altar Server Patty Bickford  
10:30am  
Holy Communion Lisa Wass +2  
Lector Sandy Pierce  
Altar Server Paul Molis



Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley- Donna Perron  
John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero  
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb  
Thomas McMahan - 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  
Eleanor Markham

# Auburn, Massachusetts

**Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

The Church begins Lent this week. Ash Wednesday is this week. I will celebrate mass and distribute ashes in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. We may not have a mass for Ash Wednesday on Tuesday evening.

Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence in the Church.

While fasting does not apply to the very young, the very old, and the sick, abstinence applies to all Catholics. The practice of fasting and abstinence are the minimum acts of penance required by the Church. She encourages all members to do other acts of faith and charity throughout Lent in humility before God. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday gives us Divine Guidance: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.



Please remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of fast and abstinence. The rest of the Fridays of Lent are only days of abstinence.

I will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on the Friday evenings in Lent. We will use three different versions of the Stations liturgy. Books will be available on the table in the middle of the church throughout Lent for people who wish to pray the stations at another time. Please return the books back to the table in the middle of the church so other people might take the opportunity for prayer.

Ash Wednesday falls on the same day as Valentine's Day. Saint Valentine would have recognized the precedence of Ash Wednesday over the celebration of his feast. Valentine celebrations could take place before we enter Lent. It is important to celebrate romantic love. I do not advise a gift of chocolate to a person who usually does not eat it during Lent, unless you wish to torture that person with great temptation.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program and it is an opportunity for our parish to support our sisters and brothers around the world—especially people experiencing poverty, hunger and the effects of climate change.

This year, through CRS Rice Bowl, we will encounter communities in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia. Furthermore, participating in CRS Rice Bowl will help us engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

When you pick up your Rice Bowl, you'll also receive a Lenten calendar that offers short reflections for each day of Lent.

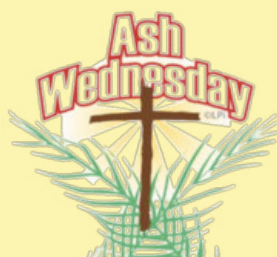
Make sure to put together this cardboard box and use it to collect your family's alms. And visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for stories, meatless recipes, prayers and more to enrich your Lenten journey. I already have my Rice Bowl ready to receive my donations. I will pray for the people who will receive our donations.

Please pick up your Rice Bowl and calendar for your family, from the last seat in the church. We will collect the Rice Bowls starting on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week.



**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

**Masses on  
Ash Wednesday,  
February 14, will be  
celebrated in the church  
at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon  
and 6:30 p.m.**



## **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.

# Sunday, February 11, 2024



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

## Monday, February 12, 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, February 13, 2024

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

## Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

## Thursday, February 15, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

## Friday, February 16, 2024

CPR Class 9:30AM-5:00PM Parish Center

Stations of the Cross 6:30PM Church

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2 10:00AM-11:15AM Parish Center

Religious Education Class Grades 9 & 10 10:15AM-11:30AM Parish Center

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

CMSC Drivers Education 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Private Event 6:00PM-11:00PM Parish Center

## Sunday, February 18, 2024

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

A Meeting 7:0PM-9:00PM Lower Church Hall



## Parish Support



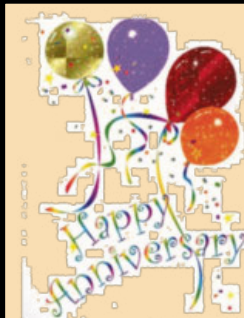
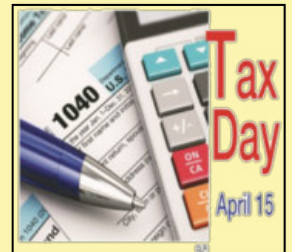
Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$5,183
Shortfall	(\$2,317)
Debt Redux	\$80
Year to Date	
Budget	\$37,500
Collections	\$17,442
Electronic Payment	\$1,385
Shortfall	(\$18,673)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.  
The second collection next weekend will be for Maintenance.  
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

## **2023 Tax Contribution Statements**

Statements of your donations to St. Joseph Parish are available at the church after masses.

Statements of your donations to the *Partners in Charity Appeal and Legacy of Hope* were mailed.



*Congratulations to JOE AND DOLLY CLOUTIER as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.*

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stations of the Cross

Come to pick up your cross and follow Jesus in prayer at the Stations of the Cross on each Friday of Lent through March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.



### Confession

On Saturday  
at 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
in the church  
or by appointment.



### GIVE TO THE COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

#### A Message from Bishop McManus ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When a young man is ordained, you, his parishioners, become his family and he becomes your spiritual father. Through the joys of Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmations and Weddings, the priest is at the heart of parish and family life. When sickness, strain, tragedy and death strike, your spiritual father is there to steady you, reassure you and give you hope by pointing to Jesus Christ and to the mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection.

As family members, we grow with our priests. In time, we or they move on, but their love, support and lessons remain with us. Like every family there comes a time when those who have nourished, nurtured, and supported us grow old and need our support.

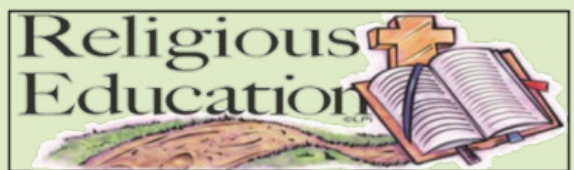
On Ash Wednesday we will hold a collection at all Masses for the support of our 49 priests who have retired in good standing. Our expenses for retired priests include a monthly stipend, medical insurance, nursing care and, for some, assisted living and nursing home costs. Last year our total cost for priest retirement was \$2,390,298.

These retired priests have served with dedication, fidelity, and love. Many continue to serve. Four remain in parishes full time as senior priests. Others have stepped in to administer parishes and say daily Mass. Still others regularly fill in on weekends, cover vacations and serve in prison ministry and on Diocesan Boards and the Tribunal.

On their behalf, I thank you for your prayers and support of them in their retirement years.

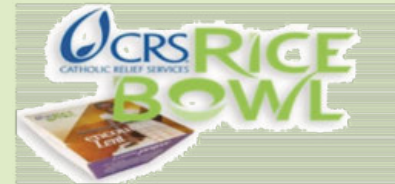
With every prayerful best wish I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

### NEWS FROM



### Ash Wednesday

"During this Lent then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord, 'Make our hearts like yours.'" (Pope Francis)



This week students will receive a Rice Bowl collection box sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Included in their Lenten lessons is to pray more, fast more and share more. Each day, we ask them to pray for those who are less fortunate as they place spare change or bills in their box. The boxes will remain at home. We will collect the filled boxes on Monday, March 18 and Saturday, March 23.

Participating in this project, benefits the families they are helping and teaches students the hardships of others.

**Please pray for our students in their efforts to support these families in need. We will share their success with you after Easter.**

## FEBRUARY

### "CATHOLIC FREE PRESS" MONTH!

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