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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

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 20, 2024

4:00PM **Marguerite Dupuis**
by the Herron family

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

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

Monday, April 22, 2024

8:00AM **Susan Miale**
Anniversary Remembrance
by Judy

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:00AM **Gail Cicio**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Thursday, April 25, 2024

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

Friday, April 26, 2024

8:00AM **Diane Desroches**
by Fred and Carol

Saturday, April 27, 2024

4:00PM **Joyce Gallivan**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30AM **Susan Kennedy**
by Michael Pio, Jr.

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

Saturday, April 27, 2024

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

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Chris Benvenuti +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 McMahon - Elsie Faneuil - Julia
William Daniels - Anne Berberian
Marianne and Robert Haroian - Mike Sullivan
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
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham

April 21: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love,
You invite each of us to serve you
through the life which is your gift. May
your grace encourage men and women
to heights of holiness through service to
the church as priests, sisters, brothers,
and lay ministers.
Amen.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

One of the blessings that we receive in the northern hemisphere during the Easter Season is the blossoming of the spring flowers. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the Easter Flower collection. The flowers that decorate the altar add to our celebration and remind us of the glory of the Resurrection. Parishioners donated to the collection in memory of deceased relatives and friends. May those who are remembered rejoice in the Resurrection and enjoy everlasting life.

The money collected at the Easter and Christmas flower collections does come very close to the amount we spend on the flowers for the holidays.



One of the most recognized flowers at the altar is the Easter lily. The large white trumpets seem to broadcast the glory of the resurrected Lord. The pristine white color reminds us of the purity of the mystery we celebrate in the Easter Season. We will see a repeat of this display at the end of June and the beginning of July when the lilies that were planted on the church property when they expired on Easter's past will bloom again. The summertime display seems to extend the joy that we celebrate at Easter.

Then we will also get another reminder in the fall. The lilies that are in bloom at the altar today will expire and be planted outside. They were pushed to bloom for Easter. The same plant often sends up another stalk after they are planted outside and gives us at least one blossom just before the first frost of autumn.

Daffodils came to bloom in the church yard just as we approached Easter. Some were in full bloom, outside, behind the altar in the church. Others showed a little later in the bed to the west of the church. Still others showed up in front of the church near the front doors. They gave us some rich yellow color this spring.



The azalea are forming their blooms. We will not see them for at least a couple of weeks. The hydrangea wintered very well this year. The buds at the tips of the bushes have begun to break. I hope to see many big robust blue flowers from them this year.

Unfortunately, the tulip bulbs are a favorite snack of the local squirrels and other rodents. We have not seen many of them this year.



Thank you again to all the donors who supported the Easter Flower collection. Please enjoy the display inside the church and continue to see the beauty of God's creation through the rest of spring and into the summer.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Support Group Mass for Bereaved Parents

Everyone is invited to attend the Pieta annual Mass to honor and remember all of our children on **Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm** at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Please feel free to invite any families who have lost a child.

For more information, contact Annie Doyle, *St. George Outreach Coordinator*, 508-853-0183 or Terry Gentile 508-284-0796 or pieta3@gmail.com. Website: <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/pieta>.

Stewardship!!!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." (John 10:14-16) When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Sunday, April 21, 2024



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

Monday, April 22, 2024

Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
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Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, April 27, 2024

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
Grade 2 First Communion Retreat	10:00AM- Noon	Lower Church Hall
K'night at the Races	5:00PM	Parish Center

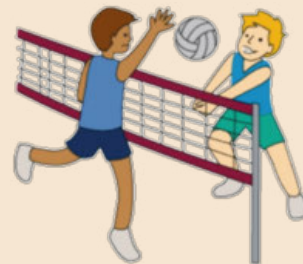
Sunday, April 28, 2024

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

Diocesan Summer Youth Events

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will once again be offering a number of summer programs and activities for youth in middle school and high school! This includes the Diocesan summer volleyball league, aerial adventure park (high ropes/ziplining), whitewater rafting, the Diocesan Youth Retreat, and the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference.

