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♥ Happy
Grandparents Day



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.

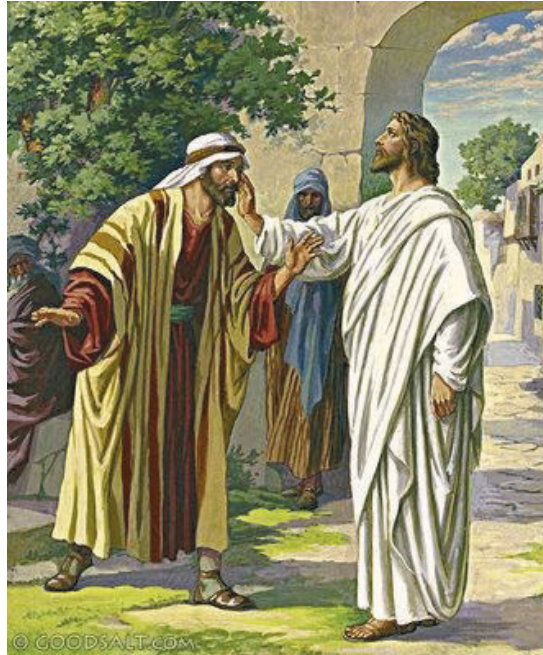
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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

September 8, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, September 7, 2024

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

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:30AM **Lisa M. Martin**
by Mary Ellen and Errol Hall

10:30AM **Bernice Garry**
5th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Monday, September 9, 2024

8:00AM **Giuseppe Struppa**
Prayers for Seppe

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

8:00AM **Amos Morin**
Anniversary Remembrance
by Pat

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

8:00AM **Lena**

Thursday, September 12, 2024

5:00PM **William Lavin**
Birthday Remembrance
by his daughter

Friday, September 13, 2024

8:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Saturday, September 14, 2024

4:00PM **Bea Bukoski**
by her friend Betty

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:30AM **Joan, Doug, Doug, Jr.**
and Glenn & Joanie Nephew
by family

10:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Saturday, September 14, 2024

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

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion **Len Angers/Jean Ashton**
Marek Sitkowski
Lector **Anna Fleming**
Altar Server **Jean Ashton**

10:30am
Holy Communion **Brad Wass** +2
Lector **Lisa Wass**
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

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG

St. Joseph Parish Choir
Rehearsal Thursday at
6:30pm in the church.
We welcome new members
with open arms.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Our country celebrated Labor Day last weekend. It marks our calendars with a number of items that change with the arrival of September.

Saint Joseph Parish begins a new fiscal year. The diocese constructed the fiscal year from September to August. Our financial cycle turns the page to a new calendar. We will submit our reports for fiscal year 2024 to the diocese soon. We began a new annual budget on September 1. The Finance Committee will meet soon to receive the reports and sign them for dispatch to the diocesan financial office. They will also approve the budget for fiscal year 2025.

Schools opened for a new academic year. The religious education program will open for learning soon. If you have not yet registered children for the religious education program, please do so quickly so Mrs. Wass can have materials and teachers ready for the new year. I encourage all the young people in the classes to enjoy learning about the faith and practice their religion.



Some people assign the end of summer to the observance of Labor Day. Meteorologists usually recognize that the fall weather usually begins in September. Some of the trees on



Saint Joseph Parish property acknowledge the same since they have begun to change color. I notice that the trees with the first buds in the spring are usually the first to change their leaves to fall colors. Daylight diminishes rapidly in this season in central Massachusetts. We remember that God's creation teaches us about the cycles of life. While astronomical fall won't begin until Sunday, September 22, many of us are already in the mood for autumn. The high heat of summer is usually past us by now.

Some people will not wear white after Labor Day. That old habit seems to have lost popularity with today's fashion. Liturgists were never bound by such practices. This week I will celebrate St. Peter Claver on Monday and Saint John Chrysostom on Friday and both liturgies call for white vestments. While no one could ever describe me as a dedicated follower of fashion, I do like to celebrate the joyful liturgical feasts that call for white vestments. God's grace shines brightly when we celebrate these feasts.

Labor Day is just the beginning of a string of holidays that we celebrate in the fall. Among them we will celebrate All Saints Day on November 1 that is quickly followed by All Souls Day on November 2. We will also celebrate Columbus Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day in this quarter. Before astronomical winter arrives, we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception on December 8. That feast is during the season of Advent.



