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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Jesus prayed, saying, "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one."**

## 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 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

**Father Bomba is on retreat this week.**  
**Mass will not be celebrated at St. Joseph Church**  
**Monday through Friday**

## Saturday, May 18, 2024

4:00PM **Albert Bissonnette, Jr.**  
by family

## Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:30AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**  
10:30AM **For Our Clergy**  
by Pat

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Holy Communion Fred Fraini/Jean Ashton  
Lector Doreen Goodrich  
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:30am  
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton  
Marek Sitkowski  
Lector Patty Bickford  
Altar Server Patty Bickford  
10:30am  
Holy Communion Phil Benvenuti +2  
Lector Sandy Pierce  
Altar Server Paul Molis

## A Prayer for Mothers



God of tender love and life,  
You compared your love for  
humanity to the love a  
mother has for her own child.  
You are the Lord and Giver of  
Life, and you knit each of us  
together in our mother's womb.  
You provide for the world the  
example of Mary, your own  
mother, who said yes to life  
amid her confusion and surprise.

We thank you, then, for our mothers.

Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God.  
They are your gift to us.

We pray for all mothers today. May they realize the  
greatness of their vocation and have the strength to live it  
without fear.

Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you.  
To those who still make this earthly journey with us, give us  
the grace to love them as we should; and to those whom  
you have called from this life, give a special place of honor  
in your Kingdom of endless life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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- 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,**

I will go on retreat this week. It will be at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich, MA. The Office of Ongoing Priestly Formation, Fr. Falco, found the center available last year. It is a huge complex with lots of room. I enjoyed being there last year. There is room to walk and enjoy the spring air.



The retreat master will be Father Dennis McManus of the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama. His resumé had more entries in it than I cared to count. It looks like he couldn't hold a job for long. Much of his ministry has been in seminaries.

Saint Joseph Parish will not celebrate mass in the church this week, as I will be away. The retreat usually does not take many priests away from the diocese, usually only about twenty. I anticipate that most of the parishes in the area will celebrate masses on the usual schedule.

The Church directs priests to go on retreat each year: Code of Canon Law, No. 276.2. I take that direction seriously. The focus of the retreat is spiritual activity. Some people think that priests are usually focused on spiritual activity, why go on retreat to do it? If nothing else, the retreat refocuses the person to prayer, spiritual exercise, relationship with God, and some quiet to destress and center.

While I am on retreat, I will pray for you and your spiritual development. I ask that you will pray for me during this week that God's grace will be upon me to refresh and renew me.

When I return, I will write about what the retreat master presented to us. I usually do that every year to give you some of the benefit that I received on the retreat.



**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

### **SAINT JOHN'S SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Join the Saint John's High School community on Wednesday, May 22, for our Spring Open House.

During this event, prospective families and students will hear from Saint John's faculty, staff, and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to our students!

Limited space is still available for students hoping to enroll for 2024-2025; we encourage both families interested in this coming school year and next school year to attend!

**Registration required;  
please visit**

<https://www.beapioneer.org>.



The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care and witness. She continues to offer us her motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord.

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

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." (1 John 4:15)** How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

# Sunday, May 12, 2024



**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

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

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

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

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

Life Line Screening 8:00AM-5:30PM Parish Center

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

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

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

St. Joseph's Yard Sale 9:00AM-2:00PM Parish Center

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

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

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

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

**Winds of Song Concert in Sturbridge**

"Rough Seas, Safe Harbor" will be performed by Winds of Song on **Sunday, May 19 at 2:30 pm** at St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish, 16 Church St., Fiskdale (Sturbridge). Admission is free, with a freewill offering collected at intermission. "Rough Seas, Safe Harbor" will take audiences on a huge sea voyage, much of it aboard a whaling ship that might have left New Bedford around the 1850s, and sailed practically around the world, separating crew members from their families for as long as four years. Sponsored in part by the Monson and Sturbridge Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



**Parish Support**



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,029
Shortfall	(\$3,471)
Maintenance	\$2,051
Debt Redux	
Year to Date	
Budget	\$135,000
Collections	\$66,723
Electronic Payment	\$4,700
Shortfall	(\$63,577)

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

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 69% of our goal of \$60,700.**

**That is \$41,805 from 100 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!

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

# St. Joseph Parish



**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

(Rain date, May 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**



### Registration Information for 2024/2025



Letters for religious education registration will arrive within the next few days. Please update the information and return along with payment on or before **July 31**.

There will be a drop off box outside the parish center for your convenience. You may also mail, or place it in the collection basket at mass. Please put Religious Education on the envelope. If you would like register in person, office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am-3:30pm.

If you know of families with children in grades Kindergarten, first or second grade, or new to Auburn, please share information about our program. This is the best way to spread the word.

**If you have questions, contact the office at 508-832-6683, or email: [stjoesreledaub@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesreledaub@gmail.com).**

**PROMISE to Protect**  **Pledge to HEAL**

### How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will.

Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.

**For particular help you may call:**

**Judith Audette, Director of Office**

**for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363**

Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

### Retreat/Camp for Young Men

QuoVadis Days is a four-day overnight retreat and camp for young Catholic men of high school age, those entering high school through recent graduates of high school sponsored by the Dioceses of New England. It serves to connect them to other young men striving to live lives of virtue, to deepen their faith, learn more about what it means to be a Catholic man in our world today through an exploration of all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. This event will be both prayerful and a lot of fun, with everything from epic capture the flag games to daily Mass. This year's retreat is **June 20-23**. Learn more at [quovadisnewengland.com](http://quovadisnewengland.com) The cost is \$150. Financial aid is available for those who need assistance.

**For more information contact Fr. Donato Infante, Diocesan Vocations Director, at [donato.infante@gmail.com](mailto:donato.infante@gmail.com).**



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