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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

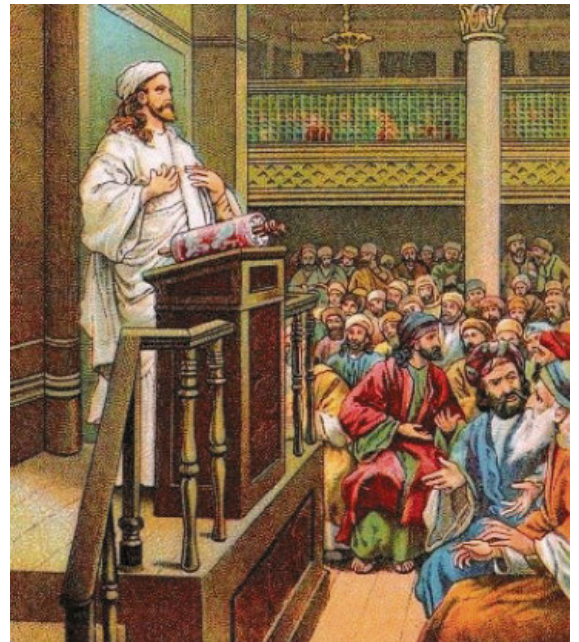
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 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*

Monday, January 29, 2024

8:00AM *Stan and Maria*

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:00AM *Lawrence and Monica Houle*
Anniversary Remembrance
by their daughter, Mari Haroian

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:00AM *Gerry and Anne Houle*
Anniversary Remembrance
by Gerry's sister, Mari Haroian

Thursday, February 1, 2024

5:00PM *Andrew and Olive Salemmo*
by their daughter

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:00AM *Fr. Francis E. Dowd*

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*

Saturday, February 3, 2024

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

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour +2
Lector Mary Skorvanek
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
Eleanor Markham

Join the Parish

Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish.
Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms
found in the vestibule of the church or on the
back table of the parish center. Place it in the
mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the
collection basket.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

This week the Church will celebrate The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Forty days after Christmas we remember that Jewish law required the purification of the mother who gave birth to a son. It was longer if she gave birth to a daughter. The law also required the redemption of the first-born son. This observance reminds us that Mary and Joseph were Jews who respected and celebrated the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They followed the law of Moses, humbly obeying it as the law of God.

The purification rite was a simple prayer and action that welcomed the mother and her child within the worshipping community. The usual offering was a lamb, but the law made provision for the poor that allowed two doves or pigeons instead.

The Temple in Jerusalem was the central place of worship for Jews. Rituals could be observed in your hometown, but most good Jews traveled to Jerusalem in Jesus' day because it was a very visible symbol of the place where the people of God came to worship. You offered sacrifice in the Temple. Most Holydays were observed in Jerusalem.

The Church celebrates the Presentation of Jesus as a feast of light. The other Nativity celebrations have a place for observing the light of Jesus, this is no exception. The Church's tradition is to bless candles on this day.

Candles that are to be burned in the church throughout the year are presented for blessing. People bring candles for blessing that will be lit in their homes. Many people used to hold the Candlemas candles for times of emergency or crisis. People would light them during times of hurricane or tornado asking God's protection. Some people would light the blessed

candles during times of sickness or death in the house. Others would light the candles during times of stress and anxiety.

The Church also observes February 2 as the World Day for Consecrated Life. We pray for and remember the men and women who have chosen to follow Christ in prayer and practice the evangelical counsels. It is the day that some religious orders choose to renew their dedication to God and the Church.

February 2 is also Groundhog Day. The little rodent comes out of its burrow and attempts to forecast the weather for the next six weeks. My forecast is that Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, that will be a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that is directed toward the repentance of evil and the forgiveness of sin.

People who wish to have candles blessed on Friday should bring them to the church on Friday. The blessing takes place at the beginning of mass so do not be late.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



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 with services including food, clothing, rent and utilities.



Pro-Life Awards Nominees Sought

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester seeks nominations for two annual pro-life awards to be presented by Bishop McManus at the Mass for Life on April 8, 2024, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Further information and nomination forms are available at www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation. Completed nomination forms may be emailed to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org and must be received **no later than February 15.**



Sunday, January 28, 2024



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

Monday, January 29, 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 30, 2024

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Friday, February 2, 2024

Life Line Screening 8:00AM-5:30PM Parish Center

Saturday, February 3, 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

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

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

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10 10:30AM-2:00PM Lower Church Hall

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

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	\$2,256
Shortfall	(\$5,244)
Fuel	\$1967
Debt Redux	\$30
Year to Date	
Budget	\$22,500
Collections	\$8,561
Electronic Payment	\$895
Shortfall	(\$13,044)

**The second collection this weekend is for
The Catholic Home Missions Appeal.
There will not be a second collection next weekend.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

The sympathies of our parish are extended to the family of
Theresa M. Rodowicz
who recently passed away.



Stewardship!!!

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” (1 Corinthians 7:32)

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future.

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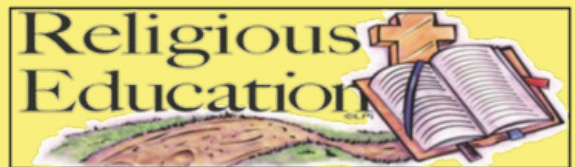
CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

The Calendar Raffle began on January 1 and will continue until the end of the month.

The lucky winners are:

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 Frelander
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

NEWS FROM



How did you do...



The cycle of feasts and seasons that make up the Church's year is called the [Liturgical Year](#).

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are the Sacraments of [Initiation](#).

The season of prayer, fasting and charity before Easter is called [Lent](#).

Name the 7 Sacraments. [Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick and Marriage](#).

Talking and listening to God is called [prayer](#).

The sacred box God commanded Moses to build to hold the restored tablets of the Ten Commandments is called the Ark of the [Covenant](#).



A Reminder

Grade 9 & 10 meets next Saturday, February 3, 10:15AM - 11:30AM at the parish center and Sunday, February 4, 10:30AM – 2:00PM at the church.

Vianney Dinner

The next Vianney dinner is **Monday, March 4** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00-8:30 pm social. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.



Email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.



Take the Child Safety Quiz

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's Web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC Web site and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com.

For particular help you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.

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