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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

May 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity



Don't forget  
to remember  
**SOME GONE  
NONE  
FORGOTTEN**

## 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 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

## Monday, May 27, 2024

8:00AM **Deceased Service Members  
of St. Joseph Parish**

## Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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

## Wednesday, May 29, 2024

8:00AM **Thomas Reynolds**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by Judy

## Thursday, May 30, 2024

5:00PM **Charlie Gauthier**  
by family

## Friday, May 31, 2024

8:00AM **Joseph Smith, Sr.**  
29th Anniversary Remembrance  
**and Joseph Smith, Jr.**  
15th Anniversary Remembrance  
by Joan Going

## Saturday, June 1, 2024

4:00PM **Butch and Rita Kimball**  
by family

## Sunday, June 2, 2024

8:30AM **Anna Denaris**  
63rd Anniversary Remembrance  
by daughter Anna

10:30AM **Bea and Bill Lohnes**  
by their daughter

Saturday, June 1, 2024

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

Sunday, June 2, 2024

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

10:30am  
Holy Communion Lisa Wass +2  
Lector Sandy Pierce  
Altar Server Paul Molis



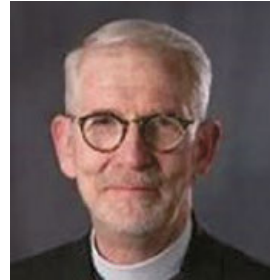
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Thomas McMahan - Elsie Faneuil - Julia  
William Daniels - Anne Berberian- Pete Rist  
Marianne and Robert Haroian - Lana Khoury  
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Derek Degon  
Joyce and Bruce Seaman - Judith Daniels  
Patrick and Kate Dee - Francis Kavanagh  
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  
Derek Lapointe

## Auburn, Massachusetts

***Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,***

A couple of weeks ago I wrote that I would be going on retreat with the priests of the Diocese of Worcester at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center at Ipswich, MA. I was on retreat from May 12 – 17 with over twenty priests. The retreat master was Father Dennis McManus, no relation to our bishop, who gave a number of presentations to us. It was a very fruitful time for all of us there, together in prayer, meditation, liturgy, and recreation.

Father McManus is a great story teller. He illustrated all his points with stories about the Fathers of the Church, saints, and his own experience. The major thrust of his presentations was Jesus' relationships with other people. He focused on the conversations that Jesus had in the Gospels and our interpretation of the conversations.



Father has numerous collegial relationships with a number of rabbis. He sits on a number of organizations that deal with Jewish – Catholic dialog. He told us that we have to read the Gospels in light of the atmosphere they were created in order to get a better understanding of what was going on. Jesus was a Jew who grew up in a Hebrew society. The early Church had an influential Jewish heritage that still affects us today. The Apostles were Jewish. Much of the early Church was Jewish too. The Gospels were created in a Jewish milieu and the early Church was familiar with the Jewish undertones present in the Gospels.

We began with the study of Mary and Joseph. Joseph, our patron, was a good practicing Jew from the evidence presented in the Gospel. He had a conservative character toward the observance of the law. He took his role as a protector of Mary and Jesus quite seriously. He passed this characteristic on to Jesus who grew up in his home. Mary was also serious in her practice of the Jewish faith. Like many women in her society, she was compassionate and focused on the raising of her child. We can see that she passed these characteristics onto Jesus as he conversed with the people he met throughout his work.

What was important to Jews in Jesus' society? Tradition says it all. The Torah, Moses' Law, was very important. Liturgical celebration had great value. Prayer was an important part of daily activity. But Jesus also discarded some social boundaries. He spoke to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. He touched the dead son of the widow of Nain. He did healings on the Sabbath.

The Rabbi, Father McManus commented, would easily identify the event of Jesus being in the Temple at twelve years old as his Bar Mitzvah. He was asking and answering questions in the company of Jewish men, in his Father's house.

The Jewish perspective of Jesus' conversations with people demonstrates his respect and affection for the people with whom he is speaking. The Gospels show that Jesus is in control of the conversations and brings out God's love for his people in every instance.

The retreat presentations confirmed much of what I understood to be contained in the Gospels. I was able to learn from Father McManus and I appreciated what he brought to us, especially in his illustrations. I hope it will have a very positive impact on you as well.

***Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba***

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

### ***The Most Holy Trinity***

***"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." (Romans 8:16-17)*** If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

# Sunday, May 26, 2024



**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

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

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

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

**Thursday, May 30, 2024**

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

CMSC Driver's Education 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

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

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

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

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

***A Message from Bishop McManus ...***

Dear friends in Christ,

Next weekend our diocese will participate in the national Catholic Communications Campaign.

The Catholic Communications Campaign raises funds to be shared between the national communications office of the U.S. Bishops' Conference and our local diocesan Communications Ministry. Its principal mission is to provide Catholic media with national and international news and to inform secular media, whether in print, online or broadcast TV, with a reliable viewpoint.

Our local Communications Ministry interacts with secular media and publishes The Catholic Free Press which is needed now more than ever in a world filled with noise and misinformation. Our TV Ministry continues to offer the Sunday Mass and Daily Mass on local public access channels, the internet and onto our parish websites for those parishes who chose to provide it. It also collaborates with diocesan ministries in producing various informational programs available on the internet.

The most important reason we need your support is that effective communication is key to our evangelizing mission. We are the voice of Jesus Christ extending an invitation to know him through his Church. The first apostles witnessed in the public square in Jerusalem. Today, the public square is online, on TV, in texts, emails and in print and social media.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help us "Share the Good News" in the Catholic Communications Campaign collection on the weekend of June 2.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester



**Parish Support**



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$5,276
Shortfall	(\$2,224)
Debt Redux	\$20
Year to Date	
Budget	\$150,000
Collections	\$75,844
Electronic Payment	\$5,275
Shortfall	(\$68,881)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.  
The second collection next weekend will be for  
**The Catholic Communications Campaign**

*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.



