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*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."*

## 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

August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



### Saturday, August 3, 2024

4:00PM *Fr. Peter H. White*

### Sunday, August 4, 2024

8:30AM *Gail Cicio*  
 Birthday Remembrance  
 by family

10:30AM *Albert Bissonnette*  
 by family

### Monday, August 5, 2024

8:00AM *Bill and Clarence*

### Tuesday, August 6, 2024

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

### Wednesday, August 7, 2024

8:00AM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

### Thursday, August 8, 2024

5:00PM *Fr. Peter H. White*

### Friday, August 9, 2024

8:00AM *Fr. Francis Piechocki*

### Saturday, August 10, 2024

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

### Sunday, August 11, 2024

8:30AM *Richard O'Connor*  
 Anniversary Remembrance  
 by Judy

10:30AM *Richard Fleming, Jr.*  
 by his Mom

### Saturday, August 10, 2024

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

### Sunday, August 11, 2024

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



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  
 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  
 Kayla, Patrick and Olive O'Donnell  
 Linda J. Harris - Giuseppe Struppa  
 Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham  
 Derek Lapointe- Christopher Chiras

The sympathies of our parish are  
 extended to the families of  
 Paul J. Banks, Sr.  
 Betty A. Carpenter  
 and Beatrice A. Bukoski  
 who recently passed away.



## Auburn, Massachusetts

**Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

This week I received a letter from Bishop McManus notifying me that Saint Joseph Parish has not yet reached our goal for the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal which is \$60,700. So far, only 129 people have donated \$46,117 which he reports is 76% of the goal. To reach our goal we need \$14,583 in more gifts.



He requests that, since this parish has yet to reach goal, that I do all I possibly can over the next few weeks in promoting a special Partners in Charity Gift Weekend. Bishop McManus states that he remains optimistic that this goal is still achievable with my support.

To assist me in this endeavor, he supplied the following bulletin announcement. He reminded me that our appeal concludes on August 31. He asks that those who previously gave and have not yet given this year might consider supporting the Appeal this year.

The *Catholic Free Press* will announce this special collection in the hope that many will see the article and be reminded of the importance of each gift.

### **Bulletin Announcement**

For those Parishioners *who have not already donated* we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the *2024 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal* ...which you can **make online**.

129 people have already donated and for those gifts we are truly grateful.

But you can easily offer your gift online this year!

Just go to **partners-charity.net/donate**.

Also, donor envelopes can be found in the church pew this weekend. If using a gift envelope you can return it through the weekly offertory collection or through the mail.

This year the diocesan campaign has been impacted by fewer gifts of support. So, it will be a great challenge to reach its goal of \$5 million (as will many other annual campaigns.)

Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving.

Just a few examples are the care of fifty-two retired priests ~ poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service ~ seniors receiving home health care through Catholic Charities ~ children seeking a good education ~ those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate ~ the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more!

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. It takes many gifts to reach our diocesan goal of \$5 million.

**All checks** should be made payable to “**Partners in Charity**.” We hope you’ll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

Partners In charity 2024  
As of July 23, 2024 we  
have received 10,387 gifts  
totaling \$4,100,108!

82% of Goal

Thank you to all our donors  
who continue to faithfully  
support our annual appeal!

**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

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

### ***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (Exodus 16:4)***

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs.” Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

# Sunday, August 4, 2024



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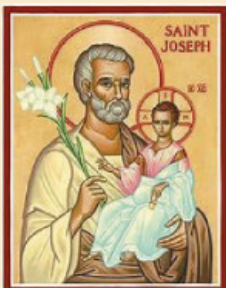
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

## Wednesday, August 7, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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## Sunday, August 11, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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## Novena to Saint Joseph – Worcester

