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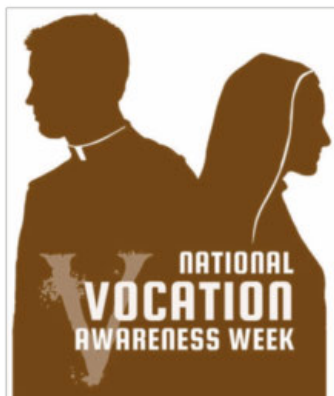
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November 3, 2024

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Thirty-First 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, 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

Monday, November 4, 2024

8:00AM *Joe and Stasia*

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

8:00AM *Giuseppe (Seppe) Struppa*
Month's Mind Mass

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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

Thursday, November 7, 2024

5:00PM *Stella Cunningham*
Anniversary Remembrance
by her son

Friday, November 8, 2024

8:00AM *Patrick Flynn*
5th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, November 9, 2024

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:30AM *Jane Reynolds*
30th Anniversary Remembrance
by Judy
10:30AM *Mary Horgan*
by the Bjorkman family

Saturday, November 9, 2024

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

Sunday, November 10, 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 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

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Pope Francis has not issued many encyclicals during his papacy. The first was *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith) that he published in 2013. This was a continuation of the teaching of Pope Benedict who wrote on hope and charity during his pontificate. You could see a trace of Pope Benedict in Pope Francis' work, but the encyclical was more in the style of Francis.

Pope Francis published *Laudato Si* (Praise Be to You) in 2015 that treated the ecological care of the environment that God created in nature. He called for cleaner environment that would preserve our world for future generations.

He promulgated *Fratelli Tutti* (We Are All Brothers) in 2020 that reminded us that we must have respect for all of God's people. We must not ignore people who are poor. We are invested in one another because we share a common humanity created by God.

Last week, he published *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) that treats the virtue of love. The Holy Father reminds us that God loves us with a divine love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is also full of human love for us since Jesus is divine and human.

It was no coincidence that the encyclical was released near the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (October 16), a mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the first Friday devotion. Pope Francis spends a large amount of ink explaining the intricacies of divine and human love as expressed in the symbol of the heart.

The encyclical is really a love letter from the Holy Father that can inspire sincere affection. I quote from the beginning of the encyclical:

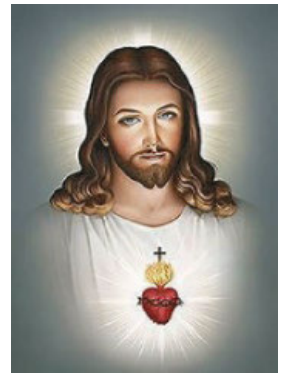
The symbol of the heart has often been used to express the love of Jesus Christ. Some have questioned whether this symbol is still meaningful today. Yet living as we do in an age of superficiality, rushing frenetically from one thing to another without really knowing why, and ending up as insatiable consumers and slaves to the mechanisms of a market unconcerned about the deeper meaning of our lives, all of us need to rediscover the importance of the heart.

The heart is also the locus of sincerity, where deceit and disguise have no place. It usually indicates our true intentions, what we really think, believe and desire, the "secrets" that we tell no one: in a word, the naked truth about ourselves. It is the part of us that is neither appearance or illusion, but is instead authentic, real, entirely "who we are". That is why Samson, who kept from Delilah the secret of his strength, was asked by her, "How can you say, 'I love you', when your heart is not with me?" (Judg 16:15). Only when Samson opened his heart to her, did she realize "that he had told her his whole secret" (Judg 16:18).

I place these quotes before you to give you a little sample of the letter. I encourage parishioners to further explore the encyclical. It is only four chapters long and can easily be read in one sitting. I recommend that you read it in small pieces, maybe a chapter at a time. There is much material for meditation and contemplation. Reading it prayerfully can reap great benefit.

The Holy Father understands that we are faced with many challenges. He sees some of the hopelessness and despair that cloaks people. He offers hope and love as the response.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts.

