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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

August 25, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

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.

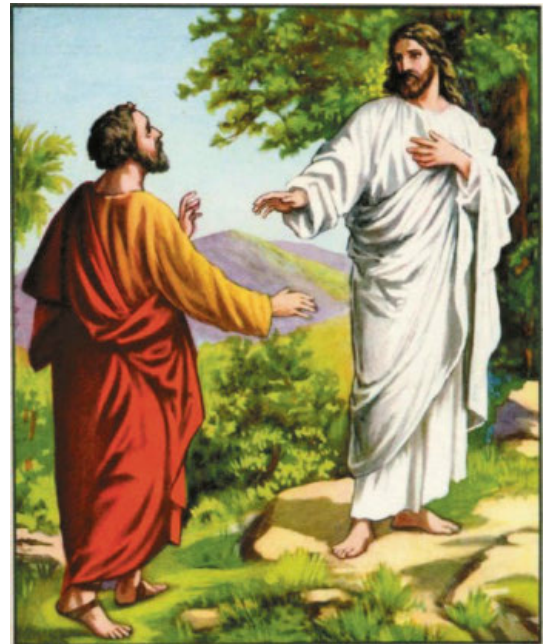
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, 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

Monday, August 26, 2024

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

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

8:00AM **Fr. Charles Dumphy**

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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

Thursday, August 29, 2024

5:00PM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Friday, August 30, 2024

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

Saturday, August 31, 2024

4:00PM **Bea Bukoski**
We miss you!
by a friend

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **John and Grace Donatelli**
by a friend

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Holy Communion **Joe and Dolly Cloutier**
Lector **Lucie LaJeunesse**
Altar Server **Jean Ashton**

Sunday, September 1, 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 **Sandy Pierce**
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 - Iris Wood
Kayla, Patrick and Olive O'Donnell
Linda J. Harris - Giuseppe Struppa
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe- Christopher Chiras



**Our best wishes and
blessings for a successful
and rewarding
school year!**

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Archdiocese of Boston announced that Bishop Richard Henning would become the next Archbishop of Boston. Cardinal Sean O'Malley will retire from the Archdiocese of Boston when Bishop Henning is installed.

Cardinal O'Malley is eighty years old. The usual retirement age for bishops is seventy-five years when they must submit their retirement letter to the Holy Father. Pope Francis requested that Cardinal O'Malley continue as the Archbishop of Boston beyond seventy-five and he has done so until now.

Cardinal O'Malley made some statements (hints) early in 2024 that he would retire soon. It was no great surprise that he would retire. Bishop Henning will be installed as the Archbishop of Boston on October 31.

Cardinal O'Malley will still have some positions to which the Holy Father appointed him at the Holy See. The retirement from Boston is an indicator that he will also retire from those positions soon. When Cardinal O'Malley reached eighty years old, he also lost his vote to elect the next pope.

While Archbishop Henning is in Boston, what does that have to do with the Diocese of Worcester? Dioceses are organized in provinces. Each province has an archbishop as its head. Worcester belongs to the Boston province. The bishops in a province work collegially for the benefit of the entire province. Communications between a diocese and the Holy See sometimes channel through the archbishop of the province.

I anticipate that Archbishop Henning will participate in the process for the selection of the next bishop of Worcester. That is one of the tasks that the provincial archbishop usually receives.

Will Archbishop Henning become a cardinal? The Archbishop of Boston has historically been selected to become a cardinal soon after they were installed as the Archbishop of Boston. However, Pope Francis has been full of surprises when it comes to the naming of cardinals during his pontificate. Will he have a surprise for Boston?

I was very happy to hear that Bishop Henning will be the next Archbishop of Boston. That means I did not get selected and I get to stay here at Saint Joseph Parish in Auburn. Traffic is bad enough in Auburn, it is much worse in Boston.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Hear from programs championing Life in our area

On **Friday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 pm** in the Hall of St. John Church, the men of St. Joseph at St. John's Church in Clinton invite all the faithful to a special presentation by guest speakers to learn how many great centers, organizations & offices are championing life & the family across the State of Massachusetts and how you can help. Presenters include Rebecca Urban of Visitation House in Worcester; Shelly Cullen of First Concern in Marlboro; Rose Monti-Johnson & Christine Lehane of Birthright in Hudson-Marlborough; Amy Gaudet of Clearpast Ministry in Worcester-Springfield; Allison LeDoux of the Diocese of Worcester; and Sam Whiting of Mass Citizens for Life. Enter the hall from the rear parking lot which is accessible from School Street. The Church address is 80 Union St., Clinton, MA 01510.

