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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 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**

Monday, November 25, 2024

8:00AM **Karen Miller**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

8:00AM **Fr. Andre Remillard**

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

8:00AM **Virginia Patronis**
by her friend Anna

Thursday, November 28, 2024

9:00AM **Francis**

Friday, November 29, 2024

8:00AM **Msgr. Richard Hannigan**

Saturday, November 30, 2024

4:00PM **Ann R. Cote**
Happy Birthday, Mom!
by daughter Judith

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:30AM **Michelle Marrier**
15th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Richard and Josephine Brigham**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family



Saturday, November 30, 2024

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

Sunday, December 1, 2024

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

10:30am
Holy Communion Chris Benvenuti +2
Lector Sandy Pierce
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
Iris Wood - Derek Degon
Kayla, Patrick and Olive O'Donnell
Linda J. Harris
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe - Christopher Chiras

The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Margaret Markvenas
who recently passed away.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Happy Thanksgiving! We will celebrate the holiday on Thursday. Hopefully, it is part of our culture that permeates the entire year.

We give thanks to God for all gifts when we assemble for mass each day. We gather for the Eucharist, which is *Thanksgiving*. The Greek word from which we derive it is eucharistia or ξύχαριστία.

There are many references in ancient writings of the Fathers to the assembly gathering on Sunday to celebrate Eucharist. They easily could have called it something else, like the Lord's Table, or the Sacred Assembly, or the Breaking of the Bread, or the Holy Meal. Thanksgiving was and is the appropriate and proper label for the celebration that participates in the mysteries of the faith with a gathering of the faithful in prayer, sharing of the stories, and the communion in the Lord's Body and Blood.

It is most appropriate to share Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day. Both relate to giving thanks and doing so within the Church community is very uplifting. I will celebrate mass in the church on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. We will not celebrate mass in the evening as we usually do on Thursday.

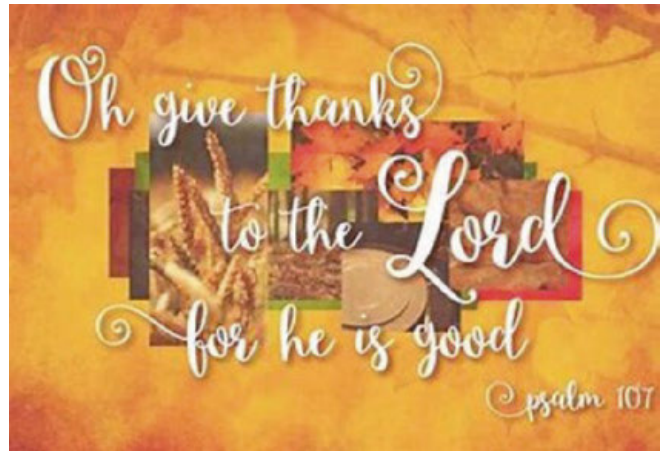
Bring something from your table for blessing in the church. Leave the turkey in the oven. Bread rolls and a bottle of wine are most appropriate. Vegetables are also a good choice.

Bring a gift for the poor to donate to the food pantry. Please bring something that is in a can or box that we can give to the pantry as we usually donate on the second Sunday of the month. The spirit of thanksgiving bears good fruit when we share the blessings.

Remember that God is the giver of all good things. Be sure to focus on God's generosity and attempt to be as generous with one another.

Another facet of thanksgiving is forgiveness. As we give thanks to God for the forgiveness we receive from him, be generous with forgiveness to people who have hurt us.

Happy Thanksgiving. I give thanks to God for all the good people of Saint Joseph Parish. May your holiday be joyful. May you give thanks for many good gifts.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

Sunday, November 24, 2024



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

Monday, November 25, 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 26, 2024

No Bible Group

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

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

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Private Event	10:00AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, November 30, 2024

No Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2

Sunday, December 1, 2024

AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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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.



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 29**. Please call Lisa to arrange a day and time for drop off at the parish center.

The Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe

The Solemnity of Christ the King is the final Sunday of the liturgical calendar – the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. The season of Advent begins the following Sunday. The purpose of this feast is to draw our minds and hearts closer to acknowledging the authority and sovereignty of Christ in a society that often forgets or denies His power and kingship. The reign of Christ does not refer to an earthly power but a divine one. The Solemnity of Christ the King was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI following World War I. Communism, atheism, and secularism were on the rise and the Pope wished to emphasize the authority and sovereignty of Christ. In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the feast an official title calling it *The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$4,121
Shortfall	(\$3,379)
Debt Redux	\$75
Year to Date	
Budget	\$345,000
Collections	\$168,178
Electronic Payment	\$14,365
Shortfall	(\$162,457)

The second collection this weekend is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**.
The second collection next weekend will be for **Maintenance**.



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.

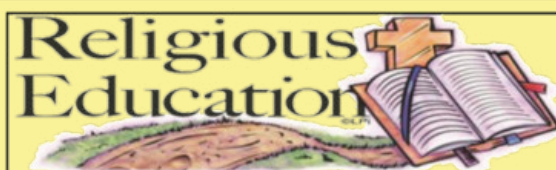
Please do not wrap gifts or place gifts in a decorated gift bag. Also, do not enclose any ribbons, bows or external decorations. Simply attach your chosen tag on the gift.

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.

NEWS FROM



Confirmation ~ 2024

Today, five young adults from our parish will be sealed in the Holy Spirit upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. They are:

*Roger J. Bishop * Dylan B. Burke*

Reece E. Dickie

*Benjamin T. Munson * Nathaniel T. Munson*



A REMINDER

There are no classes for grades 1 & 2, on Saturday, November 30, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day at Mass in the church at 9:00am

Bring something from your table for blessing in the church. Leave the turkey in the oven. Bread, rolls, vegetables or a bottle of wine are most appropriate.

Bring a gift for the poor to donate to the food pantry. Please bring something that is in a can or box that we can give to the pantry as we usually donate on the second Sunday of the month. The spirit of Thanksgiving bears good fruit when we share the blessings.

There will not be a 5:00pm Mass on Thanksgiving Day

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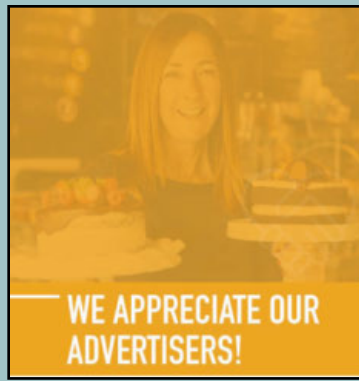
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