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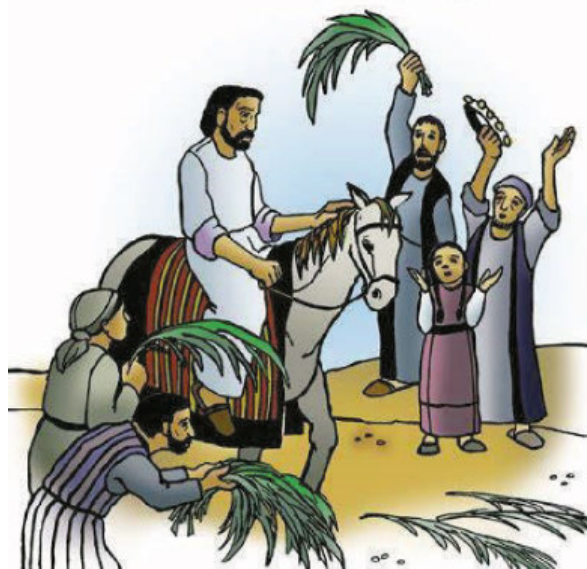
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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 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.

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:00AM **Joseph Messina**
Anniversary Remembrance
by Pat

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00AM **Rita**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:30PM **Bishop Timothy J. Harrington**

Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:00PM **Susan Kennedy**
by Michael Pio, Jr.

Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:30AM **Jacquelyn Pio**
by Michael Pio, Jr.

10:30AM **Susan Kennedy**
by Michael Pio, Jr.



**REMEMBER TO TURN IN
YOUR CRS RICE BOWL AT
MASS THIS WEEKEND
OR ANY LITURGY DURING
HOLY WEEK**

Donation boxes can be found in the front of the church near the statues of Mary and Joseph on the right and the Sacred Heart on the left.



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.



HOLY WEEK 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.



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
Marianne and Robert Haroian
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Derek Degon
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 - Mike Sullivan

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem to cheers of "Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." We celebrate with palm branches that remind us of the festive entry into Jerusalem.

The mood quickly changes when we hear the Passion of Our Lord according to Mark read. This liturgy sets the tone for the liturgies that we will celebrate the rest of the week.

I invite all of our parishioners to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week. They are unusual because they are only celebrated once each year. They help us participate in the Last Supper, the crucifixion and burial of the Body of Jesus, and the vigil of the resurrection.

All of the celebrations are in the evening to allow more people to participate. We will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening. On the night before he died, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my Body." He did the same with the cup of wine, "This is my Blood." He washed the feet of his disciples. I plan to wash the feet of 12 people that evening.

We will celebrate the liturgy of Good Friday on Friday evening. It begins with the Liturgy of the Word, continues with the veneration of the Cross, followed by Holy Communion. It is a most solemn liturgy.

The Church instructs us to begin the Easter Vigil liturgy after nightfall. So we will start later in the evening on Saturday. I will light the Easter Candle. We will hear an extended Liturgy of the Word. We will celebrate Eucharist. We will renew our baptismal promises.

Easter Sunday masses will occur at the usual Sunday mass times. We will renew our baptismal promises on Sunday morning too.

May your Holy Week be a time of prayer. May your hearts and minds be lifted up to God. May the liturgies inspire us to pick up our cross daily and walk with Jesus.

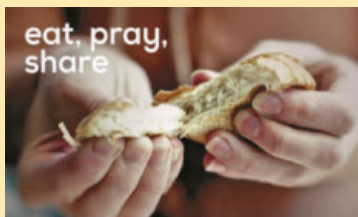
Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Faith Sharing Program in Worcester

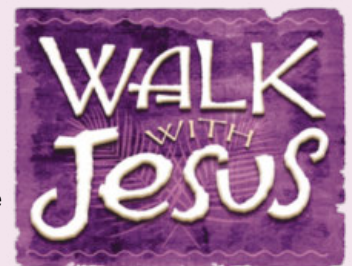
Eat, Pray, Share, a discussion focused on celebrating strengths, gifts, and faith in community will be held on **April 6 from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm** and includes a catered lunch. All men, women, and high school students are invited to attend. The program will be held in the St. George Church Hall on Brattle Street, Worcester and will cost \$15 per person and **registration is required by April 1.**

To register or for more information please email or call using emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com or 508-853-0183.



"A Walk with Jesus" in East Brookfield

Everyone Welcome! St. John the Baptist Church, 131 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield (Just off Rte. 9) will host this Good Friday experience on **March 29, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. You can arrive at any time and walk through the different activities at your own pace. Try to arrive by 2:00 to give yourself enough time. Please enter through the front doors, unless you require the handicapped entrance, which is in the back of the church.



Stewardship!!!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" (MARK 15:12-13) Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Sunday, March 24, 2024



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

Monday, March 25, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 3-5	4:00PM-5:15PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 6-8	6:30PM-7:45PM	Church
Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday Evening Mass	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, March 29, 2024

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, March 30, 2024

No Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2		
CMSC Drivers Education	8:00AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
Easter Vigil	8:00PM	Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024

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



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,938
Shortfall	(\$3,562)
Catholic Relief	\$803
Debt Redux	
Year to Date	
Budget	\$82,500
Collections	\$39,528
Electronic Payment	\$3,025
Shortfall	(\$39,947)

The second collection this weekend is for **Fuel.**

The second collection next weekend will be our **Easter Offering.**

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 43% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$26,090 from 54 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!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Holy Father asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a Good Friday Collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. Christians living in the Holy Land not only struggle to live their faith and worship in their parishes – they are also the stewards of the sacred places that are currently without pilgrims due to the continuing conflict in Gaza and Israel.



As was the case during the pandemic, pilgrims cannot travel on pilgrimages to these sacred sites. This places a terrible burden on the

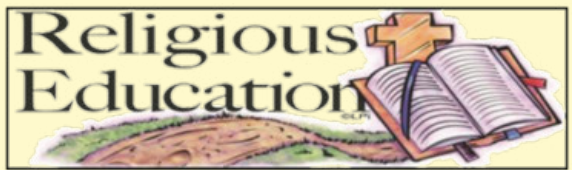
small and fragile Christian presence in the Holy Land. This annual collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and allows them to continue to minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the Christian faithful who call the Holy Land their home. Your support is more essential than ever to their ministry.

At the beginning of Lent, I invited you to participate in the Way of the Cross in a local parish church. This is such a powerful way for us to recall the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during Lent. Christians in the Holy Land are faced with the particular challenge of bringing their own suffering to the cross every day as they witness to the faith. The Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land has been a voice for Christians living not just in Jerusalem, but also in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

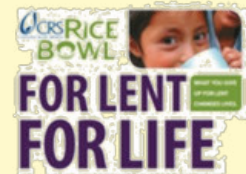
Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. I invite you to visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to Christians who continue to struggle in the Holy Land.

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

NEWS FROM



May the blessings of the Lord be with you on Palm Sunday and always!



Grades 2 – 8 Time to return your Rice Bowls

Grade 2 - return your filled Rice Bowls by **Saturday, April 6**

Grades 3-8 - return your Rice Bowls by **Monday, April 1.**

Thank you for your participation and generosity.

The sympathies of our parish are extended to the family of
Albert Bissonnette, Jr.
who recently passed away.



PROMISE to Protect Pledge to HEAL

Preventing Child Abuse Is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth.

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



The movie, "The Passion," is being shown **this Sunday (Palm Sunday), March 24,** 12noon-2:30pm in the Lower Church Hall. You are invited to come and share this experience as the season of Lent comes to an end.

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