Christ the King Parish will hold its annual novena for **nine consecutive Mondays, 7:15-8 p.m., Sept. 9-Nov. 4**, at 1052 Pleasant St. This year's speakers are as follows: Sept. 9, Msgr. Sullivan; Sept. 16, Bishop McManus; Sept. 23, Msgr. Richard F. Reidy; Sept. 30, Marie Romagnano; Oct. 7, Rev. Stephen E. Lundrigan; Oct. 14, Rev. John Gavin; Oct. 21, Rev. Richard F. Trainor; Oct. 28, Rev. James J. Boulette; and Nov. 4, "Jo" Massarelli. All are welcome to participate as we pray for the sick, for improvements in palliative care and for physician assisted suicide not to become law in Massachusetts. We will accept names of the seriously or terminally ill at 508-754-5361 or [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

## 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 St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.

## Join us for a summertime Family Holy Hour – North Oxford

**Friday 8/9/24 @ 4:30-5:30pm** at St. Ann in North Oxford, MA. All ages welcome--babies, little children, teens, young adults, parents, grandparents...everyone! Feel free to join us for all or part of the hour. There is a 6pm Mass at St. Ann after as well. Questions? Contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or Gina Hamwey at [gina.hamwey@gmail.com](mailto:gina.hamwey@gmail.com).



## Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,631
Shortfall	(\$2,869)
Debt Redux	\$150
Year to Date	
Budget	\$225,000
Collections	\$111,658
Electronic Payment	\$8,145
Shortfall	(\$105,197)

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

The second collection next weekend will be for **The Church in Central/Eastern Europe**.

*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 76% of our goal of \$60,700.**

**That is \$46,117 from 129 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!

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has often spoken of the need for Christians to evangelize others through accompaniment. For Central and Eastern Europeans living in countries that experienced 70 years of communist oppression, the Church especially needs to accompany people to an encounter with Christ that is patient, understanding, and filled with hope instead of fear, anger, and anxiety.

In Slovakia, the Alexis Counseling Center has accompanied nearly 2,500 women and their loved ones with devotion. Since 2010, the center has provided counseling to women experiencing the anxieties of an unplanned pregnancy or the grief of pregnancy loss, as well as to their spouses, family members, and friends. In addition to promoting psychological healing, the center also helps vulnerable women who have experienced miscarriages and abortions to find housing, material and financial assistance, and support groups.



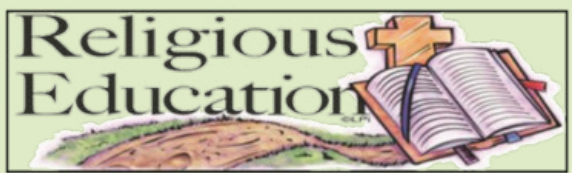
In Albania, lay people are preparing for lay ministries as catechists and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion through a three-year study program that provides in-depth knowledge of the Gospel, the Church, and sacraments, liturgy, and spirituality. This formation program equips participants to be active, faith-filled agents of evangelization and accompaniment to those who desire to know Christ and the Church.

Ministries of accompaniment such as these are made possible with grant monies raised through the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. When you support this collection **on the weekend of August 11**, you help the Church in more than 25 other countries accompany people who still experience the hardships and wounds caused by communism.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

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

NEWS  
FROM



### TEACHER MEETING

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024 ~ 6:30pm**  
**at the Parish Center - Grades K-8**

Summer is moving quickly and it's time to plan for the new Religious Ed year. Thank you to all who are returning to teach this year and for your commitment to our program. Sharing your time and your faith with our kids is a blessing.

***We are in need of a grade six teacher on Monday evenings from 6:45pm-8:00pm. If you are interested in teaching or have questions, please give Lisa a call at 508-832-6683, or email: [stjoesreledaub@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesreledaub@gmail.com).*** You do not have to be a parent to teach. If you have an interest in teaching but are unsure, please come to the meeting.

### Prayer for Evangelization Revitalization of Parishes in the Worcester Diocese



Eternal Father, we ask you, through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, the Star of the New Evangelization, to pour forth your Holy Spirit upon the entire diocese of Worcester.

Root us deeply in the heart of your son so that we may radiate him more fully, sharing with others the Good News of Jesus Christ, who alone is the fulfillment of all human longing.

Help us revitalize our parishes and make them beacons of light and hope, so as to transform hearts, and welcome the lost back to your flock.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, renew and transform us to be missional and fruitful in the work of evangelization according to your holy will. Amen.

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