For complete details or to sign up for any of these offerings, go to www.neworchester.org/other-events or contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at tmessenger@worchesterdiocese.org or at 508-929-4360.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,016
Shortfall	(\$3,484)
Debt Redux	\$80
Year to Date	
Budget	\$112,500
Collections	\$56,534
Electronic Payment	\$3,755
Shortfall	(\$52,211)

There will not be a second collection this weekend. 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 62% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$37,770 from 78 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!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“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.

Tickets may also be purchased by calling
Joe Butler at 508-951-1561
or Len Angers at 508-612-8491.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH YARD SALE



WE NEED YOUR TREASURES AND YOUR HELP

Saint Joseph Parish will hold a yard sale
at the Parish Center on May 18.

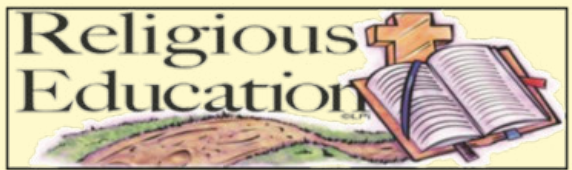
We need your help to make it happen.

1. **Sellers.** People to be at the tables and draw buyers to the goods and take money.
2. **Set-up.** People to move tables to the site early in the morning and set them up to receive goods.
3. **Tear-down.** People to secure the left-overs and tables and clear the parking lot.
4. **Runners.** People who will run to get change, water, sweep up broken items, give direction to buyers who look lost, carry items to a vehicle for a buyer.
5. **Donors.** You may drop off donations at the Parish Center Monday, Tuesday or Friday from 10am-3pm.

Interested parishioners: Contact the religious education office (508-832-6683 or stjoesreledaub@gmail.com) to sign up.

Thank you in advance for your support!

NEWS FROM



Grade 2 First Communion Retreat

Grade 2 students will meet in the lower church hall for their First Communion retreat on **Saturday, April 27, from 10:00am-Noon.** Please send in a snack and drink. Banners are also due on this day.



GRADE 9 & 10

Our next class is **Sunday, April 28.** We begin with mass at 10:30AM and dismissal is at 2:00PM. Bring your lunch today.

Reidy-Bombard-Goodrow-Stolz-Burton **Memorial Scholarship**

The Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Neary Council at St. Joseph’s Parish in Auburn, MA will be awarding scholarships in the sum of \$1,000.00 each (number to be determined) to graduating high school seniors who are active members of St. Joseph’s Parish or a relative of a member of the Monsignor Thomas F. Neary Council #13637.



For information about the application to be sent in, please notify Joseph Butler at 508-951-1561.

SAVE THE DATE

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

Register Now! All women are invited to this exciting Conference, “Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart,” to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on **Saturday, October 5.** Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Fr. Carlos Martins, Pamela Acker, and Ester Munt Brooks. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass.

For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!



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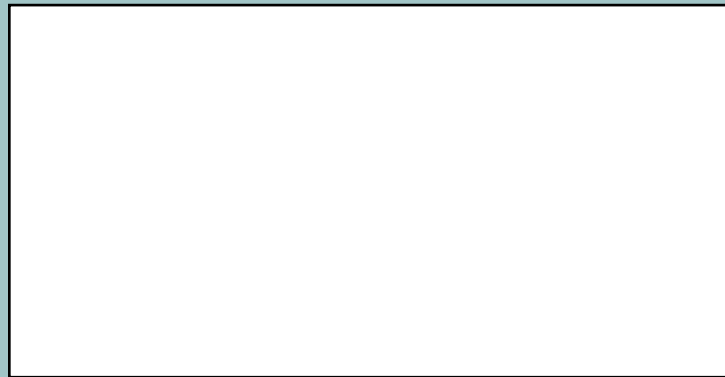
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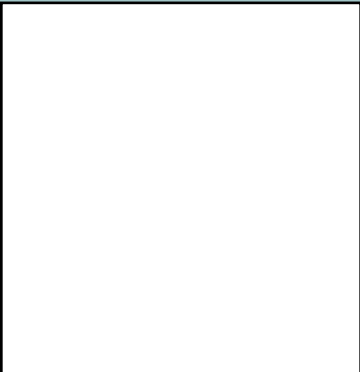
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