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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

AND THE CHILD
GREW AND BECAME
STRONG
HE WAS FILLED WITH
WISDOM
AND THE GRACE OF
GOD WAS UPON HIM
LUKE 2:40

MASSES

Lord's Day Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. in the church

Sunday 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. in the church
10:30 a.m. at the parish center

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, December 26, 2020

4:00PM **Rosecarol Brunette**
by Ed and Pat Walsh

Sunday, December 27, 2020

7:00AM **Louis and Stefania**
9:00AM **Earl Belles**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family
10:30AM **Jerry Pierce**
Birthday Remembrance
by his wife

Monday, December 28, 2020

8:00AM **William, Dora and Paul Lavin**
by Patricia

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

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

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

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

Thursday, December 31, 2020

4:00PM **Fr. Louis Gould**

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00AM **Stan and Katherine**

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00PM **Stan and Mary**

Sunday, January 3, 2021

7:00AM **Adrian Gonyea**
19th Anniversary Remembrance
by family
9:00AM **Clarence and Rose**
10:30AM **Deceased Members of the
Parish Bible Group**
by the Bible Group

Saturday January 2, 2021

Holy Communion Dorothy Jacques
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Servers Nathan Boucher

Sunday, January 3, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Al Pastick

9:00 AM
Holy Communion Len Angers
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford

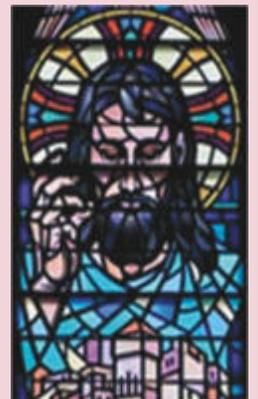
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Paul Molis

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Saint Joseph,
Pray For Us**



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The New Year will begin this week. With hope, we look forward to good health, happiness, holiness, grace, goodness, faithfulness, and blessings. This year has presented challenges; the New Year will bring more. This year brought blessings; the New Year will bring more.

We celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph this weekend. The Scripture reveals that they had many challenges and blessings of their own. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem had its challenges. No room in the inn, bedding down with the animals, shepherds drop in during the night. It had tremendous blessings. Mary's firstborn brings the Son of God to us in human form to bring salvation and redemption to God's people.

May the New Year be blessed with a return to closeness, handshakes, hugs, parties, sports, and family gatherings. While that may seem a great distance away because of the conditions we observe today, remember that the earth travels a great distance around the sun each day. This mile post that separates this year from the next will be a reference point that will help us engage new challenges and enjoy great blessings.

This is the Year of Saint Joseph in the Church. Pope Francis remembered that it is the 150th Anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We began the Year of Saint Joseph on December 8. It will continue until the next December 8. I will write more about it in future presentations. We have a stake in this celebration since he is our parish patron. Meanwhile, call upon him in prayer and meditate upon his role in the Holy Family today.



The parish fiscal year ended in August. I put together the Parish Financial Report. It is available where you picked up your bulletin today. The report is full of figures and analysis. I am sure some parishioners want to delve into the details, compare this year's report with last year's report and check the progress.

I am sure that some parishioners do not want the details, but would like the bottom line:

- Collections are lower. People are not donating as much.
- Rental income is severely cut due to the pandemic.
- St. Joseph Parish applied for and received a PPP loan from SBA. We applied for forgiveness and have not yet received forgiveness, but anticipate it will come.
- Expenses are lower. Fuel prices are down. We spent less on a number of items.
- Bills are paid.
- We reduced the outstanding debt.