Sunday, November 3, 2024



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Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
Donations for Visitation House	After All Masses	Church
AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, November 4, 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, November 5, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, November 8, 2024

CPR Class	8:30AM-4:00PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, November 9, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
CMSC Driver's Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center

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	\$2,778
Shortfall	(\$4,722)
Debt Redux	\$50
Year to Date	
Budget	\$322,500
Collections	\$157,023
Electronic Payment	\$12,920
Shortfall	(\$152,557)

The second collection this weekend is for

Maintenance.

The second collection next weekend will be for

Fuel.

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The sympathies of our parish are extended to the family of **Carole F. Hannon** who recently passed away.



Volunteer through IVC with local non-profits

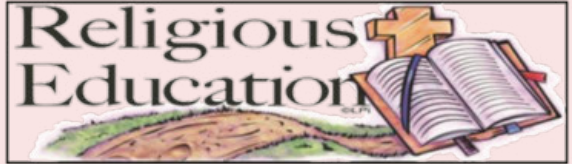
Though the IVC New England year (September to June) has begun, we still have several openings to fill in Worcester, at some of our favorite nonprofit partners. For example, Matthew 25, Pernet Family Health, and Catholic Charities could use the skills and experience of our dedicated Ignatian Volunteers.



Interested applicants can contact the IVC New England office at newengland@ivcusa.org, or check our website (www.ivcusa.org/newengland) for further information.

NEWS FROM

Religious Education



**NOT JUST TODAY...
BUT EVERY SINGLE DAY,**



There are no classes, Monday, November 11, 2024, in observance of Veteran's Day.



Free concert at Christ the King

Christ the King Parish in Worcester invites everyone to a Free Concert on **Friday, Nov. 8, at 7:00 pm.** 'Crossing over into Campground' is a program of African American spirituals and piano works by African American women composers. Ron Williams (baritone) and Olga Rogach (piano) will collaborate to present beautiful arrangements of many of the African American spirituals sung by slaves prior to

their emancipation. You will hear their story through music and narration. In addition, Olga will present solo piano works of 20th century Black women composers including Florence Price, Margaret Bonds and Betty Jackson King. Ron Williams is a renowned singer, lecturer, and vocal instructor who has sung with major opera companies throughout the nation. Pianist Olga Rogach performs extensively in New England. She received a Master of Music degree in piano performance from Russia's famed St. Petersburg Conservatory. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1991. A reception follows the concert.

Vianney Dinner in Clinton

The next Vianney dinner is **Thursday, Dec. 19** at Saint John Guardian of Our Lady in Clinton. The evening begins with 6 pm Mass, followed by 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00-8:30 pm social. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.



Email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

Thank you ...

... To the Msgr. Thomas F. Neary
Council #13637 of St. Joseph
Parish for their generous
donation to the parish.



Food Pantry Reminder

Next weekend is our monthly food collection. Items most needed are macaroni & cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and pasta.

Food collections will be donated to Auburn Youth and Family Services.



PROMISE to Protect  Pledge to **HEAL**

Who Are the Abusers?

Estimates are that approximately 60% of abusers are men, 15 to 20% are women, and 20 to 40% are men and women acting together. So while men are indeed the majority of sexual abusers, it is dangerous to underestimate the risk that female sexual abusers also pose to children. Among educators, 57.2% of abusers are male, and 42.4% of abusers are female.

For particular help you may call: **Judith Audette**,
Director of Office for Healing and Prevention
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Source: Charol Shakeshaft, Hofstra University

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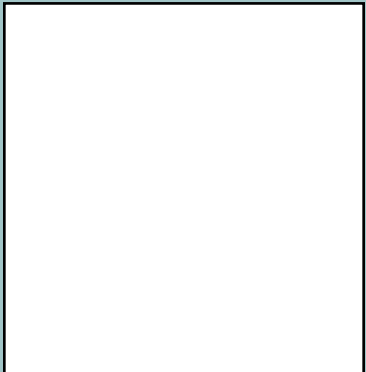
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