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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

November 10, 2024

Thirty-Second 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 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

## Monday, November 11, 2024

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

## Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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

## Wednesday, November 13, 2024

8:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

## Thursday, November 14, 2024

5:00PM **Fr. Chuck Gunti**

## Friday, November 15, 2024

8:00AM **Claire and Bob Shaw**  
by a friend

## Saturday, November 16, 2024

4:00PM **Jane and Thomas Reynolds**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by Judy

## Sunday, November 17, 2024

8:30AM **Ann Degon**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by Kelly

10:30AM **Fr. Andre Remillard**

Saturday, November 16, 2024

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

Sunday, November 17, 2024

8:30am

Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton  
Marek Sitkowski  
Lector Mary Skorvanek  
Altar Server Jean Ashton

10:30am

Holy Communion Phil Benvenuti +2  
Lector Don Lagacy  
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

Through the Waters of  
Baptism We Welcome...

*Benjamin Elliott Nigro*

We congratulate his family who  
will provide an  
example of faith and family throughout his nurturing  
years. Let us too, as a faith community,  
encourage and support them in their faith formation.



## Auburn, Massachusetts

**Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

We celebrate Veterans' Day this week. The nation pays honor to the men and women who served in the military protecting the nation founded upon the Constitution.

Consider the sacrifices that service members make to carry out the military mission:

- The holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries spent far away from family while on duty.
- The constant training that always adjusts to new tactics and practices employed by hostile forces.
- Training and missions that take place in some of the hottest, coldest, wettest, driest, swamps, forests, deserts, oceans, in the world.
- Adaptation to many different cultures and peoples.
- Hostile action in combat.

There is a balance to the hardship in the rewards of service:

- Knowledge that the people celebrating the holidays are safe and secure.
- International friends sharing a common bond and understanding to work for peace.
- Resolve and determination to act with integrity and loyalty to the country.
- Skills and training that contribute to diligence and efficiency.

Jesus speaks in the Gospel according to John: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Veterans embraced that concept early in their training and development. They employ it during peacetime and during war.

Pray for our veterans today.

Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**



### **"Facing the Reality of Death with the Confidence of Faith"**

How does a Catholic approach issues at the end-of-life? The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester will present "Facing the Reality of Death with the Confidence of Faith" on **Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 81 Sheridan St., Fitchburg. It will examine some of the basic moral principles that help to guide us in medical decision-making and assist us in helping our loved ones to live out their final days with the true dignity each human person deserves. Opportunity for Q & A and materials will be available. All are welcome!



## ***Stewardship!!!***

### ***Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (MARK 12:43-44)***

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over?"

# Sunday, November 10, 2024



**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

AA Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

No Religious Education Classes Grades 3 - 8

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

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

Bible Group 10:00AM-Noon Parish Center

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

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

AA Meeting 7:00PM Lower Church Hall

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

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

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

Private Event 10AM-2:00PM Lower Church Hall

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

Grade 2 Family Mass 10:30AM Church

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	\$4,433
Shortfall	(\$3,067)
Maintenance	\$1,728
Debt Redux	\$125
Year to Date	
Budget	\$330,000
Collections	\$161,456
Electronic Payment	\$13,290
Shortfall	(\$155,254)

The second collection this weekend is for

**Fuel.**

There will not be a second collection next weekend.

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*



## THE ALBERTA **MARCH FOR LIFE**

### **March for Life Registration is now open!**

Plan now to attend the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 24, 2025!** Buses will leave from St. Paul Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 23 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at Cathedral at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$150 per seat.

**Registration deadline is December 13.** Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

**For more details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org).**

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

*St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar*  
*Saturday, December 7, 2024*  
*9:00AM~2:00PM*

We will be collecting baked goods for our bake table at the bazaar. If you would like to donate a baked item, please label it. (example: brownies with nuts, sugar-free cookies, apple pie, pumpkin bread etc). Whole items as well as single serving items are greatly appreciated.

**Drop off your delicious baked goods to the parish center on Thursday or Friday, December 5 & 6, 10:00am-3:00pm.**

Our raffle table always attracts a large crowd. We happily accept and appreciate gift baskets and gift cards to make our raffle table successful. If you would like to donate, please contact Mary McGrail, 508-832-9778 or Lisa Wass, 508-832-6683.

**Raffle items can be brought to the center until Friday, December 6.**

We are collecting donations for our attic treasures table **until November 25**. Please call Lisa to arrange a day and time for drop off at the parish center.



The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

*Excerpted from Liturgical Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic.*

### **NEWS FROM**



**On Veteran's Day we honor soldiers who protect our nation. For their service as our warriors, they deserve our admiration.**

**Some of them were drafted;  
Some were volunteers.  
For some it was just yesterday,  
For some it's been many years.**

**We owe so much to them,  
who kept us safe from terror.  
So when we see a uniform  
Let's say "Thank You" to every wearer.**

**Author: Joanna Fuchs**

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

### **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.

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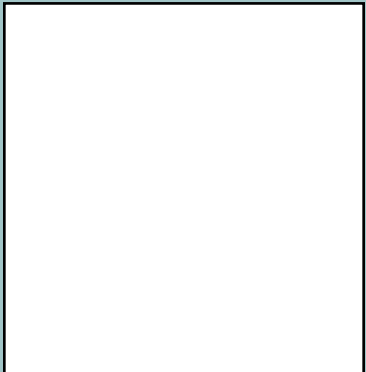
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