The Finance Council has seen the figures and we submitted them to the diocese. Thank you for supporting the parish. May your generosity increase.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received — being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Sunday, December 27, 2020



Monday, December 28, 2020

CMSC Driver Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
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Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center

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Saturday, January 2, 2021

Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Driver Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Driver Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Religious Education Class Grades 9 & 10	10:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	Noon-8:00PM	Parish Center



Parish Support



DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES, TOTALS FOR LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

The second collection next weekend is for the **Catholic University of America.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Remember in your Prayers

Shirley Connor - Michael Prew
 Judith Daniels - Bill Dee - Graceann Dee
 Patrick Dee - Elsie Faneuil - Bonnie Lemoine
 Cindy Fitzgerald - Sharon Grybowski
 Phyllis Hammond - Deborah Johnston
 Anne Kirby - Helen M. Leketa - Cynthia Young
 Pauline Mercier - Deborah Mink - Victoria Mink
 Rob Cooney - Jim Tobin - Peter Vandale
 Erin O'Toole - John Rocheford - Daniel Roy
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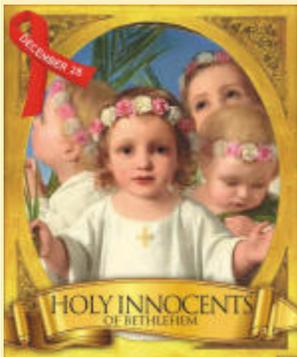
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents are the children mentioned in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 2:16-18.

Herod, perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sent his soldiers to kill all male children ages two and under that were in Bethlehem and on the borders, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled the prophesy of Jeremiah: A voice in Rama was heard, of lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailed her children, and would not be comforted, because they were not.

The Greek Liturgy asserts that Herod killed 14,000 boys, the Syrians speak of 64,000, and many medieval authors speak of 144,000, according to Rev. 14:3. Modern writers reduce the number considerably, since Bethlehem was a rather small town.



This cruel deed of Herod is not mentioned by the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, although he relates quite a number of atrocities committed by the king during the last years of his reign. The number of these children was so small that this crime appeared insignificant amongst the other misdeeds of Herod. Macrobius

relates that when Augustus heard that amongst the boys of two years and under Herod's own son also had been massacred, he said: "It is better to be Herod's hog, than his son" alluding to the Jewish law of not eating, and consequently not killing, swine. The Middle Ages gave faith to this story, and Abelard inserted it in his hymn for the feast of Holy Innocents.

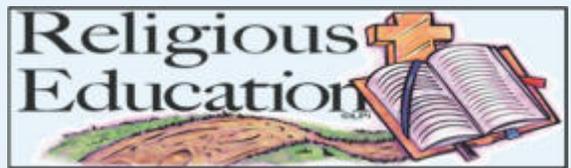
It is impossible to determine the day or the year of the death of the Holy Innocents, since the chronology of the birth of Christ and the subsequent Biblical events is most uncertain. All we know is that the infants were slaughtered within two years following the apparition of the star to the Wise Men. The Church venerates these children as martyrs (flores martyrum); they are the first buds of the Church killed by the frost of persecution; they died not only for Christ, but in his stead (St. Aug., "Sermo 10us de sanctis").

The Latin Church instituted the feast of the Holy Innocents at a date now unknown, not before the end of the fourth, and not later than the end of the fifth century.

The Roman Station of December 28 is at St. Paul's Outside the Walls, because that church is believed to possess the bodies of several of the Holy Innocents.

Source: Catholic News Agency

NEWS FROM



WELCOME BACK

Classes resume on Monday, January 4, 2021 for grades 3 - 8 and Saturday, January 9, for grades 1 & 2.

GRADE 9 & 10

Our first class is Sunday, January 3, beginning with 10:30AM mass at the parish center. If you have chosen your sponsor, bring that information with you. Also, bring a brown bag lunch.



New Year's Prayer for Families

God, thank you for a new year. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

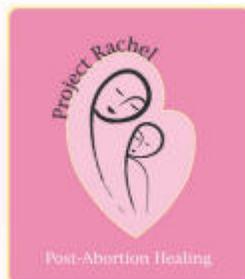
As we begin a new year, help us to make good choices. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's safe and confidential ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by abortion.

