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CATECHETICAL
SUNDAY



September 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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, 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**

Monday, September 16, 2024

8:00AM **Fr. Steve Johnson**
Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

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

Thursday, September 19, 2024

5:00PM **Fr. Peter J. Scanlon**

Friday, September 20, 2024

8:00AM **Fred Fraini, Sr.**
Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, September 21, 2024

4:00PM **John and Lea Galeckas**
by family

Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **John and Sophie**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

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

Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Phil 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 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

REMINDER ...

**The Msgr. Thomas F.
Neary Council #13637
Knights of Columbus of
St. Joseph Parish will
hold its monthly meeting
on Tuesday, Sept. 17
at 7:00PM in the
lower church hall.**



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,



The Church will soon begin a new liturgical calendar for 2025. The liturgical calendar begins on the First Sunday of Advent, this year it will be on December 1. Pastors must look forward to see what must be prepared so that the liturgical celebrations will have the necessary resources to celebrate each event as the Universal Church plans it.

When I looked at the new calendar, I focused on Easter. Easter is a movable feast the Church celebrates on the lunar phase. It falls after the first full moon of spring. We will celebrate Easter on April 20 in 2025. It will be much later than when we celebrated it in 2024.

Easter is when the Church welcomes new members into the Church through Baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. It is also the opportunity that the Church takes to welcome people who were validly baptized in another Church and now wish to become part of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church does not welcome older children and adults into the Church without first instructing them about the practice of the faith. Older children and adults must be committed to the Church's doctrine and practice. If the Church welcomed an adult person into the Church without informing them about the doctrines and practices, it would be unjust to the person who would be baptized.

The process for welcoming people into the Church is the Order of Christian Initiation of Children or Adults. It was formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, usually abbreviated to RCIA. We can begin this process now, and the candidates would be ready for baptism by Easter.

People who are eligible for this process fall into these categories:

- People who have never been baptized in any Church and now wish to be Catholic.
- People who were validly baptized in another Christian Church and now wish to become Catholic.
- People who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but were never raised in the faith and now want to be active in the faith.
- People who did not receive the sacrament of Confirmation when they were young and now wish to do so. This group will receive Confirmation in a special Confirmation liturgy at the Cathedral in February.



If you or someone you know is in one of these categories, now is the time for them to approach me to begin the process of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children. We will meet together weekly to welcome the individuals to the faith and provide information, spiritual activity, camaraderie, support, and guidance. If any active parishioner wishes to participate in this group, we will be happy to welcome your support.

A person who approaches me about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is only making a commitment to explore the Catholic faith. A commitment to baptism or any sacrament will come later. I find it a great joy and privilege to welcome people into the Church.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

(Mark 8:34) Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

Sunday, September 15, 2024



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

Monday, September 16, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 3 - 5 4:00PM-5:15PM Parish Center

Religious Education Classes Grades 6 - 8 6:45PM-8:00PM Parish Center

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

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

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

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades K - 2 10:00AM-11:15AM Parish Center

CMSC Driver's Education 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

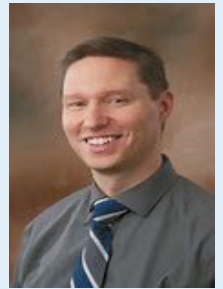
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Sunday, September 22, 2024

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

Ask him anything about the Catholic faith!

Please join us **Tuesday Sept. 24 at 6:30 pm** in the church basement at Immaculate Conception, 353 Grove St., Worcester, for *Dessert and Discussion: Ask a Theologian!* Dr. Christopher Klofft, Associate Professor of Theology at Assumption University and of Pope St. John XXIII Seminary will field all your questions and curiosities about the Catholic faith, the Scriptures and theology. No question is too tough or too silly! This event is for Catholics, 18 and older, and sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Women's Prayer Group. Baked goods and coffee will be served.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,305
Shortfall	(\$3,195)
Fuel	\$1475
Debt Redux	\$10
Year to Date	
Budget	\$270,000
Collections	\$133,595
Electronic Payment	\$10,200
Shortfall	(\$126,205)

The second collection this weekend is for our **CCD Offering.**

There will not be a second collection next weekend.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

PROMISE to Protect **Pledge to HEAL**

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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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.



St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar



Start cleaning out your attics, closets and boxes in the basement. The St. Joseph annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 7, and we are beginning to collect donations.

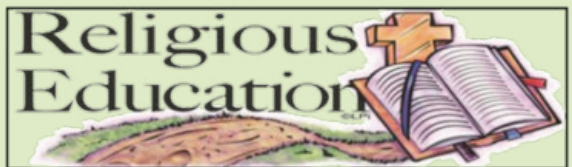
Donations of jewelry, knit goods, handmade items, holiday décor, toys and attic treasures will help make this year's event successful. We cannot accept clothing, bedding, or large furniture. We do accept small appliances, i.e. coffee makers, blenders, mixers, etc.

Donations may be brought to the parish center on Monday, Tuesday, or Friday between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Please call ahead to be sure Lisa is available.

We can always use more helpers to make our bazaar a success.

Please contact Mary McGrail 508-832-9779 or Lisa Wass at 508-832-6683, for any questions.

NEWS FROM



The classrooms are ready, the books and crayon boxes are waiting to be used and we are excited to begin a new year of religious education with your children. Parents, you are the most important teachers in your child's life and our teachers look forward to the opportunity to support you in their religious education. Never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Looking forward to an amazing year!!!

Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school.

Amen.

Author: Courtney DeFeo

Religious Ed is in need of a teacher to teach our new kindergarten class every other Saturday morning from 10:00am-11:15am. If you are interested in teaching or have questions, please give Lisa a call at 508-832-6683, or email: stjoesreledaub@gmail.com.

We provide all materials and training. You share the love of your faith with these little ones.

We would be most grateful and eager to have you join our team.

Lectors



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

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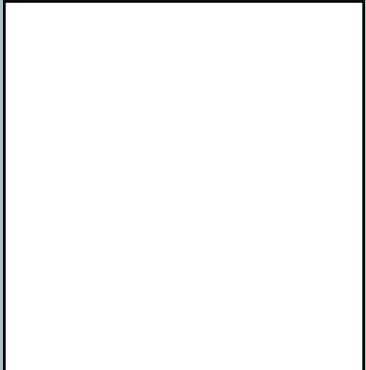
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