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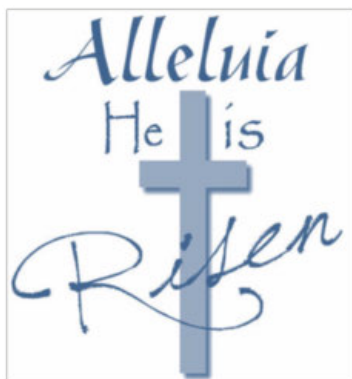
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MASSES

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.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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.

Monday, April 1, 2024

8:00AM **Louis and Stefania**

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

8:00AM **Msgr. Don Shea**

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

Thursday, April 4, 2024

5:00PM **Stan and Katherine**

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:00AM **Carol A. Sargentelli**
7th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going

Saturday, April 6, 2024

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

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:30AM **Lawrence Fleming**
42nd Anniversary Remembrance
by daughter-in-law Anna

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

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini

Lector Doreen Goodrich

Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:30am -

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Fred Forrett

Lector - Patty Bickford

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10:30am -

Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour +2

Lector - Scott Maselek

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
Marianne and Robert Haroian
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Derek Degon
Joyce and Bruce Seaman - Judith Daniels
Patrick and Kate Dee - Francis Kavanagh
Patty Snow - 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

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



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

We celebrate Easter this weekend. The Church celebrates Easter for one octave, eight days. Then the Easter Season continues for fifty days, until Pentecost. Jesus is risen! It is a wonderful way to celebrate.

The fasting and abstaining is over. We can still celebrate with fish on Friday, but it is a joyful celebration. Cheese pizza is also allowed on the menu, but so is a meat lovers or pepperoni pie. We celebrate with Easter eggs. As a chick comes out of the egg, we are reminded that Jesus came out of the tomb. I anticipate that none of your eggs will have a chick, but the hard-boiled delicacy that you will enjoy gives us food for thought and meditation. The chocolate eggs and bunnies taste so good if you did not eat candy during Lent.

Jesus is risen. The body that laid in the tomb rose from the dead. The crucified body is glorified and inspires our faith in God and his gift of everlasting life. We believe that Easter is the sign of God's love for us.

Jesus instructed us in the Gospel for Ash Wednesday that prayer and almsgiving were proper during Lent. They should continue throughout the Easter Season and into ordinary time. Now they take on a different spirit. A spirit of thanksgiving for God's grace and redemption contributes to our prayer. Noting God's generosity to us, we care for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Experiencing forgiveness from God, we move to forgive one another in the same spirit.

Thank you to all the people who participated in the Holy Week liturgies. The music contributes much to the spirit of the liturgy and raises our spirits to God's presence. Thank you to all who participated in the music. Thank you to the readers, servers, and extraordinary ministers of holy communion who contributed to the Holy Week prayer. Thank you to the people who volunteered like those who gave a foot to be washed on Holy Thursday, the people who volunteered to turn the lights on during the Easter Vigil liturgy, and those who filled in when a need presented itself. Thank you to the people who helped to decorate the church all week long. Thank you to the people who took up the collections on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

May the Gospel that Jesus rose from the dead fill you with great joy!

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Mass for Life at the Cathedral

The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, **Monday, April 8 at 10:00 am** at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests.

The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass.

All are welcome to attend!



Stewardship!!!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." (COLOSSIANS 3:2)

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Sunday, March 31, 2024



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

Monday, April 1, 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, April 2, 2024

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Plumbing School 5:30PM-10:00PM Parish Center

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

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 10:00AM-11:15AM Parish Center

Grade 2 Church Tour 10:00AM-11:00AM Church

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

CMSC Drivers Education 8:00AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, April 7, 2024

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

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



HOLY HOUR IN DUDLEY

St. Andrew Bobola Parish, 54 West Main St., Dudley, will hold a Holy Hour of eucharistic adoration with prayers for peace in the Ukraine and the world, which includes the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, **every Sunday at 3 p.m.** All are welcome



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,528
Shortfall	(\$3,972)
Fuel	\$1,862
Debt Redux	\$30
Year to Date	
Budget	\$90,000
Collections	\$43,056
Electronic Payment	\$3,145
Shortfall	(\$43,799)

The second collection this weekend is for our **Easter Offering.**

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

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!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

An Easter Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ brought profound joy and hope to the early Church. That joy was particularly pronounced because it followed the shock and gloom of Good Friday when Christ's death seemed to dash all hope.

Two millennia later, a world tragically marred by war, injustice, and division desperately needs the transforming joy of Easter. Our commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ again brings us the certain hope that, in the end, the righteousness, peace, and joy of God's Kingdom, will prevail. We need the hope and confidence flowing from Christ's triumph not only at Easter but every day. And we can have it.



At every Mass we celebrate the memorial of Christ's saving Passion and wondrous Resurrection. This is more than just calling to mind the greatest events of history. It is making those events, their saving effects, and Christ Himself truly present to continue the redemption of our weary world.

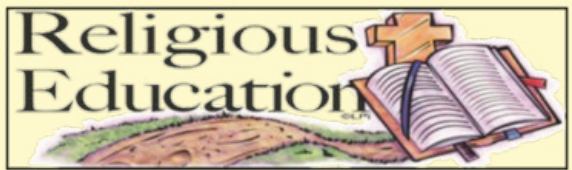
In this final year of our National Eucharistic Revival, we would do well to reflect

upon some of the actions and gestures at Mass that remind us of the mysteries of our faith made present in the Eucharist. Just as God's Son was truly born of the Virgin, Christ truly becomes present in the Eucharist after the priest calls down the Holy Spirit over the gifts and pronounces Christ's words, "This is My Body." "This is My Blood." Just as Christ was lifted up on the Cross and died by the shedding of His Blood to give glory to His Father, at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we offer all glory and honor to the Father when the priest lifts up the Body and Blood of Christ separately and apart (representing His death). Right before Communion, a small piece of the consecrated Host is placed in the Chalice, reuniting His Body and Blood (representing His Resurrection).

I pray that you and your family are renewed in your Christian joy and hope this Easter and that that joy and hope are strengthened and deepened each Sunday at Mass.

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

NEWS FROM



May your heart and your home be filled with Blessings this Easter.



Grade 2 Church Tour

Grade 2 students will meet in the church for a tour on **Saturday, April 6, from 10:00am-11:00am.**



As spring arrives, our religious education year ends. **WE ARE THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL FOR OUR TEACHERS.** Their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work is second to none.

They volunteer not only during class time, but there are countless hours preparing their lessons during the week. If it were not for them, our program would not exist. Please thank them for a job well done and may God bless them as they get a little rest during the summer months. My wish is that they all return next year.

Classes end Saturday, April 6 for grades 1 & 2 and Monday, April 8 for grades 3 – 8. Please bring in your filled rice bowls on these days if you have not already done so.

The sympathies of our parish are extended to the family of Shirley Larivière who recently passed away.



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