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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.”

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 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.

Monday, April 29, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:00AM **Mabel Harris**
by family

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:00PM **Msgr. Don Shea**

Friday, May 3, 2024

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

Saturday, May 4, 2024

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30AM **Joseph L. Fleming**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by sister-in-law Anna
10:30AM **Gladys Gonyea**
17th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Scott Maselek +2
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Paul Molis

The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Jeanne Belhumeur
who recently passed away.



Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley- Donna Perron
John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb
Thomas McMahan - 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
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

A few weeks ago, I was waiting for a haircut at the local tonsorial parlor. Another patron looked me over and remarked that he thought he knew me. He asked if I was a priest, I was not dressed in black, it was Wednesday, my day off. I said that I am the pastor of St. Joseph Church in Auburn. He responded that he had come to mass with a friend of his who had a mass offered for a deceased relative.

He then made a comment that he thought I was under great stress because after mass, as I left the altar, my head was down. I had to laugh at that comment because I put my head down when I leave the altar so I can look over my tri-focal lenses so I have an accurate location for the steps near the altar. If I do not put my head down, the image I get through the lower part of my lenses does not let me place my feet accurately and I am certain that my face would meet the floor. We laughed at his observation and assumption that I was under great stress.

Given that encounter with a stranger, I wonder how many people in the parish are concerned that I put my head down as I leave the altar from mass. I put my head down to accurately watch where I am walking. I avoid stumbling and falling. It seems to work for me!

Last week I did not celebrate mass in Auburn on Saturday. My niece's family invited me to come to Maine and celebrate her son's first communion and confirmation. My thanks to Father Leo-Paul LeBlanc, a retired priest of the diocese, for covering the confessions and mass at St. Joseph Parish on Saturday.

The Catholic Church in the United States continues to observe a Eucharistic Revival. One element of the revival is the Eucharistic Congress planned for July this year. It will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana at Lucas Oil Stadium. Some parishioners are interested in participating. You may look for some groups who will be planning a pilgrimage to the Congress. Please join them if you are able. It promises to be a wonderful event.



WHEN

July 17–21, 2024



WHERE

Lucas Oil Stadium
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



WHO

Laypeople, Clergy, & Religious

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” (1 JOHN 3:18)

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Part Time Cook Needed in Spencer

St. Joseph Abbey, 167 N. Spencer Road in Spencer has an open position for a part-time experienced cook. Responsibilities include: preparing meals for retired Monks and Priests in a 12-bed Infirmary, and meal prep for those in the Retreat House. Hours are every weekend 8:00 am - 4:30 pm with some flexibility for weekday coverage for vacations or time off. Come work in peaceful surroundings with friendly, caring, and supportive staff. This is a great place to work! If you are interested in this position or have questions, please contact Wally at 413-813-8100 and leave a message. Come join our team!



Sunday, April 28, 2024



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

Monday, April 29, 2024

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

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, May 3, 2024

First Holy Communion Rehearsal	4:30PM	Church
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Saturday, May 4, 2024

Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
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Sunday, May 5, 2024

First Holy Communion	10:30AM	Church
Religious Education Class Grades 9 & 10	10:30AM-2:00PM	Church
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Learn more about a Vocation with LaSalette Fathers

Is God calling you to be a priest or a brother? Are you considering God's will in your life? The Missionaries of La Salette are hosting a discernment retreat on **June 7-10**.

For more information or to register, contact Lasalettevocations@gmail.com.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,810
Shortfall	(\$3,690)
Debt Redux	\$70
Year to Date	
Budget	\$120,000
Collections	\$60,344
Electronic Payment	\$4,210
Shortfall	(\$55,446)

The second collection this weekend is for **Fuel**.
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 69% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$41,725 from 86 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 Easter

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Clare Colamaria from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your

business with a print ad in our parish bulletin.
Clare Colamaria (216-325-6825 Ext. 6444)



"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus."
Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

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.

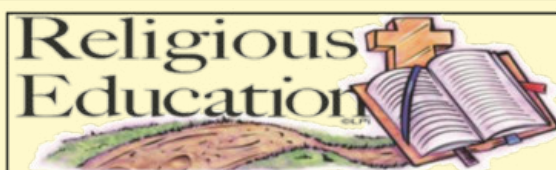
We need your help to make it happen.

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.

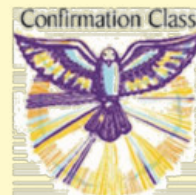
Thank you in advance for your support!

NEWS FROM



Rehearsal for First Holy Communion is **Friday, May 3, 4:30pm**, at the church.

First Holy Communion Mass is Sunday, May 5, 10:30am. Please arrive in the lower church hall no later than 10:15am, with your letters to Jesus.



Grade 9 & 10

Our last class is Sunday, May 5, beginning with mass at 10:30am and dismissal is 2:00pm at the church. Please bring in your chosen confirmation name and any make up work due. Bring your lunch and we have a surprise dessert!!!

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 basket.



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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