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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He approached, grasped her hand and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

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 3, 2024

4:00PM *Fr. Michael Sheridan*

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30AM *Edward J. Coughlin*
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

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

Monday, February 5, 2024

8:00AM *Fr. Michael Sheridan*

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

8:00AM *Linda Harris*
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

8:00AM *Henry*

Thursday, February 8, 2024

5:00PM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

Friday, February 9, 2024

8:00AM *Fr. Joseph J. Pijanowski*

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



Saturday, February 10, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector Pat Messina
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Brad Wass +2
Lector Lisa Wass
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

St. Vincent de Paul Free Pickup of Donations

The society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester County is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books and household items. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit svdpworcester.org and click on "How You Can Help" tab, then "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Or contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Thank you to all the parishioners that participated in the Calendar Raffle. We picked winners every day in January. Congratulations to all the winners. I hope that you had more luck with the Massachusetts State Lottery scratch tickets that were part of the prize.

Saint Joseph Parish was the winner of the Calendar Raffle. Money from the raffle bolsters the parish revenue for the winter expenses like energy and snow removal. Thank you for your participation.

These are some of the trends in the Calendar Raffle:

The number of people who participate is going down.

Fewer people wrote tickets for "Saint Joseph Parish" this year.

The first envelope in your packet for February – March is an envelope for *The Catholic Free Press*. If you return this envelope with \$39 you will receive a subscription for the diocesan newspaper. I concede that much of the news in the CFP is old. Some of it is boring. One

good benefit is that you will get a copy of the Diocesan Directory that is full of information that parishioners request when they call the rectory. It has all the phone numbers of all the parishes in the diocese. It tells you where all the priests are assigned. It lists the deacons and religious in the diocese. It also tells you which parish keeps sacramental records if a parish has closed.

You may use that envelope throughout February. I will submit the list of subscriptions to the Catholic Free Press in early March.

The *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal* is beginning to start work on the 2024 appeal. The diocesan office has requested the letter that they will send to parishioners from me. I rewrote the letter that they gave to me to make it in my style of writing. I anticipate that Saint Joseph's parishioners will hear from Bishop McManus and me soon.

We had a kick-off gathering for a number of parishes at the Parish Center. Bishop McManus was there and spoke to the gathering. A few members of St. Joseph Parish were there. We received the materials for the Appeal and we will begin shortly. Some people have already donated to this year's Appeal from our parish. Thank you for your contributions.

The Appeal does not get going until Lent. Parishioners who want to contribute to advanced gifts may do so any time now. I anticipate that I will receive my request for my contribution any day. The priests of the diocese usually contribute in the advanced gifts phase of the Appeal. Then when the priests request gifts from parishioners, they can state that they have already participated.

As usual, you may contribute directly to the Partners' office in Worcester. You may do it through the mail or online. Some parishioners want to contribute through the parish. You may mail your contribution to the rectory, place it in the collection basket on the weekend, or drop it off directly. When that happens, I process your contribution and send it into the office in Worcester.

This is the time to consider your gift to this annual appeal. Please do so prayerfully with a generous heart.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" (Mark 1:35, 38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Sunday, February 4, 2024



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

Monday, February 5, 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 6, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, February 9, 2024

Coin Club	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, February 10, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Grade 2 Mass	10:30AM	Church
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.



Parish Support

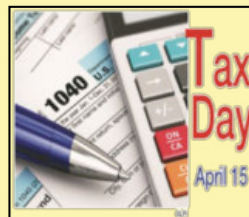


Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,698
Shortfall	(\$3,802)
Home Missions	\$794
Debt Redux	\$70
Year to Date	
Budget	\$30,000
Collections	\$12,259
Electronic Payment	\$1,015
Shortfall	(\$16,726)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.
There will not be a second collection next weekend.
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.



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 St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Jan. 1	\$25	Nancy Parslow
Jan. 2	\$25	Melissa McDonald
Jan. 3	\$25	Raymond Garry
Jan. 4	\$25	Bruce Kuchnicki
Jan. 5	\$25	Charles Hannon
Jan. 6	\$25	T.J. Maselek
Jan. 7	\$100	George Gagne
Jan. 8	\$25	Mary P. Ouellette
Jan. 9	\$25	Joan Flynn
Jan. 10	\$25	Francis Kavanagh
Jan. 11	\$25	Thomas Higgins
Jan. 12	\$25	Patty Domenick
Jan. 13	\$25	Dolores Cloutier
Jan. 14	\$100	Mary Creamer
Jan. 15	\$25	Deborah Halley
Jan. 16	\$25	Judy Freelander
Jan. 17	\$25	St. Joseph Church
Jan. 18	\$25	Dorothy Painchaud
Jan. 19	\$25	Ann Deso
Jan. 20	\$25	Jim Richinick
Jan. 21	\$100	Mike/Tammy Faraday
Jan. 22	\$25	JoAnne Donahue
Jan. 23	\$25	Pauline Starkus
Jan. 24	\$25	Michael Driscoll
Jan. 25	\$25	Anna Fleming
Jan. 26	\$25	Liz Gribbons
Jan. 27	\$25	Jacquelyn Hayes
Jan. 28	\$200	David Bomba
Jan. 28	\$300	Ruth Gaffney
Jan. 28	\$500	Lorraine Alves
Jan. 29	\$25	Riley Flynn
Jan. 30	\$25	Monica Hamilton
Jan. 31	\$25	Hailey Baril

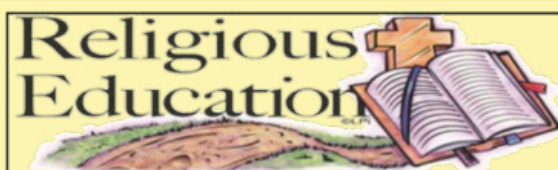
Congratulations to all the winners!

*Some winners won a second time
with a scratch ticket – Congratulations twice!*

*Thank you to all the people who purchased
tickets to support our parish fundraiser.*



NEWS FROM



A REMINDER.....

The Grade 2 Family Mass, is Sunday, February 11, 10:30am, at the Church. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before mass begins.



Six Steps in Prayer

(Taken from Dynamic Catholic)

Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

Awareness: Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you **were** and **were not** the best version of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

Significant Moments: Identify something you experienced in the last twenty-four hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event or person.

Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

Freedom: Speak with God about how He is inviting you change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best version of yourself.

Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

Pray the Our Father.

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