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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

September 22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

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.

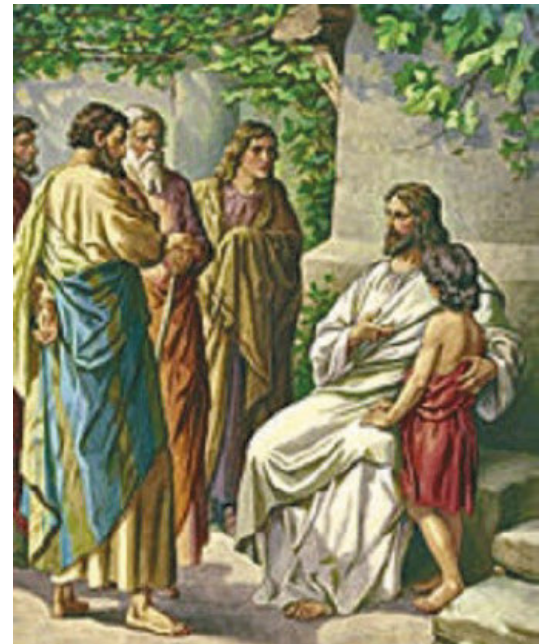
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 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*

*Father Bomba is on vacation this week.
Mass will not be celebrated at St. Joseph
Church Monday through Friday.*

Saturday, September 28, 2024

4:00PM *Gail Renaud*
Anniversary Remembrance
by Judy

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:30AM *People of St. Joseph Parish*
10:30AM *Gary Krasowsky*
12th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

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.



Saturday, September 28, 2024

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector Lucie LaJeunesse
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Mary Skorvanek
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server
10:30am
Holy Communion Scott Maselek +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

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The number of people who assist at mass each weekend has been reduced. Some people who were readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers have stopped being active at mass for a number of reasons. Some moved away. Others are no longer physically capable to carry out the ministry, still others have responsibilities with family.

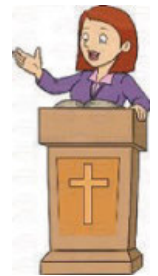
This presents the opportunity for other people to step up and begin to be active in these ministries each weekend at mass. These ministries are a vehicle for people to be more active in the parish and use talents and skills to enhance the celebration of mass. These ministries are a way to get to know some of the people with whom we worship every weekend and employ service into the prayer at mass. It is one thing to talk the talk, but another to walk the walk.

The three ministries that I ask you to consider are Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or Reader. The Second Vatican Council taught that it is necessary for lay people to be the light of Christ shining in the world. The Council Fathers opened the door for these ministries to be an active way for people to be involved and serving the Church in a visible, humble, prayerful manner that is coupled with the service inspired by Jesus when he washed the feet of his Apostles at the Last Supper. Shortly after the Council adjourned and the revisions of the liturgy became effective, Catholics began to volunteer for this valuable work.



Altar Servers have been a valuable assist to priests for centuries. Boys, and now girls, bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar and ring the bells at the consecration and carry the cross at the head of the processions at mass. Altar Servers participate up-close to the altar and have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion before the rest of the people at mass. They care for the chalices and patens and prayerfully participate at mass near the altar. Boys and girls who have received Holy Communion are eligible to be altar servers after they have been trained.

Lay people properly proclaim the first and second readings at weekend masses. This ministry should be performed by people who have a sincere love for the Sacred Scripture and wish to share the Scripture and their love for it with the People of God. Readers should have received the sacraments of initiation and be trained to proclaim the Word of God clearly.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion help the priest distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus at Holy Communion. When the distribution would be long if only the priest distributed Holy Communion, the Church encourages lay people to assist with this sacred mission. These ministers may also distribute Holy Communion to the sick or people who are unable to come to mass each week. This ministry also requires participants to be trained in the practice of this ministry.

I will conduct training for all of these ministries. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Monday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. Readers: Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. Altar Servers: Friday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. All training will take place in the church.

The first task is to pray and ask God to help you decide to take on this ministry and be committed to carrying out the duties with joy for the glory of God. This is not the last-minute chance to step forward and participate. This is the notification that the need exists, that the Church is looking for people to participate, and the training will take place soon.

