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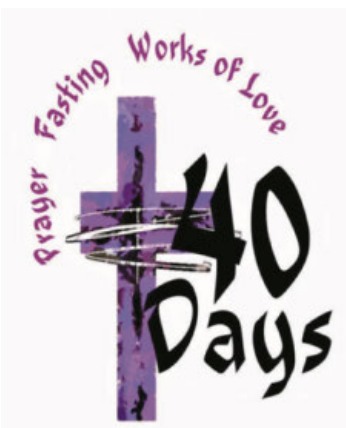
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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

March 10, 2024

Fourth 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.

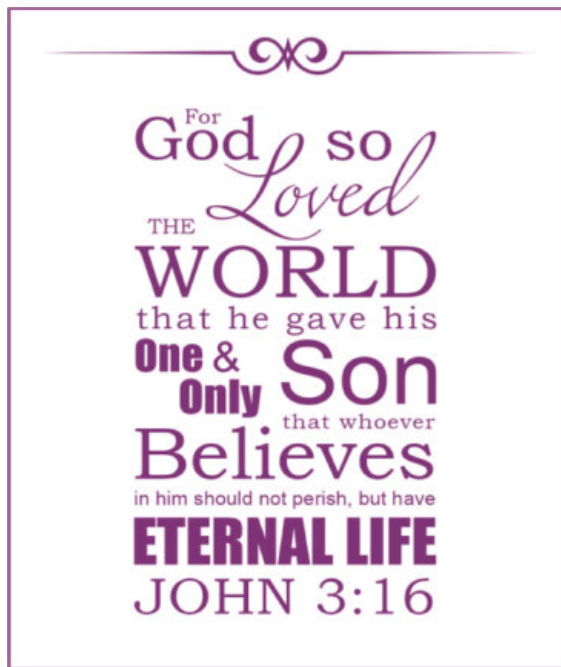
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, March 9, 2024

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

## Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

10:30AM **John Holmberg**  
by Alfred Roy and Sons  
Funeral Home

## Monday, March 11, 2024

8:00AM **Bishop Jack Kaising**

## Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:00AM **Msgr. Lawrence Deery**

## Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:00AM **Fr. Ed Falvey**  
Anniversary Remembrance

## Thursday, March 14, 2024

5:00PM **Raymond and Marie Curren**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by daughter, Therese Ripley

## Friday, March 15, 2024

8:00AM **Mitchell and Harriet**

## Saturday, March 16, 2024

4:00PM **Bob Falvey**  
Anniversary Remembrance

## Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:30AM **Joseph Luks**  
4th Anniversary Remembrance  
by Mary

10:30AM **Patrick Flynn**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by family

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Doreen Goodrich

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, March 17, 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 Don Lagacy

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

## 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,**

Every day, throughout the diocese, faith filled individuals go out into the community and “preach God’s love.” Some minister to those who are at risk of being homeless, others to those who are struggling with life’s burdens. Teachers and catechists nourish the minds and nurture the faith of our youth in schools and parish faith formation classes. Young men who are pursuing vocations to the priesthood and older men who are in the diaconate look forward to serving God’s people in our parishes.

What an inspiration it is for all of us to know that when we support the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal, we generate joy in the lives of those served by our many agencies and ministries. You share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. It is why I offer my thanks to God for the prayers and support of the generous people of this parish.

Bishop McManus recently wrote to you regarding the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. It describes the need for this significant appeal. “The Church exists to bring the message of Christ to the world, as with the virtues of faith and hope, charity is only possible when we are infused with the grace of God.” I now join our bishop in inviting your generous response.

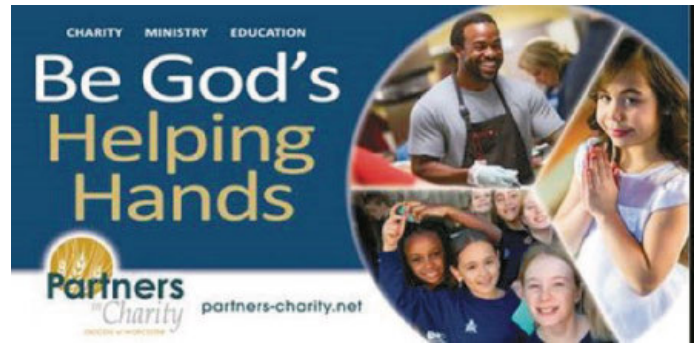
I encourage you to support this appeal, which supports the work of our diocesan agencies, ministries and programs, and serves the people of all our parishes and missions (nearly 280,000 local Catholics), as well as many thousands of people in need throughout Worcester County.

