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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

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 26, 2024

4:00PM **Ray Pescara**
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

Monday, October 28, 2024

8:00AM **Fr. Gregg Sykes**

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

8:00AM **Victor and Celia**

Thursday, October 31, 2024

6:30PM **Msgr. Charles Chwalek**

Friday, November 1, 2024

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

Noon **Roger Parslow**
by his daughter, Laurie

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

4:00PM **Barry Frelander**
by his wife

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:30AM **Deceased Members of the
Hall and Dyer Families**
by Mary Ellen and Errol Hall

10:30AM **Robert Benoit**
Birthday Remembrance
by his spouse



Saturday, November 2, 2024

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

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:30am

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am

Holy Communion Scott Maselek +2
Lector Mary Skorvanek
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
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe- Christopher Chiras

Daylight Saving Time
ends at 2:00 a.m. next
Sunday, November 3.
Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Finance Committee for Saint Joseph Parish met on October 8. Canon Law requires that every parish must have such a committee/council to provide financial oversight and planning for each parish. Pope John Paul II included finance committees in the revision of Canon Law to make pastors accountable for the fiscal health of the parish to a number of parishioners who would be able to make recommendations to the pastor for future financial directions.

The meeting on October 8 is the most important meeting in the financial cycle of this parish. The fiscal year ends on August 31. The October meeting reviews the previous fiscal year and projects a budget for the new fiscal year. The report from this meeting must arrive at the diocese financial office by October 31. The report is posted on the diocesan website for each parish. Everyone who consults the diocesan website has access to this report.



Here are some of the highlights of the report:

- Recent years had recorded a trend of declining weekly support to the parish. 2024 saw that trend turn an increase of stewardship giving for the year. I hope that increase trend will continue.
- The 2024 budget estimated a deficit of \$37,569. The actual receipt to expense ratio left the parish in the black at \$47,852. That figure was reduced by payment on the old parish debt and some capital expenses (repair of the heating system at the Center) to a surplus of \$1,509.
- The 2025 budget estimates a deficit of \$5,865. Like the previous year, that deficit should be turned around to a surplus.
- The budget did not account for some donations that the parish will receive this year. St. Joseph Parish already received a very generous donation from the estate of a deceased parishioner. Another donation from another estate will soon come our way. There was no way I could have included these gifts into the budget before the meeting because I did not know their size, they were not part of the equation. These gifts will eliminate the deficit in the former paragraph and turn it into a surplus.
- Our bookkeeper continues to report that my participation at St. Joseph Church keeps the expenses low. When I leave the parish, my successor will spend more than I do.

What can parishioners do? Some people have increased their weekly donations in increments each year. Others still give the parish the same amount that they gave when I arrived here in 2014. Inflation has raised expenses for the parish over the years. If you can increase your donation, please do so.



The two recent gifts from the estates of people who participated in this parish added to the financial health of this church. When you write your will, please remember Saint Joseph Parish in Auburn, MA with generosity.

Non-monetary gifts do keep expenses down. Some people contribute their time to do parish work. Most noteworthy are contributions to the maintenance of parish property and the fundraising efforts of the yard sale and bazaar.

The parish was in debt for \$1.1 million when I arrived here. That is reduced to just over \$500,000 now. Thank you for your financial support. May God be generous to you for your good effort.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” (MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Sunday, October 27, 2024



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AA Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

Monday, October 28, 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, October 29, 2024

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

2024 Confirmation Retreat 5:00PM-9:00PM N. American Martyrs

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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

AA Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Saturday, November 2, 2024

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

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

Sunday, November 3, 2024

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

AA Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PASTOR'S PRIZE RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after masses this weekend.

1st Prize: Mass Lottery Scratch Tickets: Purchase Price \$100.00

2nd Prize: Mass Lottery Scratch Tickets: Purchase Price \$50.00

\$1.00 per chance.

Drawing: Saturday, December 7 at the Christmas Bazaar.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,816
Shortfall	(\$4,684)
World Missions	\$1,051

Year to Date	
Budget	\$315,000
Collections	\$154,245
Electronic Payment	\$12,800
Shortfall	(\$147,955)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

The second collection next weekend will be for

Maintenance.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated in the church on Thurs., October 31 at 6:30 p.m. and on Fri., November 1 at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

ALL SAINTS DAY

There will not be a 5:00 p.m. mass on Thurs., October 31.



All Souls Day

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mass for all faithful departed to be celebrated in the church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

VOTE NO ON QUESTION 4

I have been alerted to very serious concerns about Question 4 on the Massachusetts ballot. If passed, this measure would legalize certain natural psychedelic drugs to be grown at home, e.g. magic mushrooms, and to be consumed and shared with others. The use of such natural drugs can alter one's perception of reality, cause extreme feelings of euphoria or despair and can worsen mental health issues.

The President and President-Elect of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society testified before the Special Joint Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature that this initiative petition is "...reckless, irresponsible, and dangerous to the public."

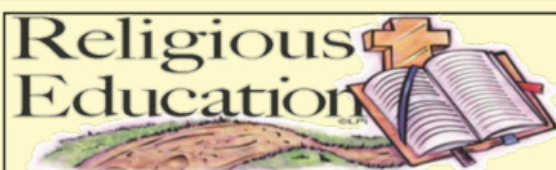
Please go to
g4psychedeliclegalizationfactsheet.pdf
for more details on why you should vote NO
on Question 4.

We have not and cannot accept any money or donations for this effort.

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



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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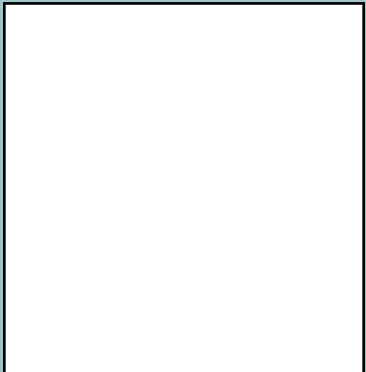
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