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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent



## 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, February 24, 2024

4:00PM **Paul Pietrowicz**  
13th Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30AM **Richard Fleming, Sr.**  
1st Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

10:30AM **Fr. Michael Sheridan**

### Monday, February 26, 2024

8:00AM **Fr. James J. Caldarella**

### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

8:00AM **Barbara Daignault**  
by family

### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

### Thursday, February 29, 2024

5:00PM **Fr. Walter J. Riley**

### Friday, March 1, 2024

8:00AM **Dot Gargolinski**  
by Gloria Whorton

### Saturday, March 2, 2024

4:00PM **Marcia LaPrad Dyer**  
by the Herron family

### Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:30AM **Fr. Walter J. Riley**  
10:30AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Saturday, March 2, 2024

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

Sunday, March 3, 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 Scott Maselek  
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  
Marianne and Robert Haroian  
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  
Peggy Markvenas - Timmy Canty - Iris Wood  
Bryce Linton and Family - Christopher Chiras  
Linda J. Harris - Giuseppe Struppa  
Eleanor Markham

### Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Donald Lagacy (508) 287 -7489 or email Mary Higgins at:

[DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com).

## Auburn, Massachusetts

*Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,*

Two weeks ago, I wrote about Operation Rice Bowl as one of the ways the Church observes Lenten sacrifice. Many Catholics use the Rice Bowl program to give alms to a group of people who feed other people with the necessities of life. It is a way to share God's blessings, given to us, and we take the opportunity to be stewards of the blessings and see to the needs of people who do not have much.



Many people remember the old-fashioned Lent mite boxes. People wanted to contribute every day so they put money in the mite box that they contributed to the Church at the end of Lent. Operation Rice Bowl has taken over that Catholic Lenten practice and repurposed it to feed, clothe, and shelter many people.



Operation Rice Bowl started many years ago by Catholic Relief Services as a way to raise funds to feed the poorest people on earth. CRS knows that the highest demand for food among poor people is rice. It is a staple food that feeds much of earth's population. The early Rice Bowl campaigns emphasized that people's donations could put rice and beans in the bowls of many people. It was a way to put much food in the bodies of many people quickly.

While retaining the Rice Bowl name, the program expanded to raise awareness of the hunger that many people experience every day. You may go to the Operation Rice Bowl website and read about the people who struggle to secure sufficient food and water to sustain their families.

You will also find recipes from different lands that receive support from Operation Rice Bowl. I have tried some of them and they are an adventure to taste.

I experienced the outreach of Catholic Relief Services and its bigger sister, Caritas International, when I was in the Army. CRS and Caritas were the Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) that went to places that no other NGOs would go. Some NGOs wanted the protection and escorts from the military, which we could not give them. CRS and Caritas never requested that kind of support. CRS and Caritas were always locally organized and ready to carry out their mission without outside support.



Caritas and CRS always distributed high quality staple foods that were in high demand by people in need.

If you have not started a Rice Bowl yet, you can begin today. Some people will turn in rice bowls filled with coins. Others will turn in rice bowls filled with paper currency. Still others will contribute one large check for feeding brothers and sisters in hungry parts of the world.

Please be generous. We will collect the Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

*Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba*

## ***Stewardship!!!***

### ***Second Sunday of Lent***

*"Here I am!" he answered.* (Genesis 22:11) It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



### **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 25, 2024



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

## Monday, February 26, 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

Plumbing School 5:30PM-10:00PM Parish Center

## Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

Finance Committee Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

## Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Plumbing School 5:30PM-10:00PM Parish Center

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

## Thursday, February 29, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

## Friday, March 1, 2024

Stations of the Cross 6:30PM Church

## Saturday, March 2, 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

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

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

## Sunday, March 3, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10 10:30AM-2:00PM Parish Center

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



## Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,470
Shortfall	(\$4,030)
Maintenance	\$2513
Debt Redux	\$60
Year to Date	
Budget	\$52,500
Collections	\$25,042
Electronic Payment	\$1,960
Shortfall	(\$25,498)

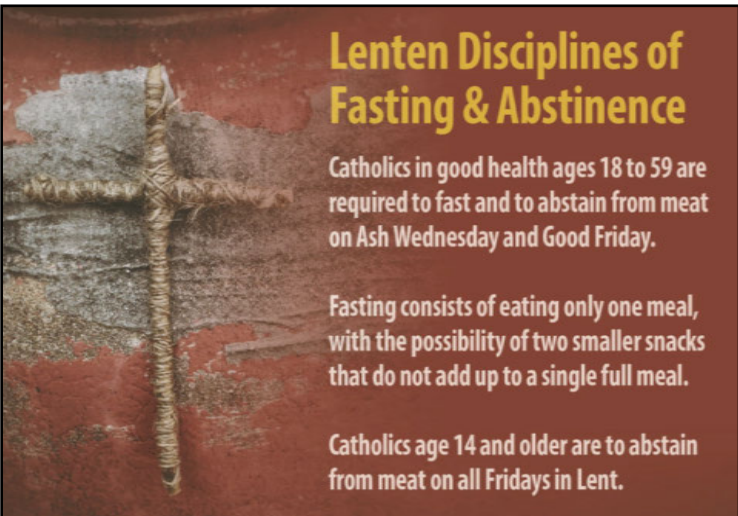
The second collection this weekend is for **Fuel** and for the **Church in Latin America**. There will not be a second collection next weekend. *Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

## Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



## Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 111 Worcester Street, West Boylston will hold its next 6-part series of "A New Day" bereavement support group **beginning Monday, March 4 from 1-2:30 pm**. For more information or to register (required prior to the start of the sessions) call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Stations of the Cross

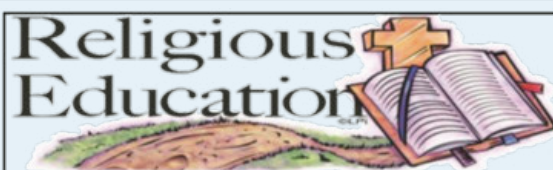
Come to pick up your cross and follow Jesus in prayer at the Stations of the Cross on each Friday of Lent through March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.



### Confession

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

NEWS  
FROM



### Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

### A Message from Bishop McManus...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than a half century, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.



A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our local Diocesan Hispanic Ministry, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latino Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the national theme to "Share your Faith" by supporting the special Collection for the Church in Latin America this weekend. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

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

### Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 PM

in the Lower Church  
Hall



# FEBRUARY

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