The theme of the appeal this year, “Be God’s Helping Hands” is based on our ongoing commitment to serve the needy throughout Central Massachusetts. Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work with our Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. We as a parish reflect on God’s great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own.

Our parish goal is \$60,700.00. We will need many generous donors to reach, and hopefully exceed, our goal. I know that I can count on wonderful parishioners like you. Some of our parishioners have already donated over \$11,000 to this year’s campaign.

Along with general media promotion on TV and in the newspaper, we will be learning more about the appeal through a special brochure.

Please pray for the success of our appeal here at Saint Joseph Parish, and join me in supporting Partners in Charity.



**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

The sympathies of our parish  
are extended to the family of  
Penny Hetel  
who recently passed away.



Sign-up sheets have been placed in the main entrance of the church for lectors, altar servers and communion ministers to choose the liturgies at which they would like to serve for Holy Week and Easter.



Over 45 years ago, Catholics in the U.S. wanted to respond to famine in Africa. The response came in the form of a small cardboard box—a rice bowl. Now, in 2024, CRS Rice Bowl is your way to help our sisters & brothers in need. Rice Bowl is a Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through Rice Bowl we devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor.

**Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl this weekend at the church. Bring your Rice Bowl to mass on Palm Sunday, March 24, or any liturgy during Holy Week.**

**Your donation will make a world of difference.**

# Sunday, March 10, 2024



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Grade 2 Family Mass	10:30AM	Church
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

**Monday, March 11, 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, March 12, 2024**

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

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

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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**Friday, March 15, 2024**

Stations of the Cross	6:30PM	Church
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**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10	10:15AM-11:30PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall



## Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,272
Shortfall	(\$3,228)
Debt Redux	\$100
Year to Date	
Budget	\$67,500
Collections	\$32,155
Electronic Payment	\$2,450
Shortfall	(\$32,895)

The second collection this weekend will be for **Maintenance and Easter Flowers**.  
 The second collection next weekend will be for **Catholic Relief Services**.  
 Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

## This weekend, March 10, is In-Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal.

This weekend every member of St. Joseph Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through this annual appeal.



### Our parish goal is \$60,700.

Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2024 appeal, we thank you. Your gift will help us to reach our parish goal.

**You can also make your gift online at**  
[www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net).  
**Thank you!**

## Fourth 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.

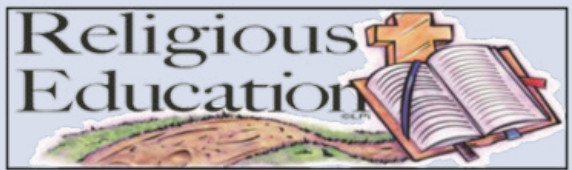


### Confession

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

### NEWS FROM

### Religious Education



Find all ten words:	W	J	E	P	S	A	C	T	A	P
Jesus	E	Q	L	L	U	F	A	W	L	R
Lent	D	J	G	E	O	R	V	R	M	A
Ash	N	E	A	F	N	V	P	C	Q	Y
Wednesday	E	P	R	R	I	T	E	L	W	E
Dust	S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	R
Prayer	D	U	S	T	F	W	Y	R	Z	N
Alms	A	R	Y	H	V	A	L	M	S	D
Fasting	Y	Z	B	J	E	S	U	S	H	U
Sacrifice	Z	J	F	A	S	T	I	N	G	F
Purple										

Unscramble these Lenten Words

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One thing I can do during Lent to bring me closer to God...



The Diocese of Worcester mandates that all volunteers working in parish ministries must complete a Safe Environment Training and submit a Cori form. You only have to participate in the training once. After the initial training, a new Cori form must

be submitted to the Diocese every five years. **If you think it has been five years since your last Cori, or have never taken part in the Safe Environment Training, please get in touch with the Religious Education office at 508-832-6683 or [stjoesreledaub@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesreledaub@gmail.com).**

Training can take place at the Parish Center or online. Teachers, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, etc., are required to have updated Cori forms on file.

### A Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In these days of continuing turmoil around the world, I invite you to "Reveal Christ's love" by supporting the national Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection on the weekend of March 17. Catholic Relief Services supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; and peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence.

In the developing world, it is often hard for families to support themselves and their children. Sophie, a widow working in a village in Burkina Faso, was struggling to feed her family and pay for schooling for her children. Thanks to the help of Catholic Relief Services, her village was able to set up a Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC). Local members contribute what they can afford and pool their resources to meet pressing needs or develop business opportunities. Through the SILC, Sophie was able to take out a \$200 loan to cover startup costs for her own canteen. She began to pay off her loan in only six months. Her community has benefited too, as she has been able to hire three assistants to work with her.

For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. But we can't do this lifesaving work without your help.

I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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

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