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He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"

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

June 30, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, June 29, 2024

4:00PM **Arthur H. Cote**
15th Anniversary Remembrance
by daughter Judith

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:30AM **Rita Coughlin**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Mary and Ked Marcotte**
Jim and Marlene Marcotte
and Duff and John Kittredge
by family

Monday, July 1, 2024

8:00AM **Jerry Falvey**
Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

8:00AM **Stella Cunningham**
Birthday Remembrance
by her son

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

8:00AM **Fran Falvey**
Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, July 4, 2024

8:00AM **The People of the**
United States of America

Friday, July 5, 2024

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

Saturday, July 6, 2024

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

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:30AM **Marvin Degon**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Kathleen Lagacy**
85th Birthday Remembrance
by family

Saturday, July 6, 2024

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

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Brad Wass +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
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,

It is that time of the year when we remember Easter again. The Easter lilies from former years are now in bloom around the church. The floral trumpets that visually sounded “*Alleluia*” in years gone by are now in season in our region. They give us the opportunity to remember Easter and the Resurrection that Jesus celebrated and the promised resurrection for all of us on the last day.

Along with the Easter lilies, the orange daylilies also remind us of the trumpeted “*Alleluia*.” They are in the bed along the walkway between the church and the parking lot. Their intrusion over the walk is a reminder of God’s beautiful creation that is difficult to ignore.

It seems that the Asian lilies that graced the ramp leading into the church for many years have gone away. I noticed a disturbance in the soil where the bulbs were located in the early spring. My estimate is that a local varmint made a meal out of the bulbs. I hope that the varmint was not of the two-legged variety who dug the bulbs up and planted them elsewhere. Those lilies had been there before I arrived at St. Joseph Parish. I may plant new bulbs there later in the season.



The hydrangea bushes are blooming with magnificent flowers this year. Remember that the hydrangea on the parish property were also the plants that graced the altar at Easter in years gone by. I notice that when the weather is severe during the winter, going below zero degrees for an extended period, the tips of the hydrangea freeze and wilt. The mild winter temperatures that lasted throughout the last winter did not freeze or wilt the tips. Those tips have become buds that are waiting to bloom during this summer. The bush that I have at my home has turned a beautiful blue with flowers. The flowers are not the huge pompoms that usually grace the bush, but the smaller flowers this year cover the bush and leave little room for the sun to grace the green leaves below.

The hydrangea last for the rest of the summer. The flowers will be on the plants until the early frost. I hope that you enjoy the brilliant colors they contribute to the church grounds.

I have pepper, tomato, cucumber, and rosemary plants on the deck behind the rectory. I anticipate that they will provide me with some food during this growing season.

The parish center is also witness to floral display. The Rose of Sharon usually bloom near the statue of Saint Joseph on the slope. It is still too early for them to show their flowers, but it won’t be long until they do.

Daisies are gracing the rectory flower beds. So are the hostas. I put down some columbine seeds there, but they are not coming up. I put some cosmos seeds down and we will see them produce flowers soon.

Please enjoy the flora on the parish grounds. May they always remind you of God’s beautiful creation.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.” (2 CORINTHIANS 8:14)

One of the tenets of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the “Body of Christ.” We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

Sunday, June 30, 2024



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

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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

Sunday, July 7, 2024

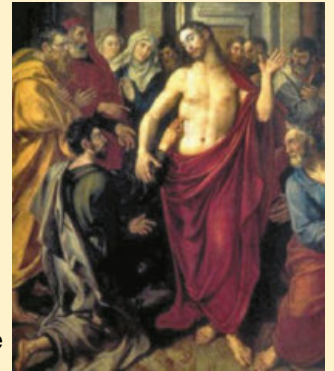
AA Meeting 7:00PM-9:00PM Lower Church Hall

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle: July 3

There is very little about the apostle Thomas in the Gospels; one text calls him the "twin." Rarely during Jesus' lifetime does he stand out among his colleagues. There is the instance before the raising of Lazarus, when Jesus was still in Perea and Thomas exclaimed: "Let us also go and die with Him." Best-known is his expression of unbelief after the Savior's death, giving rise to the phrase "doubting Thomas." Nevertheless, the Gospel passage describing the incident must be numbered among the most touching in Sacred Scripture.

In the Breviary lessons Pope St. Gregory the Great makes the following reflections: "Thomas' unbelief has benefited our faith more than the belief of the other disciples; it is because he attained faith through physical touch that we are confirmed in the faith beyond all doubt. Indeed, the Lord permitted the apostle to doubt after the resurrection; but He did not abandon him in doubt. By his doubt and by his touching the sacred wounds the apostle became a witness to the truth of the resurrection. Thomas touched and cried out: My Lord and my God! And Jesus said to him: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Now if Thomas saw and touched the Savior, why did Jesus say: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed? Because he saw something other than what he believed. For no mortal man can see divinity. Thomas saw the Man Christ and acknowledged His divinity with the words: My Lord and my God. Faith therefore followed upon seeing."

Concerning later events in the apostle's life very meager information exists. The Martyrology has this: "At Calamina (near Madras in India) the martyrdom of the apostle Thomas—he announced the Gospel to the Parthians, and finally came to India. After he had converted numerous tribes to Christianity, he was pierced with lances at the king's command." —Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,874
Shortfall	(\$4,626)
Catholic Univ	\$483
Debt Redux	\$135
Year to Date	
Budget	\$187,500
Collections	\$94,120
Electronic Payment	\$6,460
Shortfall	(\$86,920)

The second collection this weekend is for the **Peter's Pence Offering.**

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 74% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$45,007 from 121 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!

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Young Adult Weekly Pick-Up Volleyball in Worcester



Young adults (ages 18+) are invited to a weekly pick-up volleyball, 6 p.m. on **Fridays** through the end of August, at St. Christopher Church, 950 W. Boylston St., Worcester. These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult (regardless of skill level.)

To receive text or email updates during the summer, sign up at neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball.

Divine Mercy Cenacle – Clinton

The Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle of St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish prays for all requests, but especially for the seriously ill and the dying. Prayer requests can be submitted by phone at 978-733-0090 or email at

DMCPray@gmail.com.

Cenacle members receive your requests immediately and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for your intentions.



Thank You!

To the Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish for their generous donation to the parish maintenance fund.



NEWS FROM



Father of all nations and ages,
We recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations;
for what has been achieved we give you thanks,
for the work that still remains we ask your help,
and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.



Come to pray for our nation at Mass on Thursday, July 4 at 8:00am.
There will not be a 5:00pm Mass on July 4.

The sympathies of our parish are extended to the families of
Patricia Bartoli and
Mary Mathieu
who recently passed away.



Did You Know?

Internet Safety for Kids

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old-style telephone party line, except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location.

**For particular help you may call: Judith Audette,
Director of Office for Healing and Prevention
at (508) 929-4363.**

Source: Bob Farley, "Exposing the Dangers of Chat Rooms," featured March 14, 2005, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus.

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