People mark the calendar with seasons and feasts. The calendar reminds us of the cycles of life that are evident in God's creation. During the fall thank God for the blessings he bestows on us.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

Join the Parish

Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish. Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms found in the vestibule of the church or on the back table of the parish center. Place it in the mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the collection basket.



Sunday, September 8, 2024



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

Monday, September 9, 2024

Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
Safe Environment Training	6:30PM-7:30PM	Parish Center

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Plumbing School	5:30PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, September 14, 2024

Private Event	4:00PM-7:00PM	Parish Center
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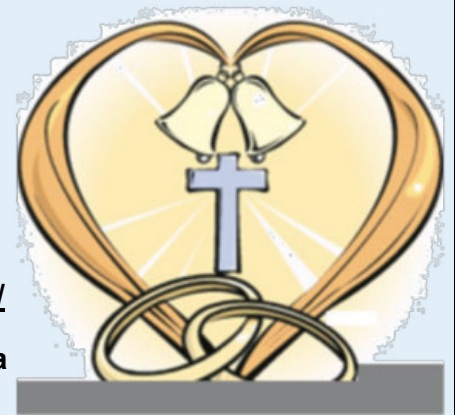
Sunday, September 15, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 10** so that commemorative certificates may be issued.

To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,218
Shortfall	(\$4,282)
Maintenance	\$1564
Debt Redux	\$70
Year to Date	
Budget	\$262,500
Collections	\$129,290
Electronic Payment	\$10,080
Shortfall	(\$123,130)

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

The second collection next weekend will be our **offering for CCD.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



Heavenly Father, on this day, a terrible act of brutality was visited upon our people.

We ask for your grace upon the souls of those who died this day, and the loved ones they left behind.

Bless those who, today, work unceasingly to protect us all from further acts of violence. Change the hearts and minds of those who would murder the innocent in your name.

Help us to remember Christ's victory over all death.

Lead us all to you, Lord, in a true unity, begotten not of blood that was shed in anger, but shed by your Son, out of love for us. Amen.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



With the end of our 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal, we wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Through your support, St. Joseph Parish raised a grand total of \$50,992.00, bringing us to 84% of our parish goal of \$60,700!!

Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship.

Lectors



The lectors' manual of readings for the 2025 Church year are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up and sign out your copy.

Learn more about American Heritage Girls



Do you know of a girl aged 6-18 drawn to Christ-centered scouting? Come explore American Heritage Girls (AHG)! AHG Troop 0716, located at Our Lady of Loreto, 37 Massasoit Road in Worcester is hosting an information and registration night on **Sept. 10 from 5:00-6:30 pm**. Come learn more about the programs which celebrate the hearts and lives of girls and how her gifts, service, talents and abilities can lead her and others to a closer relationship to Christ.

Please email: troop0716ahg@gmail.com for more information.

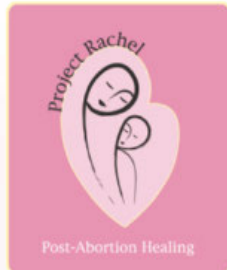
Project Rachel

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's safe and confidential ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by abortion.

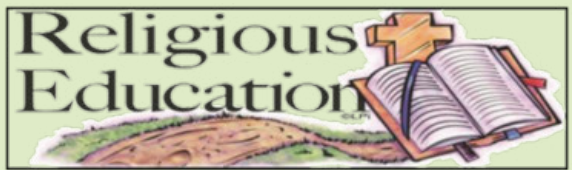
If you or a friend or loved one are hurting as a result of abortion's painful aftermath, call

Project Rachel at (508) 791-HOPE.

Trust in the tender embrace of God's mercy!



NEWS FROM



WELCOME BACK TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES

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

Spread the news. We are still accepting new students. If you would like more information or to register your son/daughter in our religious education program, please contact the office at 508-832-6683 or email: stjoesreledaub@gmail.com. It's wonderful when our family grows.



Safe Environment Training

Any volunteer working with children is mandated by the diocese of Worcester to complete a one-time Safe Environment training. If you currently volunteer or may volunteer in the future with parish groups such as religious education, Knights of Columbus, parish events, and have not completed a safe environment training, contact the religious education office at 508-832 6683 to make arrangements.

We offer an in-person training at the parish center, 68 Central St. on **Monday, September 9, 6:30pm**. We also offer an online tutorial for you through the diocese of Worcester. If you have completed the training in the past, you only need to submit a new CORI application with a copy of your license.

We cannot have any volunteers working with our children who have not completed this training.

Participants taking the online class also need to complete a CORI form and submit a copy of their license, which is also provided from the religious ed office.

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