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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

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.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, December 28, 2024

4:00PM **Gerry Pierce**
by his wife

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **William and Dora Lavin**
& **John and Caroline Messina**
by Pat

Monday, December 30, 2024

8:00AM **Judy Colaianni**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

8:00AM **Ed Falvey**
Anniversary Remembrance
4:00PM **Mr. Robert P. Leonard**
In Remembrance

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Thursday, January 2, 2025

5:00PM **Fr. Kevin O'Neil**

Friday, January 3, 2025

8:00AM **Mike Falvey**
Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, January 4, 2025

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

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:30AM **Adrian Gonyea**
23rd Anniversary Remembrance
by family
10:30AM **Mrs. Helen V. Leonard**
In Remembrance

Saturday, January 4, 2025

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

Sunday, January 5, 2025

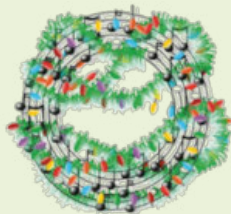
8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Mary Skorvanek
10:30am
Holy Communion Brad Wass +2
Lector Lisa Wass
Altar Server Paul Molis



Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley- Donna Perron
John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb
Thomas 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 - Tom Higgins
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe - Christopher Chiras

Concert in East Brookfield

The Christian Community Choir will present "Christmas is Forever," a Christmas Cantata, on **Sunday Jan. 5 at 3:00pm** at St. John the Baptist Church, 131 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield. All are welcome.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

We begin a New Year on Wednesday. May 2025 bring great blessings to you.

Pope Francis began the Jubilee Year last week when he opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The tradition of the Holy Year finds its roots in Jewish tradition. They knew that repeated planting and harvesting fields of crops would deplete the nutrients in the soil, eventually making it worthless. When fields were allowed to remain fallow for a year the nutrients would return to the soil and the quality of the harvest would rise. The Sabbatical Year mandated that fields would remain fallow. Previous harvests would be able to sustain the people for the period.



The farmers would have less work to do. It was a year of rest and recuperation for the people as well. Many would focus upon their spiritual health.

It was also supposed to be a time of healing and restoration. As the soil was fortified, so were the people. It was supposed to be a time of forgiveness. People took the opportunity to forgive debts. This was especially true for people who could not pay the debts they had incurred. A tenant farmer who had a bad harvest could receive reprieve from the land owner. Forgiveness was part of the Jubilee celebration. The weakest members of the society were strengthened, thereby strengthening all. Slave owners would usually set some slaves free during a Jubilee Year.

The Church carries on that tradition. While the fields are not made fallow in our society, the opportunity for spiritual growth, forgiveness, and generosity is still true for us today.

Another feature of this Jubilee Year that is getting attention is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Emperor Constantine convened the Council so the Christian Church would have a clear understanding of what we believe. The most notable fruit of the Council is the Nicene Creed that we proclaim every weekend. The Council Fathers developed the Gospels into a concise creed that could easily be memorized by the faithful Christians. Some heresies were condemned.

Happy New Year. May it be a year of grace and blessing, a year of generosity and forgiveness. May we all be pilgrims of hope.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Novena to protect human life!

Every baby deserves a birthday. Even though *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, most states still don't protect the lives of preborn children. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in praying the annual 9 Days for Life novena for the protection of human life from **January 16-24** Visit 9daysforlife.com to sign up to receive daily intentions by text or email throughout the novena. Your prayers make a difference!



