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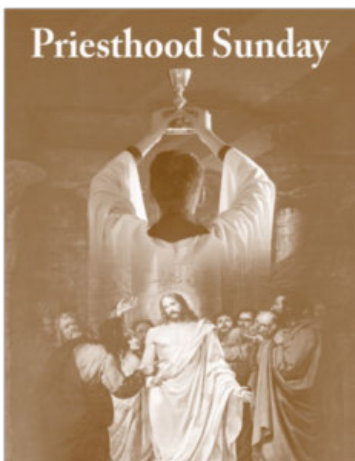
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Outreach to hospitals, nursing homes, and homebound

Visits gladly made upon request



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



“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”

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 29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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

Monday, September 30, 2024

8:00AM **Thomas Borsuk**

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

8:00AM **Jane C. Smith**
13th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:00AM **Stan and Maria**

Thursday, October 3, 2024

5:00PM **Msgr. Leo Battista**

Friday, October 4, 2024

8:00AM **Kristen L. McGuire**
11th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going

Saturday, October 5, 2024

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:30AM **Harriet Bomba**
by a parishioner
10:30AM **Geraldine D'Allesandro**
18th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, October 5, 2024

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Patty Bickford
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 McMahon - Elsie Faneuil - Julia
William Daniels - Anne Berberian
Marianne and Robert Haroian - Lana Khoury
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Joseph Cloutier, Sr.
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 - Derek Degon
Kayla, Patrick and Olive O'Donnell
Linda J. Harris - Giuseppe Struppa
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe- Christopher Chiras

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 111 Worcester Street, West Boylston will hold its next 6-part series of "A New Day" bereavement support group beginning Monday, Oct. 21 from 1-2:30 pm.
For more information or to register (required prior to the start of the sessions) call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Church will celebrate World Mission Sunday in a few weeks – October 20. While it is still a few weeks away, I bring it to your attention to prepare for the celebration. By and far, the Church takes this opportunity to pray for the mission activity in the Church as our participation in the missions is usually not physical, but spiritual. Throughout October it is wise to remember missionaries and people in the mission lands in prayer that the flame of faith may grow among them and God's grace will flourish.



Remember the missionaries who have visited this parish over the years. A long time ago you might remember that an American priest or sister would recount their story about how they left the United States and set out to establish a mission in a place where people had not heard the Gospel. The missionary would tell stories of how they dug a well to provide quality drinking water for a village. They would open a clinic for people to receive medical treatment. The sisters would tell us of how they opened a school and taught the children to read and write and tell the stories about Jesus and the saints.

More recently the missionaries that have addressed us tell the stories of the local men and women who have taken the leadership roles in the young Church and have breathed new life into the practice of the faith that is handed on to new generations of Christians. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life have enhanced the local churches to expand to new places where the story of the Gospel breathes new life. Missionaries talk about hope today. They speak like the Prophets in the scriptures on how God has blessed their people and the people have responded generously.

The envelope packet that you received for October and November has an envelope in it that parishioners can use to donate for the financial support of the missions. The great testimony of missionaries tells us that our donations to the Mission Coop Program and the World Mission Sunday collections go a long way in mission lands. Our financial support is received with tremendous gratitude. Please be generous.

Remember the missions in prayer. Ask God to deliver the grace that the missions need to flourish in faith, hope and love. It is the appropriate way to thank God for the gift of faith that we received in response to the Gospel, a special and wonderful gift from God.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” (Mark 9:41) We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.



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 29, 2024



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

Monday, September 30, 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

Eucharistic Minister Training 6:30PM Church

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Lector Training 6:30PM Church

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

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

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

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Friday, October 4, 2024

Altar Server Training 6:30PM Church

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2 10:00AM-11:15AM Parish Center

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

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

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



Parish Support



Weekly Goal \$7,500

Last Weekend \$3,514

Shortfall (\$3,986)

Debt Redux \$95

Year to Date

Budget \$285,000

Collections \$139,701

Electronic Payment \$11,235

Shortfall (\$134,064)

The second collection this weekend is for the **Catholic Schools Appeal.**

The second collection next weekend will be for **Maintenance.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

PRAYER
FOR
PRIESTS

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts & grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. Amen.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said that public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to call down God's mercy. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA YEARLY ROSARY RALLY

What: The Holy Rosary

When: Saturday, October 12, 2024
at Noon

Where: Drury Square, Auburn
(Parking available behind
the Verizon Store)



**For more information
contact Judy at 508-832-5431.**

Celebrate Priesthood: Taste of the Diocese

Join our 11th annual Celebrate Priesthood event on **Thursday, October 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm** at St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. H.S. and visit with priests and parishioners from around the diocese while enjoying tastings from dozens of vendors and ethnic delicacies and various refreshments, beer and wine. All proceeds benefit Priests' Retirement Fund.



Visit worcesterdioocese.org/celebrate-priesthood to learn more.

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.

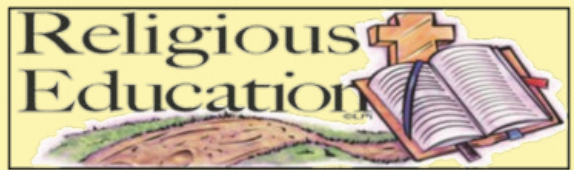
Donations of jewelry, knit goods, handmade items, holiday décor, toys and attic treasures will help make this year's event successful. We cannot accept clothing, bedding, or large furniture. We do accept small appliances, i.e. coffee makers, blenders, mixers, etc.

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



I said a prayer for you today
and know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart although
He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked him to send treasures
of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that he'd be near you at the
start of each new day, to grant you
health and blessings and friends
to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you in all
things great and small,
But it was for his loving care I prayed
the most of all.



St. Joseph weekly bible study group

will begin meeting on Tuesday
morning, October 15, from
10am-Noon at the Parish Center.

This is a very informal discussion group. All are welcome.

You do not have to be a parishioner
of St. Joseph's to attend.

**Give Lisa a call at 508-832-6683 or email:
stjoesreleaub@gmail.com, for more information.**
Registration is not necessary.

SAINT JOHN'S FALL OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, October 17 at 6:00PM
Saturday, November 16 at 9:00AM**



**To learn more and to register,
visit <https://www.beapioneer.org/experience>**

During this event, prospective families and students will have an opportunity to hear from Saint John's faculty, staff and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to boys and young men in grades seven through twelve.

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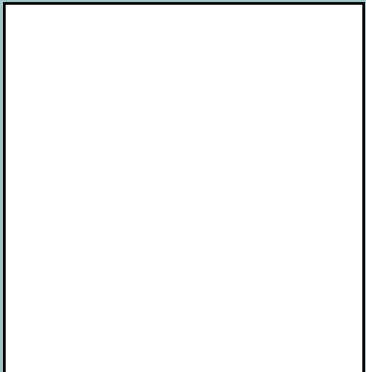
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