More info at stjohnsclinton.org.



Stewardship!!!

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

Sunday, August 25, 2024



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

Monday, August 26, 2024

Plumbing School 5:30PM-10:00PM Parish Center

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Plumbing School 5:30PM-10:00PM Parish Center

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

Saturday, August 31, 2024

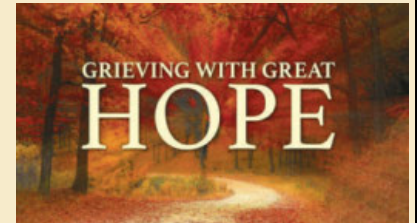
Private Event 3:00PM-6:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, September 1, 2024

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

Grief Support Workshop in Uxbridge

St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge will be offering a workshop entitled, "Grieving with Great HOPE" on **Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, and 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**. This five-week Catholic Apostolate seeks to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one. As Catholics we are given hope for eternal life in the risen Lord for ourselves and for our loved ones. The workshop is for anyone who has lost a loved one including a spouse, child, sibling, cousin, etc. and will include video presentations, sharing, and prayer. This updated workshop teaches practical tools for intentional mourning and participants will journey together to become disciples of hope. Cost is \$18.00 and includes an accompanying workbook. St. Mary's is located at 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge.



**To register, please call the office at 508-278-2226,
access the website at stmaryuxbridge.org/grieving-with-great-hope,
or email dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org.**



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,918
Shortfall	(\$4,582)
Debt Redux	\$65
Year to Date	
Budget	\$247,500
Collections	\$122,723
Electronic Payment	\$9,590
Shortfall	(\$115,187)

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

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 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!

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist Feast Day: August 29th

The Church celebrates the passion of St. John the Baptist who died approximately A.D. 30. We know from the Bible that he was the cousin of Jesus, the son of St. Elizabeth, and also the nephew of Our Lady. King Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he liked to hear John's words, although he didn't take them to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of the crowds he was starting to build. He was afraid to kill him, so instead he had him imprisoned.

According to the Gospels, Herod had imprisoned John because he spoke out about Herod divorcing his wife, and unlawfully taking the wife of his brother. On Herod's birthday, his new wife's daughter danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom.

When the daughter asked her mother what she should ask for, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod was appalled by the request but reluctantly agreed and had John the Baptist executed in prison. St. John the Baptist was beheaded, and his head was placed on a platter. Over time, Herod suffered military disaster at the hands of Aretas, his father-in-law, and many believed it was God's punishment for his unrighteous behavior, and for taking the life of John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage, that he wasn't fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day.



We can learn a lot from his life. We too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out of the immorality of our day, and with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around us.

Source: The Newman Collection.

PROMISE to Protect **Pledge** to HEAL

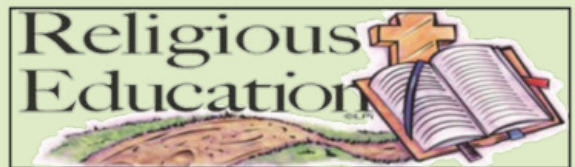
Know Your Kids' School

Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment.

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

Source: Philip J. Lazarus, "Characteristics of Safe and Responsive Schools," VIRTUS, January 14, 2002.

NEWS FROM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES

We have missed you!!!! Classrooms are being prepared and teachers are ready to begin the new religious ed year.

Classes begin on Monday, September 16, for grades 3 – 8 and Saturday, September 21, for Grades 1 & 2.

Spread the news. Registration is ongoing. If you haven't registered, please do so soon. Share our contact information with families that may want more information regarding our program. It is wonderful when our family grows.

Parents, you are the first and most important teachers in your child's life. We welcome and look forward to the opportunity to support you in their catholic education. See you in September!!!

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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