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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

October 20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

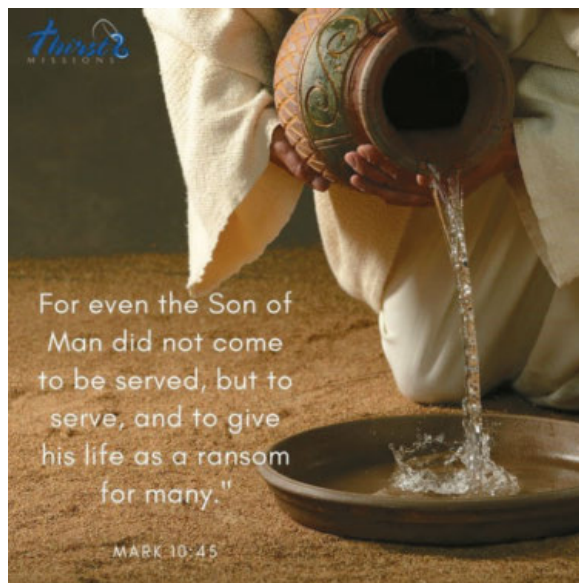
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, October 19, 2024

4:00PM **Dottie Van Keuren**
Anniversary Remembrance

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **Aldona Jakniunas**
Anniversary Remembrance

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

Saturday, October 26, 2024

4:00PM **Ray Pescaro**
Anniversary Remembrance

Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:30AM **Joseph W. Fleming**
30th Anniversary Remembrance
by Mom
10:30AM **John and Rose Salvati**
by Phil and Chris Benvenuti

Saturday, October 26, 2024

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

Sunday, October 27, 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 Scott Maselek
Altar Server Lisa Wass

Celebrate Priesthood: Taste of the Diocese

Join our 11th annual Celebrate Priesthood event on **Thursday, Oct. 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 worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood.



**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. - 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
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe- Christopher Chiras**

Knights of Columbus

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Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus thank all the parishioners who donated to our Tootsie Roll Drive after the Masses on October 12-13. Your generosity helped to make our drive a total success.



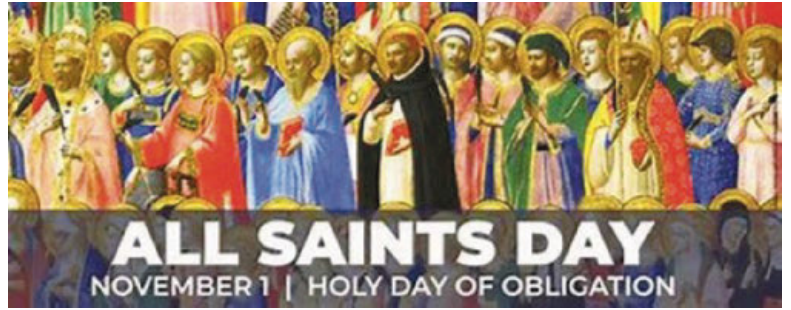
Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

We will celebrate All Saints Day on November 1, next week. It is a holyday of obligation for Catholics. The faithful gather for mass on that holyday. I will celebrate mass on Thursday evening in anticipation of the holyday and on Friday at 8:00 a.m. and noon.

This holyday first began as the celebration of the martyrs in Rome. The early Church paid special attention to people who suffered or gave their lives for the faith. Some were given a feast day for their commemoration. There were too many martyrs to assign a feast for each one so the Church paid homage to the large number of martyrs on one special day. It was assigned in May. When the Christian faith became the official religion of the Roman Empire, the persecutions ceased. The Church then focused on Christians who lived exemplary holy lives in harmony with the Gospel and teachings of the Church. Eventually they were added to the celebration of the martyrs. It became All Saints Day. The celebration was moved to November 1 in the ninth century.

We honor the saints as we pray for them. May they enjoy the glory of God in the eternal kingdom.



This year, the Commemoration of All Souls, November 2, falls on a Saturday. We usually do not celebrate mass on Saturday morning, but this celebration invites us to remember those friends and family who have died in prayer, especially at mass.

I will celebrate mass on Saturday, November 2, in the morning, remembering all those who you submitted on your envelopes as I celebrate mass. This special celebration should not go by without prayerful remembrance to God of those who have died. I invite all our parishioners to join me in prayer for the faithful departed on November 2.

The Church also recommends that we visit the cemetery and pray at the graves of family and friends buried there. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

The month of November is dedicated to All Souls. Please pray for deceased relatives and friends throughout the month.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (MARK 10:45) If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share.” This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

Hurricane Relief Efforts

Catholic Charities USA is coordinating relief efforts with local Catholic Charities in communities facing such devastation from hurricanes Helene and Milton. Visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/ to make an online donation or to get information on how to mail a check. 100% of your donation will go to relief efforts.



