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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

March 17, 2024

Fifth 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.

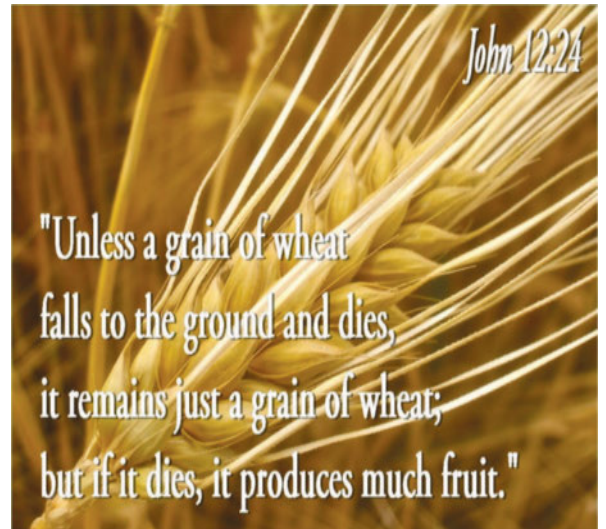
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 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

Monday, March 18, 2024

8:00AM **Katie Pescaro**
Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

8:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00AM **Kevin M. O'Connor**

Thursday, March 21, 2024

5:00PM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00AM **Muriel Naumnik
and Deborah Naumnik**
by the Herron family

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00PM **James Higgins**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30AM **Myrtle Fleming**
16th Anniversary Remembrance
by daughter-in-law Anna

10:30AM **Jacquelyn Pio**
by Michael Pio, Jr.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector D. Goodrich/L. LaJeunesse
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector A. Fleming/M. Skorvanek
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Phil Benvenuti +2
Lector Sandy Pierce/Lisa Wass
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
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Marianne and Robert Haroian
Joseph Cloutier, Jr.
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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 - Mike Sullivan



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.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Happy Saint Joseph Day! The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Tuesday, March 19.

Saint Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church. As he guided and protected Jesus in his care, so we look to him to guide and protect the Body of Christ, the Church. We can imitate his holiness. He had great faith to take Mary into his home as his wife after she was found to be pregnant with Jesus. He trusted God to guide him as he fled to Egypt after the visit of the Magi in the Gospel according to Matthew. He trusted God again when he returned to the homeland after the death of Herod.

Joseph was the husband of Mary. His devotion to her and Jesus is sincerely displayed in the search and discovery of Jesus in the Temple when Jesus was twelve years old. We can follow his example as we venerate Mary and adore Jesus.

We have authentic testimony about Joseph in the Gospels. Other literature about Joseph tends to distort the image that the Gospels portray.

He is the patron of our parish. He is a popular patron for parishes in the Diocese of Worcester. When we speak about our parish, we must always mention that it is in Auburn to distinguish it from all the other Saint Joseph parishes nearby. That a number of parishes in Worcester County should call

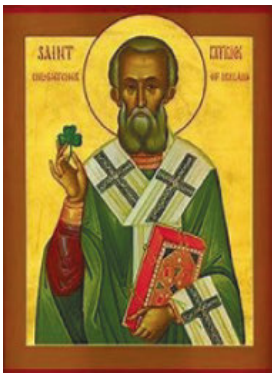
upon Saint Joseph to be the patron is appropriate since most of them were established with immigrants who worked hard in factories and were dedicated to the raising of children.

Happy Saint Joseph Day on Tuesday.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day today!

Saint Patrick took up the difficult mission to bring the faith to Ireland and through his preaching and teaching influenced many to embrace the Catholic faith. May his example and holiness inspire many today.

The Church usually celebrates the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25, nine months before we celebrate Christmas. Since March 25 falls on Monday of Holy Week, the Church moves that celebration to April 6 this year.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Holy Hour in Worcester

Please join us for a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Church, 1222 Main Street, Worcester on **Sunday March 24 beginning at 1:30 pm** with rosary and have silent adoration time with the Lord.



REMINDER ...

The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00PM in the lower church hall.



CRS Rice Bowl is your way to help our sisters and 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.

Please remember to turn in your Rice Bowl at mass next weekend, (Palm Sunday), March 23-24, or any liturgy during Holy Week. Your donation will make a world of difference.

Sunday, March 17, 2024



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

Monday, March 18, 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
Boy Scout Meeting	6:00PM-9:00PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

CPR Class	9:00AM-1:00PM	Parish Center
Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, March 22, 2024

Stations of the Cross	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, March 23, 2024

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Religious Education Grades 9 & 10	10:30AM-2:00PM	Church
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,435
Shortfall	(\$4,065)
Maintenance	\$1844
Debt Redux	\$30
Year to Date	
Budget	\$75,000
Collections	\$35,590
Electronic Payment	\$2,570
Shortfall	(\$36,840)

The second collection this weekend is for **Catholic Relief Services.**

The second collection next weekend will be for **Fuel.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

2024 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. Partners in Charity is the annual appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship.



Saint Joseph Parish has reached 31% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$18,590 from 41 donors.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully do so by filling out a commitment pledge envelope in the back of the church near the last pews and returning it in the collection basket, to the church office or by mailing it directly to the Diocesan office on Elm Street in Worcester. Gifts can also be made online at

www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

Fifth Sunday of Lent

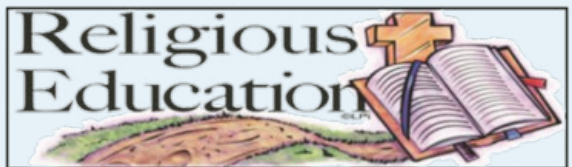


The Diocese of Worcester mandates that all volunteers working in parish ministries must complete a Safe Environment Training and submit a Cori form. You only have to participate in the training once. After the initial training, a new Cori form must be submitted to the Diocese every five years.

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.

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.

NEWS FROM



Grades 9 & 10

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday) is our next Sunday session beginning with mass at 10:30am. We are presenting the movie, "The Passion", downstairs in the lower church hall after mass. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend. The movie begins at 12noon and will end at approximately 2:30pm.. Remember to bring in your permission slips to view the movie and your lunch.

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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

We will celebrate Masses on the usual Sunday schedule.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass at 6:30 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday.)

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 6:30 p.m.

(No 8:00 a.m. Mass on Good Friday.)

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.

(No 4:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.)

Easter Sunday

Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Spring Cleanup at Diocesan Cemeteries Notice

On **Monday March 18** we will begin our spring cleanup of our 14 Diocesan Cemeteries that are currently managed by the Diocesan Cemetery Group. *Please have all winter baskets, wreaths and decorations removed by Sunday, March 17.* Anything remaining after this date will be remove and discarded.

Visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-john-cemetery for updates on the progress prior to placing any spring flowers.



The movie, "The Passion", is being presented on **Palm Sunday, March 24**, after the 10:30am mass in the lower church hall. The movie begins at 12noon and will end at approximately 2:30pm. You are invited to come and share this experience as we enter Holy Week.

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