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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

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, 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.

Monday, April 8, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

8:00AM **Kevin O'Connor**
by Judy

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

Thursday, April 11, 2024

5:00PM **Sharon Whorton**
3rd Anniversary Remembrance
by a friend

Friday, April 12, 2024

8:00AM **Anthony and Louis Salemmo**
by family

Saturday, April 13, 2024

4:00PM **Cindy Jette**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by her mother

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:30AM **Robert Szklarz**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by Len and Georgie Angers

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

Saturday, April 13, 2024

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Jean Ashton

10:30am
Holy Communion Lisa Wass +2
Lector Sandy Pierce
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 - Victoria Crowe
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

The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Pauline Mercier
who recently passed away.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a great opportunity to receive and celebrate the mercy that comes from God.

I borrowed the following from the Marian Fathers who staff the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge:

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in the web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” (Acts 4:32) All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Sunday, April 7, 2024



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

Monday, April 8, 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
Boy Scout Training	6:00PM-9:00PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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

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

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, April 12, 2024

Coin Club	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, April 13, 2024

CMSC Drivers Education	8:00AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
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Sunday, April 14, 2024

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



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.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$5,112
Shortfall	(\$2,388)
Easter	\$2013
Debt Redux	\$50
Year to Date	
Budget	\$97,500
Collections	\$48,168
Electronic Payment	\$3,265
Shortfall	(\$46,067)

The second collection this weekend is for
Maintenance.

There will not be a second collection next weekend.
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!

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Food Pantry Reminder

Next weekend is our monthly food collection. Items most needed are macaroni & cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and pasta.

Food collections will be donated to St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.



“K’NIGHT AT THE RACES”

St. Joseph’s Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn

Saturday, April 27



All are invited to this fun event sponsored by the Monsignor Neary Council of the Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Church. All monies raised are used for local charities and college scholarships. The admission fee of \$18 includes dinner.

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Dinner served at 6:00 PM; Races begin at 7:00

Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend and next weekend.
Tickets may also be purchased by calling Joe Butler at 508-951-1561 or Len Angers at 508-612-8491.

PROMISE to Protect  **Pledge to HEAL**

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children.

For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.

Source: www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth

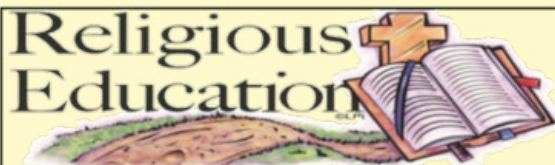
Open House at Our Lady of the Angels School

Our Lady of the Angels School, 1220 Main Street, Worcester will hold an Open House on **Sunday, April 28 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm** to tour and meet staff. Visit www.ourladyoftheangels.us. Register at <https://ola-ma.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=4758>.



NEWS FROM

Religious Education



GRADE 9 & 10

Our next class is **Sunday, April 14**. We begin with mass at 10:30 and dismissal is at 2:00pm. Bring your completed reflection paper on “The Passion” movie. We are serving pizza for lunch.



A Prayer as Classes End

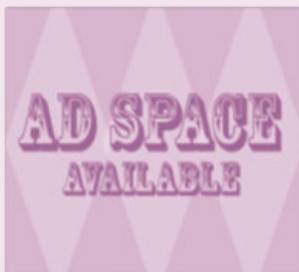
Thank you Lord for all we've done this year. Thank you for guiding our teachers, who have taught us so much about YOU. Thank you for the fun times, the laughter and the play. Thank you for the new friends we have met. Thank you for special projects we have done and shared together. Please bless our teachers and students until we meet again next year. Amen

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