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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.

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.

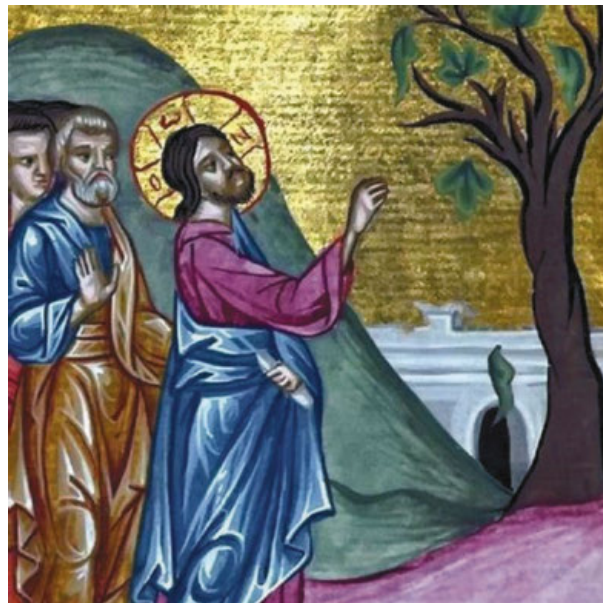
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 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*

Monday, November 18, 2024

8:00AM *Abigail Greenleaf*
by Patty Dyer

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

8:00AM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:00AM *Fr. Robert (Bob) Thames*
by his sister, Mary Creamer

Thursday, November 21, 2024

5:00PM *Fr. Andre Remillard*

Friday, November 22, 2024

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

Saturday, November 23, 2024

4:00PM *Fr. Joseph Nally*
3rd Anniversary Remembrance
by Theresa Sarsfield

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:30AM *Deceased Members of the
Richinick and Goguen Families*

10:30AM *People of St. Joseph Parish*



Saturday, November 23, 2024

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

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am
Holy Communion Lisa Wass +2
Lector Scott Maselek
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

REMINDER ...

**The Msgr. Thomas F.
Neary Council #13637
Knights of Columbus of
St. Joseph Parish will hold
its monthly meeting
on Tues., November 19
at 7:00PM in the
lower church hall.**



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Parishioners notice that the liturgy at Saint Joseph Church uses different resources to bring a variety of religious experience to the people. For example, people notice the variety of Eucharistic Prayers that come into the liturgy at a regular rotation. There are four regular Eucharistic Prayers that I use in rotation on the weekends. Plus, there are two other Eucharistic Prayers that I use occasionally. One is the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation that I use during Advent and Lent. Another Eucharist Prayer is available for special celebrations.

Some parishioners notice that other priests gravitate to the Second Eucharistic Prayer. It is the shortest of the Eucharistic Prayers. It has its roots in the celebration of mass for centuries, but was suppressed after the Council of Trent that only approved the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer) for the Latin Church. The liturgical reform after the Second Vatican Council returned it to the Roman Liturgy along with Eucharistic Prayers Three and Four.

Since the latest revision of the Roman Missal, I have favored the third option of the Penitential Act at the beginning of mass. It is the easiest for both the priest and the faithful people. Recently, I wondered if it would be wise to reintroduce all of the options at mass at Saint Joseph Church. The Sacred Tradition of the Church is contained in the Scriptures. Another source of Sacred Tradition is in the liturgical texts. I think that a broad use of the resources in the Roman Missal will enrich the spiritual life of our parish.

For example, when I prepare for my personal examination of conscience especially when I prepare to participate in the Sacrament of Penance, I use the first option of the Penitential Act, the "I confess to almighty God" prayer. While I can recall that prayer from my memory, without a written text, I anticipate that most parishioners cannot because we do not use it often at mass.

I will begin using options one and two of the Penitential Act starting next weekend. Be prepared to participate. Both are printed on the inside cover of the Breaking Bread books.

I hope that our parishioners will soon commit the first one to memory and be able to use it in their own examination of conscience and preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. It will also broaden our liturgy at mass.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

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.



The sympathies of our
parish are extended
to the family of
Mary Eileen Halvey
who recently passed away.



Stewardship!!!

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory."

(MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news – it's never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

Sunday, November 17, 2024



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

Monday, November 18, 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 19, 2024

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00pm	Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, November 22, 2024

Confirmation Rehearsal	5:30PM	St. Joseph Church
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Saturday, November 23, 2024

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
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Sunday, November 24, 2024

Confirmation Ceremony	3:00PM	St. Paul Cathedral
AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

“The World Day of the Poor. . . is a pastoral opportunity not to be underestimated, for it challenges every believer to listen to the prayer of the poor, becoming aware of their presence and needs.” (Pope Francis, Message for the Eighth Annual World Day of the Poor 2024)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

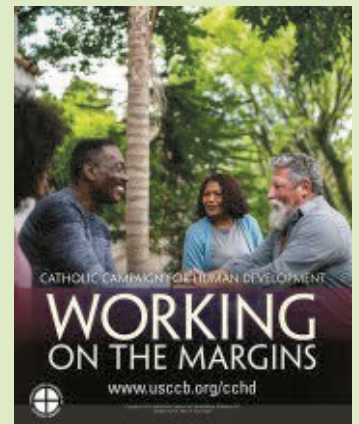
For tens of millions of Americans, there is a thin line between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This line is the Poverty Line. Nationally, for a family of four, that line is \$31,200 a year.

Since 1969, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has addressed poverty by attacking its causes and funding community projects that promote independence as a means of finding a permanent end to poverty. That’s why the CCHD theme is “Help Those on the Margins.” This collection is the primary source of funding for local and national anti-poverty grants and education programs.

This year, seventy-five percent of the collection will stay here in our diocese. Each November I meet with our parish and community groups that receive local grants from the previous year’s collection. It is always inspiring to see how these 20 to 24 small grants blossom into effective programs to support the dignity of people who find themselves most often on the margins. Given the increasing number of working poor in our communities, the need has increased dramatically in the many food pantries and emergency assistance programs in our parishes and Catholic agencies which receive support from our local CCHD funds.

Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. We are “working on the margins” in Central Massachusetts and across America. **Support the CCHD Collection on November 23 & 24** as a response to the Eighth Annual World Day of the Poor on Sunday, November 17 as called for by Pope Francis. For more information about CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

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



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,601
Shortfall	(\$4,899)
Fuel	\$1695
Debt Redux	\$30
Year to Date	
Budget	\$337,500
Collections	\$164,057
Electronic Payment	\$13,410
Shortfall	(\$160,033)

There will not be a second collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend will be for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

NEWS FROM



Confirmation ~ 2024

Rehearsal for this year's confirmation candidates and their sponsors is Friday, November 22, 5:30pm at the church. Confirmation robes will be distributed at this time.

Sunday, November 24, 2024, five candidates from St. Joseph Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they are sealed in the Holy Spirit and become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.



St. Joseph Parish will be participating in the **Giving Tree** sponsored by Urban Missionaries of Worcester, which provides over 3,000, Christmas gifts to those children in need. This year there are two options available for you and your family to participate in the program.

1. Gift tags are available in the church and parish center from November 23-December 12.
2. You may also make a donation through their "Go Fund Me" page. Find the tab on their website, www.urbanmissionaries.com for cash donations and they will purchase the gifts.

Please do not wrap gifts or place gifts in a decorated gift bag. Also, do not enclose any ribbons, bows or external decorations. Simply attach your chosen tag on the gift.

If a tag requests multiple gifts, select only one gift. If a tag is taken, please return a gift. Also, do not include anything edible and do not include batteries, even if required for the gift.

All gifts must be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 15, by 10:30am, for delivery to Urban Missionaries.

If you would like to help pack the gifts for delivery, call Brad Wass, 508-868-1421. If you would like to volunteer at Urban Missionaries, call 508-831-7455 or email: mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com. They will let you know what their needs are. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this important cause.

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.

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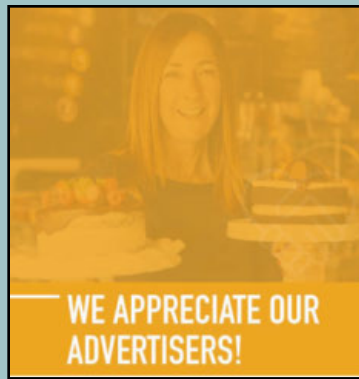
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