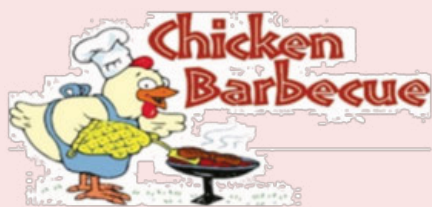
**Saint Joseph Parish has reached 71% of our goal of \$60,700.**

**That is \$43,357 from 108 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!

## The Most Holy Trinity



**Saturday, June 22, 2024**  
**Dinner served at 5:30PM**  
**Parish Center**  
**68 Central St.**

Dinner includes:

Chicken dinner - ½ barbecued chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, watermelon, cornbread, drink and dessert ~ **\$20 per ticket.**

Tickets go on sale after all masses the weekends of June 1 & 2, June 8 & 9 and June 15 & 16, or at the rectory and parish center.

The raffle table returns. Tickets are \$10.00 for 20 tickets. If you would like to donate a basket, gift card, etc., you may drop it off at the parish center or rectory until the Friday before the barbecue. It is very much appreciated. The parish center hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:30am-3:00pm.

**Volunteers are needed, call the parish center at 508-832-6683, if you would like to help. Promises to be a great time. Join the fun!!!**

### Diocese of Worcester Night at the Bravehearts

Join with fellow parishioners on Friday, May 31 for a special night of baseball with the Bravehearts and the Nashua Silver Knights. \$20 includes reserved seating and the "all you can eat" buffet. Free parking. Gates open at 5:30 for the game at 6:30.



Visit [www.braveheartsfun.com](http://www.braveheartsfun.com) to pick your seats and pay for tickets with the Group Portal Password **diocese24** to get your discount.

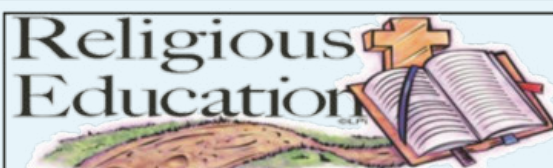
### Vianney Dinner

The next Vianney dinner is **Thursday, June 13** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00-8:30 pm social. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.



**Email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).**

NEWS  
FROM



### A Child's Prayer for Memorial Day



### *A Time to Remember*

Memorial Day is a time to remember, to honor and show our respect; for all men and women who gave up their lives for the country they fought to protect.

Although we cannot picture all of their faces, nor recognize each person's name. We give thanks today for those brave U. S. soldiers, when called by our country, they came.  
Author Unknown

### Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Seminarians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting a pancake breakfast to support our seminarians on **Saturday June 8, from 8:30 to 10:30 am** at Worcester Hibernian Culture Center, 19 Temple St, Worcester. Choice of Blueberry, Strawberry, maple syrup toppings, sausage, juice, coffee or tea. Tickets \$12.00pp in advance/\$15.00pp at the door. Children under 12 are free. If you can't attend, donations are also accepted.



**For Tickets Contact: Steve Belton at [orhfenian@msn.com](mailto:orhfenian@msn.com) or Billi Belton at [mrsorhfenian@msn.com](mailto:mrsorhfenian@msn.com).**

### Annual Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Church, 596 Cambridge St., Worcester, will hold a Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for nine consecutive days starting **Thursday, May 30 - Friday, June 7**.  
Schedule of homilists: Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m., Fr. Peter Tam Bui; Friday, May 31 at 7 p.m., Fr. Leo LeBlanc; Saturday, June 1 at 4 p.m. Vigil Mass, Dcn. Anthony Xatse; Sunday, June 2 at 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Mass, Fr. Eric Asante; Monday, June 3 at 7 p.m., Fr. Frederick Fraini III; Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m., Fr. Edward Niccolls; Wednesday, June 5 at 7 p.m., Dcn. Samuel Morrison; Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m., Fr. John Hamm; Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m., Feast of the Most Sacred Heart, Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. McManus, Principal Celebrant. All are welcome.



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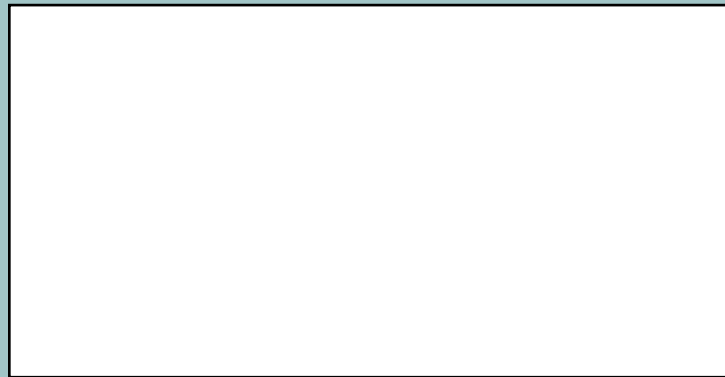
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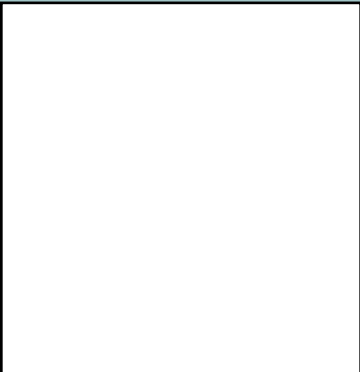
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