Stewardship!!!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

(1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Sunday, December 29, 2024



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AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church hall
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Monday, December 30, 2024

No Religious Education Classes Grades 3 - 8

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Thursday, January 2, 2025

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, January 4, 2025

No Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2

Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
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Sunday, January 5, 2025

Religious Education Grade 9	10:30AM-2:00PM	Church
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Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
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AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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A Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, the parishes in our diocese will participate in the national collection for **The Catholic University of America** in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887 by pontifical charter, the university is the only American university with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

Catholic University is a community of students, faculty, and staff who are committed to upholding the highest standards of education. Under the guidance of President Peter K. Kilpatrick, Ph.D., through its 12 schools, 32 research facilities, and more than 250 academic programs, the University community works tirelessly on behalf of its 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

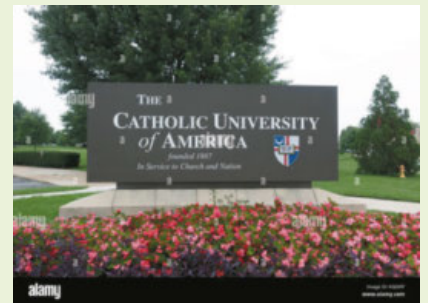
Support of this national second collection not only provides critical support to students but also helps the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs. Examples of this include: "Insight," the first Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) professional development program for K-12 Catholic school educators; a Master's program in Church Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

I encourage you to be generous in the special collection for The Catholic University of America to be taken up on the weekend of January 5, 2025.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester



January 3 is the Feast of the

Most Holy Name of JESUS

Most Holy Name of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Epiphany Lessons & Carols in Milford

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, 19 Winter St., Milford will host Lessons & Carols for Epiphany on **Sunday, January 5 at 3 pm**. This is a Covenant event with Trinity Episcopal Church,



Milford, believed to be the oldest continuous Twinning Covenant (52 years) between Roman Catholic and Episcopal Parishes in the world!

All are welcome.

Visit

stmarymilford.org.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



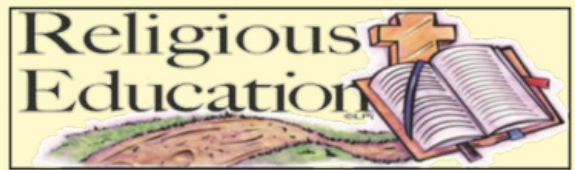
The Calendar Raffle will begin on January 1!

We will award a \$25 cash prize on each day of January, with special bonus winning days occurring on Sunday, January 5, 12, 19 & 26, when you can win a prize in the amount of \$100 to \$500!

As an additional bonus, all winners will also receive a \$5 MA State Lottery scratch ticket!

Good luck to one and all!!

NEWS FROM



Classes resume on Monday, January 6, 2025 for grades 3 – 8 and Saturday, January 11, 2025, for grades 1 & 2.

GRADE 9 CLASSES BEGIN

Our first class is Sunday, January 5, 2025, beginning with 10:30AM mass at church and ending at 2:00PM.

This begins the first year of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please bring a brown bag lunch.



Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Masses for this Holyday of Obligation will be celebrated in the church on:

Tuesday, December 31 at 4:00PM

and **Wednesday, January 1 at 9:00AM**

There will not be an 8:00AM Mass on January 1.



How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.

For particular help you may call:

Judith Audette,

**Director of Office for Healing and Prevention
at (508) 929-4363.**

Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.missingkids.com.



Parish Support



	<u>Dec. 15</u>	<u>Dec. 22</u>
Weekly Goal	\$7,500	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$5,044	\$2,560
Shortfall	(\$2,456)	(\$4,940)
Fuel	\$1619	
Debt Redux	\$30	\$30
Year to Date		
Budget	\$375,000	\$382,500
Collections	\$183,603	\$186,163
Electronic Payment	\$15,095	\$16,050
Shortfall	(\$176,302)	(\$180,287)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

The second collection next weekend will be for

The Catholic University of America.

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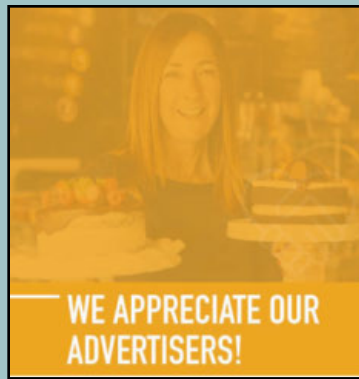
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