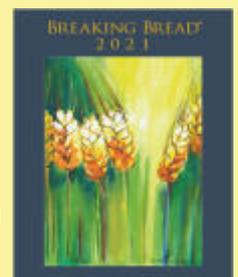
If you or a friend or loved one are hurting as a result of abortion's painful aftermath, call

Project Rachel at (508) 791-HOPE.

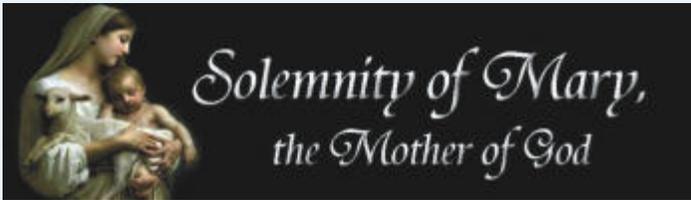


2021 BREAKING BREAD BOOKS AVAILABLE

If you would like to be able to follow along with the Order of Mass and the Scripture Readings each week, copies of the Breaking Bread book are available for \$7.00. They can be purchased at any weekend Mass in the church and at the parish center. Please take them with you when you leave and bring them back with you each week as you attend Mass.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 PM - Mass in the church

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

THE MOTHER OF GOD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM - Mass in the church

There will not be a 5:00 PM mass on December 31 or an 8:00 AM mass on January 1. Seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis for these masses. Once the church reaches capacity as regulated by the coronavirus restrictions the doors will be locked.

Adult Catholic Religious Awards (Scouting)

The Worcester Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting is calling for nominations for Adult Catholic Religious Awards due by January 26, 2021. The awards are to recognize those adults in Scouting who have participated in promoting and teaching Catholic Faith Formation in Scouting through religious emblem programs, Scout Sunday observance, and various other activities relating to the Faith.



**For nomination forms
please email [Robert Ryan at rhrljr@att.net](mailto:rhrljr@att.net).**

*The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of*

Pauline Rubin

who recently passed away.



Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary

all continue to stream on worcesterdioocese.org, and can be uploaded for automatic updating on eCatholic websites.

Public Access Stations now carrying Masses:

Daily Mass

Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel"
at 9 am

Auburn Ch 191 at 9 pm

Sunday Mass

Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel"
Spanish Sunday Mass at 8 am and
English Sunday Mass at 10 am (English Sunday Mass
replays on Monday at 6 pm)

Auburn Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am



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Please do not put it back on the pile after Mass.

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Did You Know?

Take the Child Safety Quiz

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's Web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children.

To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC Web site and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com.

**For particular help you may call:
Judith Audette,
Director of Office for Healing and Prevention
at (508) 929-4363.**

Thankfully, we are able to resume our regular mass schedule with safety precautions in place.

If you are feeling sick, are exhibiting any of the following symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell), or have potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, then you should not attend services in-person.

A potential exposure means having household contact or having close contact (within 6 feet) with an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time (over 10 minutes) while the person is symptomatic or 48 hours before symptoms develop. Persons who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 according to the Centers for Disease Control (e.g., due to age or underlying conditions) are encouraged to stay home.



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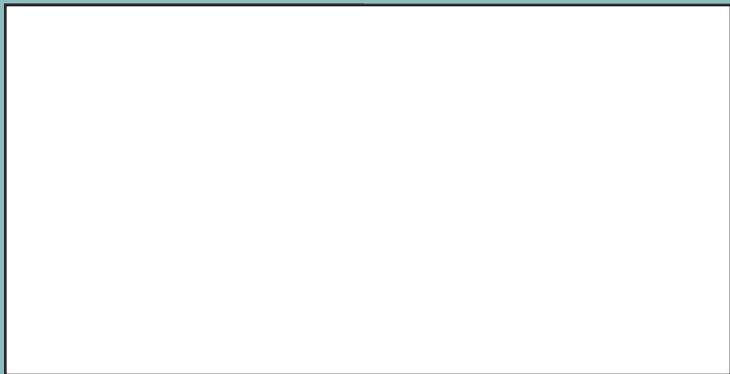
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