Sunday, October 20, 2024



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| Grade 2 Mass | 10:30AM | Parish Center |
| Plumbing School | 8:00AM-5:00PM | Parish Center |
| AA Meeting | 7:00PM | Lower Church Hall |

Monday, October 21, 2024

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| 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, October 22, 2024

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| Bible Group | 10:00AM-Noon | Parish Center |
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Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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

Saturday, October 26, 2024

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| Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2 | 10:00AM-11:15AM | Parish Center |
| Private Event | 10:00AM-11:30AM | Parish Center |
| Knights of Columbus Installation | 4:00PM | Church |

Sunday, October 27, 2024

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| AA Meeting | 7:00PM | Lower Church Hall |
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Volunteers Needed for Bishop's Holiday Dinners

Last year, with the incredible support of nearly 1,000 volunteers, we served over 6,500 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to those in need. We extend our deepest thanks to you all - our volunteers, sponsors, and donors - for making this possible. We need volunteers for Thanksgiving and Christmas meal packaging, deliveries, and the sit-down dinner events! Here's how you can get involved on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas.

Visit www.ccworc.org/bishopsdinnervolunteer/.



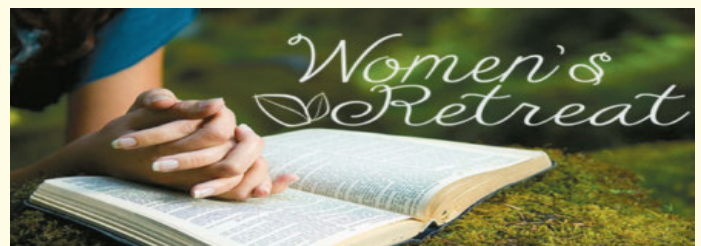
Parish Support



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| Weekly Goal | \$7,500 |
| Last Weekend | \$3,730 |
| Shortfall | (\$3,770) |
| Fuel | \$1726 |
| Debt Redux | \$100 |
| Year to Date | |
| Budget | \$307,500 |
| Collections | \$151,429 |
| Electronic Payment | \$11,845 |
| Shortfall | (\$144,226) |

The second collection this weekend is for
World Mission Sunday.

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



Mini Retreat for Women in November

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will host *Mary's Fiat, Faith and Fellowship*, a Mini-Retreat for Women with Francesca LaRosa on **Saturday, Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury. Francesca is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, with her sheet music being played in churches all over the world. She is most well known for her settings of the Psalms and prayers set to music, as she composes music to God's Word to help people memorize and proclaim the Word of God.

To receive a registration flyer or more information, please email Susan Zybert at susan.zybert@gmail.com or [worcestercmissionforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com).

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Information Sessions about the Permanent Diaconate

Do you feel that Christ is calling you but you are not sure what it is He is calling you to? Perhaps, He is calling you to serve His followers as a Permanent Deacon. If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 59, single or married, this form of service may just be the answer you are looking for. To learn more about the program, please come to one of our information sessions. We are currently in the process of putting together our next class that would begin in 2025. Information sessions are as follows: Our Lady of Loreto Parish Hall in Worcester on **Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 pm**; St. Mary in Shrewsbury on **Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 pm**, and Our Lady of Loreto Parish hall in Worcester on **Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm**.

For more information or to register for a session please contact Deacon Donald Pegg at dpegg@worcesterdiocese.org.



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.

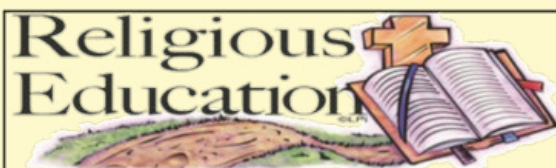
St. Jude Feast Day in Leicester

On Sunday, October 27 from 2:00-3:00 pm, the feast day of St. Jude,

all are welcome to Saint Aloysius-Saint Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester for Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration; Homily; Prayers to Saint Jude; Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick & Healthy and Benediction.



NEWS FROM



A reminder, our confirmation retreat for candidates being confirmed this fall will be held on, **Tuesday evening, October 29, 2024 from 5 - 9pm, N. American Martyrs Church, 8 Wyoma Dr.** It is for candidates ONLY.

Please arrive by 4:50.

Supper will be served. If you prefer, you may bring your own.

This is an important event in the final preparation for your confirmation. Please plan in advance to be sure there is nothing else on your calendar.

Confirmation 2024 Service Project

Visitation House's Mission

We offer a program which provides women with unplanned pregnancies a path to cherish and sustain the life of their babies. We do this by providing each woman a welcoming home and opportunities to develop the skills, confidence, and self-knowledge necessary to create a beautiful future for her and her baby.



Our confirmation class has chosen to support Visitation House as their service project this year. The weekend of November 2 & 3, students will be collecting donations after all masses to benefit these moms and their babies.

Visitation House has requested new car seats and strollers, as these items are most needed. With the proceeds from this collection, these items will be purchased by our students and delivered to Visitation House.

If you have any questions, please call the religious education office, 508-832-6683.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our students in their efforts. We will post an update soon.

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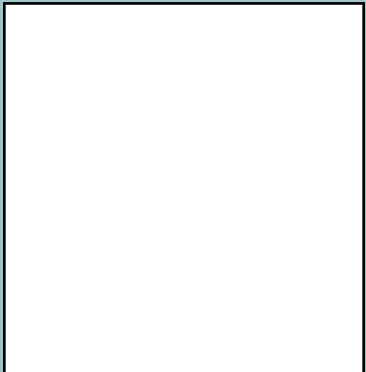
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