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Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

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.

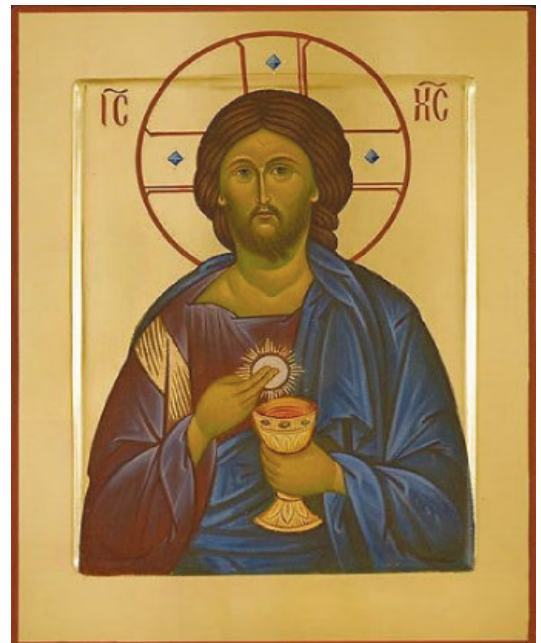
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, August 17, 2024

4:00PM **Arthur Wood**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:30AM **Fr. Charles Dumphy**
10:30AM **Kathleen Lagacy**
6th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Monday, August 19, 2024

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

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

8:00AM **Fr. Andrew Walsh**

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

8:00AM **Bea Bukoski**
by a friend

Thursday, August 22, 2024

5:00PM **Fr. Charles Dumphy**

Friday, August 23, 2024

8:00AM **Betty Fraini**
Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, August 24, 2024

4:00PM **Charles Modzelewski**
18th Anniversary Remembrance
by daughter Theresa Sarsfield

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:30AM **Fr. Andrew Walsh**
10:30AM **Thomas W. Powers**
13th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, August 24, 2024

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

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Chris Benvenuti +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 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 - 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
Mary F. Horgan and
Roland J. Beauregard
who recently passed away.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Church will celebrate a Holy Year Jubilee in 2025. Preparations are being made for the Church's celebration. It is a special year of grace for God's people as we gather together in prayer.

The tradition goes back to ancient Jewish practice. During a Sabbatical Year it was a time of rest and recuperation. People prepared for the Sabbatical Year in the previous years by stockpiling food and supplies. Fields were left fallow during the year. It was the ancient conservation method for the farms to regenerate the soil. Whatever grew in the fields was plowed under the soil after the growing season. It rejuvenated the fields so they would grow a better crop after the Sabbatical Year.

It was a time of prayer. As the soil was nourished, so was the soul. Every Sabbath was a time of prayer and meditation. The Sabbatical Year placed emphasis on spiritual renewal through prayer and meditation.

It was a time of forgiveness. The Sabbatical Year encouraged people to tear up promissory notes and debts. It was a time to lay down arms and sue for peace among nations, tribes, and families. It was the great opportunity to free slaves and indentured servants. It was a time to let hurts go and seek healing.

You may remember that Pope Francis called an extraordinary Holy Year about ten years ago. It was a Holy Year of Mercy. A relic of that Holy Year is posted above the door to the reconciliation room in the church. The focus of that year was mercy.

Jubilee 2025 has the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." The Holy Father sees great signs of despair among people because they are poor, sick, elderly, the young, imprisoned, and migrants. While the Jubilee will not change their state of poverty, illness, age, incarceration, or migration, the Jubilee focuses on hope that changes the heart and spirit. Pope Francis reminds us that hope is a virtue that is joined with faith and charity.

Holy Year pilgrims will go to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee. Travel agents are already hard at work preparing travel packages and accommodations for pilgrims. Rome is sprucing itself up in preparation for millions of pilgrims to visit. Most pilgrims will want to visit the four major basilicas in Rome that will have special Holy Doors opened for the celebration. You may wish to be one of those pilgrims. The city will be crowded throughout the Holy Year.

During the Extraordinary Jubilee Year Pope Francis directed bishops to designate doorways in churches in their diocese that would participate in that celebration. It will not be so next year. Pope Francis directed bishops to designate their cathedral, or any other suitable gathering site to be a place of pilgrimage in each diocese because everyone will not be able to travel to Rome.

Please remember the basic part of the observance: rest, prayer and meditation, mercy and forgiveness, and hope!



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56)

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

Sunday, August 18, 2024



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

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Wednesday, August 21, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Sunday, August 25, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by blasphemies and ingratitude. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Excerpted from The Prayer Book by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,049
Shortfall	(\$4,451)
C/E Europe	\$644
Debt Redux	\$30
Year to Date	
Budget	\$240,000
Collections	\$119,805
Electronic Payment	\$8,635
Shortfall	(\$111,560)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

The second collection next weekend will be for

Fuel.

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 81% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$49,417 from 138 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!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REMINDER ...

The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00PM in the lower church hall.



Volunteers needed in Worcester!

Is God calling you to do more to help women choose life? Problem Pregnancy, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center in Worcester, is seeking volunteers to join their team. They are in need of caring individuals to distribute baby clothes and diapers on Wednesdays. Training is also available for those who would like to volunteer as counselors. Hours are flexible.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Kathy at 508-308-1664.



Bible Study – Zoom

Father Conrad S. Peceovich will host a Bible study 7:30-8:30 p.m., **Tuesdays**, via Zoom, exploring the upcoming Sunday Liturgy.

Contact Cathy Campbell, obsoup1@gmail.com to receive the weekly invite. All are welcome.



Prayer for Evangelization Revitalization of Parishes in the Worcester Diocese



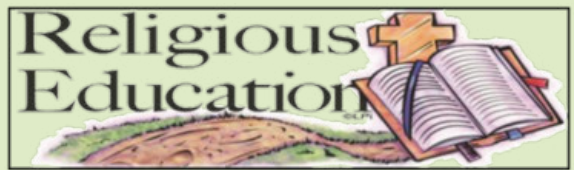
Eternal Father, we ask you, through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, the Star of the New Evangelization, to pour forth your Holy Spirit upon the entire diocese of Worcester.

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.

NEWS FROM



What are the benefits of religious education???

Religious Education is an important component of a balanced life. Parents are the most significant teachers in their child's life. Alongside parents, formal religious education develops a child's knowledge and understanding of their Catholic faith. A curriculum based on scripture, prayer and Catholic tradition enriches a child's spiritual growth, their values and attitudes.

Attending and participating in the Mass is first and most important in your child's religious education. Young children often have difficulty understanding the homily and what takes place during the Mass. Attending classes teaches the faith and Catholic traditions at a level they can understand enabling them to appreciate the Mass and the church's teachings.

Religious Education classes become a small community, where students can share thoughts and ask questions in a positive and friendly environment. Each year builds on the next as they continue to build a connection with God. A connection that should last a lifetime.

Take a moment, pray and listen in the quiet. We all need that special time with God.

Registration for classes continue. If you have not registered, please do so. Welcome letters and a September calendar will be sent soon. Looking forward to a great year!!!

The Religious Education office will be closed from Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23. You may still drop off student registration papers in the box outside the parish center (it is emptied daily), put them in the basket at mass or mail to 68 Central St.

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