It is one thing to sit in the stands at a ball game and cheer on the team to victory. It is quite another to get on the field, court, rink and play the game. This is your opportunity to get in the game.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

The new book for mass intentions for 2025 will open on **Tuesday, October 1**. Thank you for your patience in not calling or sending notes before October 1 requesting a mass intention for 2025.

Sunday, September 22, 2024

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

Monday, September 23, 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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, September 27, 2024

CPR Class	10:00AM-2:00PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, September 28, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades K - 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
CMSC Driver's Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Private Event	1:30PM-5:30PM	Lower Church Hall
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall



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.



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.



Parish Support

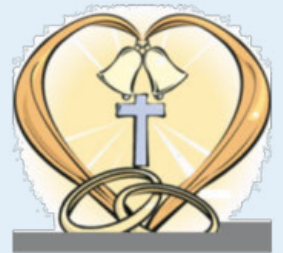


Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,592
Shortfall	(\$4,908)
CCD	\$729
Debt Redux	\$30
Year to Date	
Budget	\$277,500
Collections	\$136,187
Electronic Payment	\$10,320
Shortfall	(\$130,993)

There will not be a second collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend will be for the **Catholic Schools Appeal**.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

Dear friends in Christ,

Why support Catholic Schools?

Allow me to offer three reasons to you out of many answers to that question.

First, Catholic schools are the only option available to families today who want their child to be formed in an environment which includes faith. For so many of us who grew up in Catholic parishes with schools, we could not imagine learning in an environment that was separate and distinct from learning about God, our gift of faith and the love that Jesus had for each of us.



Second, the Church in her wisdom has called us to be particularly mindful of our brothers and sisters in need. For many families today who struggle to make ends meet, paying for Catholic school tuition, no matter how affordable we try to keep it, is just not possible. Your gift shows them that you care. Catholic education cannot be an option if financial factors make that simply impossible.

Lastly, Catholic schools are a foundation for a legacy of faith. The signs which proclaim "Christ is the reason for this school" are not hollow words. You cannot love what you do not know. Schools offer a place to teach and to practice the Catholic faith every school day. As I visit our schools, I meet students who are developing a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church, and who inspire others by their witness to their faith. They are not the future of our Church. They are signs of hope in the present.

Your financial support, as well as your voice of support to family and friends, will make a difference in the lives of families who value a Catholic education for their children. Finally, I ask that you join your prayers of spiritual support with mine every day for teachers, administrators and staff in their ministry of Catholic school education.

Thank you for considering prayerfully how you can make the dream of a Catholic school education a reality.

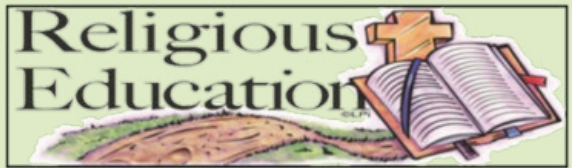
With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Alberta M. Banks
who recently passed away.



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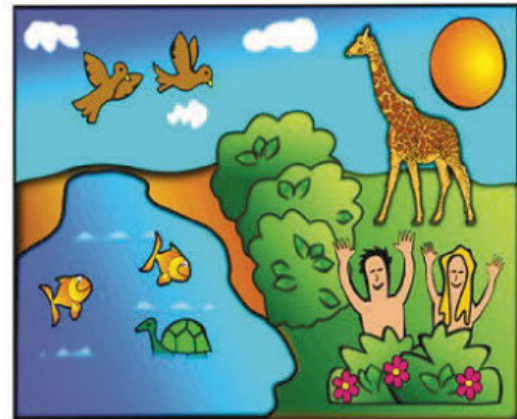
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Word list:

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MERCY
PATIENCE
SALVATION
TEACHER
TRUST
WISDOM



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Confirmation 2024 Service Project Meeting

A reminder....The organizational meeting to benefit Visitation House is Saturday, September 28, 10:30am at the parish center. This is a requirement to complete your preparation for the sacrament.

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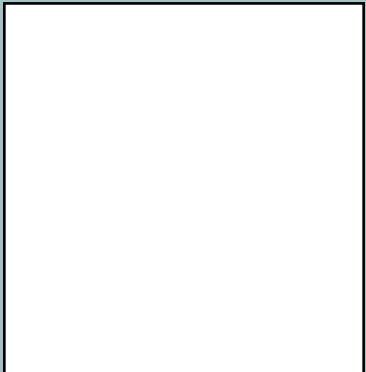
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