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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**So then the Lord  
Jesus, after he  
spoke to them,  
was taken up  
into heaven and  
took his seat at  
the right hand  
of God.**

## 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, 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

## Monday, May 6, 2024

8:00AM **Mike Simpson**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

## Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:00AM **John A. Smith**  
10th Anniversary Remembrance  
by Joan Going

## Wednesday, May 8, 2024

8:00AM **Joseph W. Fleming**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by Mom

6:30PM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

## Thursday, May 9, 2024

8:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**  
Noon **Stan and Mary**

## Friday, May 10, 2024

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

## Saturday, May 11, 2024

4:00PM **Aldea Roberts**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by her daughter

## Sunday, May 12, 2024

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**  
10:30AM **Paul Maillet**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

Saturday, May 11, 2024

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024

8:30am  
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton  
Marek Sitkowski  
Lector Mary Skorvanek  
Altar Server Patty Bickford

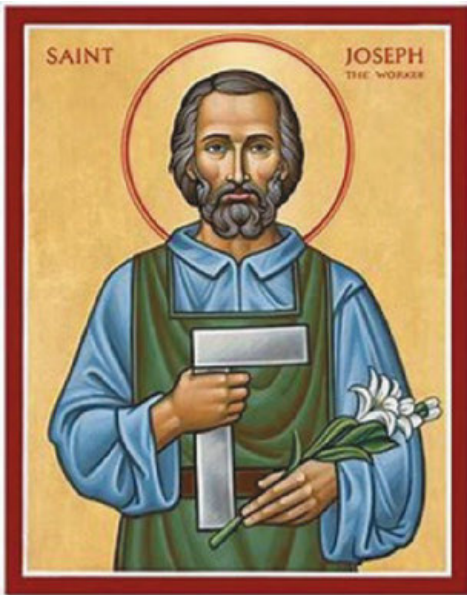
10:30am  
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour +2  
Lector Scott Maselek  
Altar Server Paul Molis



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- Pete Rist  
Marianne and Robert Haroian - Laura Khoury  
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,*



We celebrated the feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker on Wednesday. Happy belated feast day! Our parish did celebrate Saint Joseph Day on March 19. That Feast is solemnity – the highest rank of a Church celebration. It celebrates Saint Joseph as the spouse of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The feast we celebrated on Wednesday is different. It remembers Saint Joseph as a worker. It would be relevant to many of our parishioners who spent much of their lives employed as workers following Joseph's example of being a technician who worked at building and construction. Many of us like to think of Saint Joseph as a carpenter. Wood is a scarce commodity in Israel. If Joseph made his living only working with wood, he would have starved. Most scholars anticipate that he worked with a variety of materials.

Part of the celebration of Saint Joseph the worker is the blessing of tools and other equipment for work. It is a holy Labor Day.

Much of the world celebrates Labor Day on May 1. Countries who have association with socialist / communist leanings are more likely to celebrate Labor Day on May 1. The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII instituted the celebration of Saint Joseph, the Worker on May 1 to balance the socialist / communist emphasis upon the supremacy of workers in society. Saint Joseph was a humble worker, using his talent and skill to support Mary and Jesus in Nazareth. Work contributes to the dignity of the human person. It is a noble endeavor when it builds up and supports the goodness God created.

A good meditation on Saint Joseph can be found in the stained glass window above the organ in our church. The workshop is a place of holy endeavor, not only for Joseph, but the whole family. They work together, but not all on the same project.

“Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God.”

Pope John Paul II

*Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba*

## **Mass & Healing Service in Upton**

Mass and Healing Service will take place at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish on **Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 PM.** with Fr. Larry Brault, Deacon Stephen Mullaney, and Maureen Capistran, Author.

St. Gabriel is located at 151 Mendon St., Upton. 508-603-1430.

For more information contact [crooney@stgabrielma.org](mailto:crooney@stgabrielma.org).



## ***Stewardship!!!***

### ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

*“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:12-13)*

Do you love Jesus? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

## ***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 Auburn Youth and Family Services.



# Sunday, May 5, 2024



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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

## Monday, May 6, 2024

Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
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## Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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## Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

## Thursday, May 9, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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## Friday, May 10, 2024

Coin Club	5:00PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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## Saturday, May 11, 2024

Private Event	11:00AM-4:00PM	Parish Center
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## Sunday, May 12, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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## 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](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com). Website: <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/pieta>.



## Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,350
Shortfall	(\$5,150)
Fuel	\$1657
Debt Redux	
Year to Date	
Budget	\$127,500
Collections	\$62,694
Electronic Payment	\$4,330
Shortfall	(\$60,476)

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

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 67% of our goal of \$60,700.**

**That is \$40,945 from 92 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](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

# St. Joseph Parish



**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

(Rain date, September 25)

**Parish Ctr. Parking Lot**

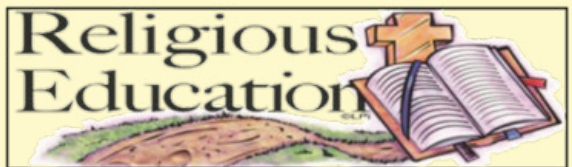
**68 Central St.**

**9:00AM ~ 2:00PM**

We are collecting donations for sale until Tuesday, May 14. Please call ahead before dropping off items, 508-832-6683. Thank you to all who have donated amazing items to sell and our volunteer workers who make it possible.

PLEASE NOTE---The parish center parking lot will be closed until 9:00am to give our workers time for set up. Please do not arrive before 9:00AM. Thank you!!!

**NEWS FROM**



This Sunday four second grade students will receive Jesus for the first time. They have worked very hard during the year. Many thanks to their teacher, Mrs. Charlotte McMahon for her dedication in teaching these young children and their parents who worked with them throughout the year. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith. They are:

*Asa Champagne \* Klaudia Krupa  
Murphy Mero \* Colton Townsend*



There are so many reasons to teach our children to pray. Prayer builds their relationship with God and He becomes a trusted friend. Children can pray for help and guidance; forgiveness, protection, thankfulness and to express their love for Him.

They can pray anytime, anywhere; outside playing, spending quiet time at home, getting up in the morning and going to bed at night. Bring your children into the church during the week. Say some prayers, sit in the quietness or walk around and talk to them about what they see there.

The church is open Monday through Saturday until 4:00pm. Enjoy this precious time.

### The Ascension of Our Lord Thursday, May 9

We will celebrate Mass  
**on Wednesday, May 8**  
**at 6:30 p.m. and on**  
**Thursday, May 9**  
**at 8:00 a.m. and Noon.**

The Ascension is a  
Holyday of Obligation.  
(There will not be a 5 p.m.  
Mass on Thursday, May 9.)



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).



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