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## 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.

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



### 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

### Monday, May 20, 2024

8:00AM **Msgr. Chester Janczukowicz**

### Tuesday, May 21, 2024

8:00AM **Lea Wood**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by family

### Wednesday, May 22, 2024

8:00AM **Joanne Kilsheimer**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by her brother

### Thursday, May 23, 2024

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

### Friday, May 24, 2024

8:00AM **Clarence and Rose**

### Saturday, May 25, 2024

4:00PM **Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Bukoski  
and Mr. William Boardman**  
by Beatrice Bukoski

### Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:30AM **Bob Rutkiewicz**  
In Remembrance  
by family  
10:30AM **Mae McCauliff  
and John Higgins**  
Anniversary Remembrances  
by family

### Saturday, May 25, 2024

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

### Sunday, May 26, 2024

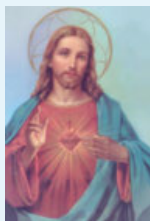
8:30am  
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton  
Marek Sitkowski  
Lector Anna Fleming  
Altar Server Patty Bickford  
10:30am  
Holy Communion Brad Wass +2  
Lector Don Lagacy  
Altar Server Paul Molis



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- 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

### Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Worcester

Please join us for the nine-day novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus starting **Thursday, May 30 through Friday, June 7 at 7p.m.**, Sacred Heart- St. Catherine of Sweden, 596 Cambridge St., Worcester.



## Auburn, Massachusetts

*Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,*

We celebrate Pentecost this weekend. It is a wonderful celebration of the Holy Spirit. The scripture recounts the event that took place in Jerusalem with the Apostles receiving the Holy Spirit as foretold by Jesus. Upon receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter speaks to many in Jerusalem recounting Jesus' crucifixion, death, and resurrection. Peter is quite eloquent in his speech and inspires many in the crowd.

The Jews celebrated Pentecost. They planted wheat near the Passover time and fifty days later they would have the first harvest. The first fruits of the field were dedicated to God so they took the first sheaves to the temple. The priests received the sheaves. Some were burned in offering to God in gratitude for the rest of the harvest that was yet to be gathered. It was a leap of faith!

Along with the first sheaves that were brought to Jerusalem, farmers had a good estimate of how much wheat they would harvest. Jerusalem became a futures market for producers and consumers. The consumers in Jerusalem were first in line with the farmers. The city needed a considerable amount of grain in storage to feed a large population. The market did not stop there. Other sellers and buyers would make deals on wheat and other grains. Livestock was also on sale at this time. You could deal in wool and flax before the summer set in.

During the times of persecution and exile, the Hebrew people celebrated the reception of the Torah by Moses and the people at the foot of Mount Horeb (Sinai) and it is known as Shavuot. Many would rededicate themselves to the Law of Moses and give thanks to God for that gift.

We give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We remember our baptism, confirmation, and ordination on Pentecost and give thanks to God for his gift of the Holy Spirit in the Church. May we be inspired by God's generosity and love.

It is also the end of the Easter Season. We will enter Ordinary Time on Sunday evening. However, the Church will celebrate special feasts at this time. We will celebrate Trinity Sunday next week, and The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus on the following weekend. Monday we will celebrate Mary, the Mother of the Church. It will not feel like Ordinary Time for awhile.



*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>.**

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

### ***Pentecost Sunday***

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)* All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

# Sunday, May 19, 2024



**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

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

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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**Thursday, May 23, 2024**

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

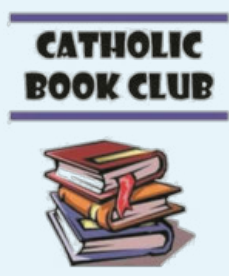
CMSC Driver's Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
Private Event	5:00PM-9:00PM	Parish Center

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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**CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB IN WORCESTER**

Please consider joining the Catholic Book Club, which meets **every Monday from 7-8:15 p.m.** in the Rectory Meeting Room of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 34 Ward St. We begin with prayer followed by an open discussion on the previous week's assignment. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions, share answers and open your minds to new ideas. Go to the parish website for the list of upcoming books and a description of each. You may also contact Julie at 508-320-2965 with any questions.



**SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP IN CLINTON**

The Kolbe Family Group is open to friends and family of loved ones who are struggling with substance abuse and mental illness. This group provides spiritual and emotional support as well as educational resources. Meetings on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month** after the 6 p.m. Mass from 6:45 - 8 p.m. in the lower level of St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Church, 80 Union St. For more information, please email [KolbeFamilyGroup@gmail.com](mailto:KolbeFamilyGroup@gmail.com).



**Parish Support**



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,845
Shortfall	(\$3,655)
Fuel	\$1695
Debt Redux	\$50
Year to Date	
Budget	\$142,500
Collections	\$70,568
Electronic Payment	\$4,820
Shortfall	(\$67,112)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.  
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 \$41,855 from 101 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!

## Pentecost Sunday

### **Save the Dates! June 2-9, 2024 Encounter the Miracle of Jesus in the Eucharist**



Don't miss this spiritual powerhouse of Eucharistic events that will take place at St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish in Clinton, MA.

June 2 Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession through Clinton begins at St. John's Church at 3pm.

June 4 - 6 "Jesus Thirsts, the Miracle of the Eucharist" movie premiere at select theaters.

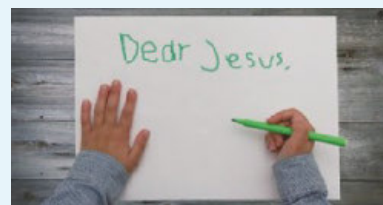
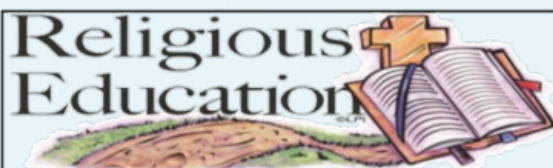
June 7 - 9 Blessed Carlo Acutis's Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles—Encounter the Miraculous through the Eyes of a Millennial Teen.

Learn more: [stjohnsclinton.org/bl-carlo-acutis-exhibit-of-eucharistic-miracles](http://stjohnsclinton.org/bl-carlo-acutis-exhibit-of-eucharistic-miracles)

Questions? Call Theresa Hoggins 978.387.2867 or Ornella Quinn 508.361.0974.

### **NEWS FROM**

### **Religious Education**



Each year, the night before their First Holy Communion, students write a letter to Jesus, expressing how they feel about their special day. Following are those written by the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on May 5.

*"Dear Jesus, I'm nervous and happy. I'm excited to be making my first communion. I'm feeling a little nausus. I'm going to miss my CCD friends. Can't wait to make my first communion.  
Love, Colton"*

*"Dear Jesus, I am feeling so exceded because I will recive a Jesus. I am happy to see my family  
❤️ Klaudia"*

*"Dear God, Thank you for my first communion, and thank you for my cats. Love Murphy"*

*"Dear Jesus, I'm thankful for Swanson Rd school and my Nana, family, teachers and God.  
Love Asa."*



### **"And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always."**

Pentecost fulfilled this promise. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and nothing was ever the same again.

This event is often referred to as the "birthday" of the church. It took Pentecost--and the power of the Spirit--to embolden the apostles to begin their ministry of preaching and baptizing. Conversions began to happen and the early church began to grow. And all of this took place without Jesus' earthly presence among them.

This is one of the most encouraging elements of the practice of our Christian faith. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us and empowers us. We believe that even though we never walked with Jesus and the apostles, we are nonetheless accompanied by the same Spirit who is always available to us! We only need to stir up this Spirit within our souls by praying sincerely, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

The special hymn of today's feast, called the sequence, does just this. It also expresses well the package of "benefits" that come from the presence of the Advocate among us: "You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe." And not only do we receive these personal blessings, but the Church herself also receives a tremendous gift. As Jesus said,

**"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."**

It is only through this divine guidance from on high that the Church has the power and privilege to teach and guide us who are still here below.

### **REMINDER ...**

**The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00PM in the lower church hall.**



### **"Receive the Holy Spirit"**

Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).



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