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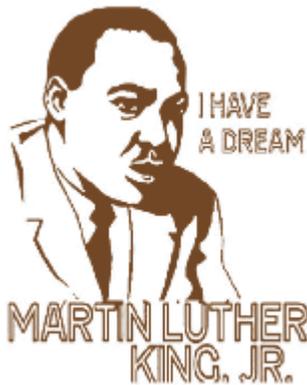
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January 17, 2021

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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



"Behold, the  
Lamb of God."

## 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, January 16, 2021**

4:00PM **John Misiuk**  
20th Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

7:00AM **Walter and Joyce**  
9:00AM **Lena**  
10:30AM **John and Sophie**

**Monday, January 18, 2021**

8:00AM **Stan and Maria**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

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

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

8:00AM **Joseph and Mary**

**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

5:00PM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

**Friday, January 22, 2021**

8:00AM **John W. Stefanski**  
7th Anniversary Remembrance  
by Joan Going and Family

**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

4:00PM **Victoria Rose Walsh**  
by family

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

7:00AM **Mitchell and Mary**  
9:00AM **Joseph Ostrowski**  
Anniversary Remembrance  
by family  
10:30AM **Joe and Stasia**

Saturday January 23, 2021

**Holy Communion** Jean Ashton  
**Lector** Ed Walsh  
**Altar Servers** Roger Bishop, Lorelei Bishop

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Sunday, January 24, 2021

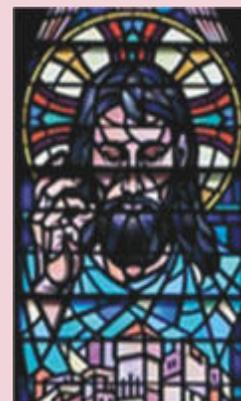
**7:00 AM**  
**Holy Communion** Jean Ashton  
**Lector** Anna Fleming  
**Altar Server** Al Pastick  
**9:00 AM**  
**Holy Communion** Gloria Sinclair  
**Lector** Pat Messina  
**Altar Server** Anthony Lloyd  
**10:30 AM**  
**Holy Communion** Dianne Trumbour  
**Lector** Lisa Wass  
**Altar Server** Emily Adamiak

**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.

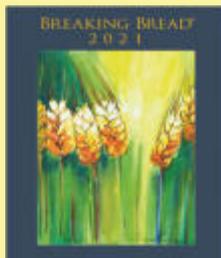
Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

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.



**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.



## AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

### **Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

January is the month during which Christian Churches observe the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. Father Paul Wattson was inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi in 1908 and founded the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, also known as the Graymoor Friars from their house in Graymoor, NY. He got together with some of his Protestant friends and organized the Church Unity Octave, eight days of prayer for Christian Unity.

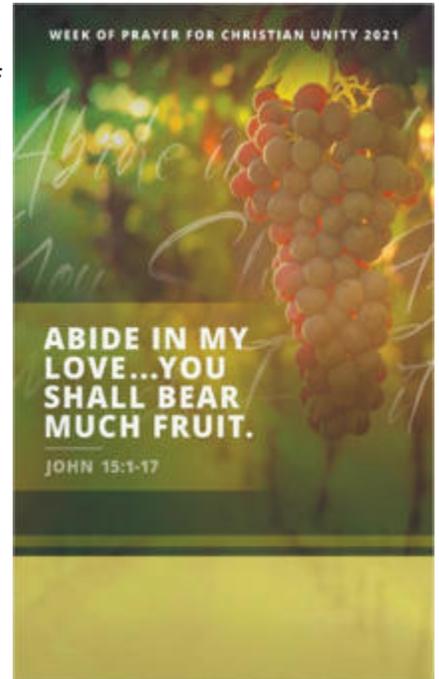
The movement continued quietly for decades without much impact until the 1960s when the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council encouraged conversation and participation that would lead to Christian Unity. Leaders realized that the fracture of the Body of Christ, the Church, over centuries was a scandal. The Gospel according to John recounts Jesus' prayer to the Father for unity among his disciples and all people.

The friars and sisters at Graymoor were already engaged in such dialogue and participation. They were happy to bring others into the action. This year we will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18 to 25. May our prayer lead to unity among Christians with healing and reconciliation among God's people.

You may find help in formulating your prayer and meditation at:

[www.atonementfriars.org/2021-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/](http://www.atonementfriars.org/2021-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/)

May we be one as Christ is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.



Please remember to wear your mask when you come to mass. It would be a terrible tragedy if a celebration of Eucharist would be a super-spreader event. Other churches have experienced such tragedies. We do not want that here.

Please remember to distance yourself at six feet away from any person who is not a member of your household. We have not been doing well at distancing during the distribution of Holy Communion. I will wait for you! I am not in a hurry.

The solution that we use to sanitize hands has a high content of alcohol. It dries quickly; alcohol evaporates quickly. I chose this solution over the gels because of that property. Unfortunately, it also dries your hands if you use it often. You may use your own gel that you bring with you. Please be sure to sanitize your hands before you present your hands for Holy Communion.

Congratulations to our parishioners who have received inoculation. I hope that the rest of us will receive it soon.

**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

## ***Stewardship!!***

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” (John 1:38)* What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

# Sunday, January 17, 2021



## Sunday, January 17, 2021

Grade 2 Family Mass

9:00AM

Church

Plumbing School

Noon-8:00PM

Parish Center

## Monday, January 18, 2021

No Religious Education Classes

## Saturday, January 23, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2

10:00AM-11:15AM

Parish Center



### **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.

### **Parish Support**

Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	2,916
Shortfall	\$	(4,584)
Maintenance	\$	1,120
Debt Redux	\$	70
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	15,000
Collections	\$	7,690
Electronic Payment	\$	310
Shortfall	\$	(7,000)

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.*

### ***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**  
**Jillian Roy - Carlene Sherbourne - Susan Miale**  
**Richard Laprade - Raymond Looney**  
**Alex Orloff - Kevin Dobson**  
**Peggy Markvenas - Kathy Stasaitis**

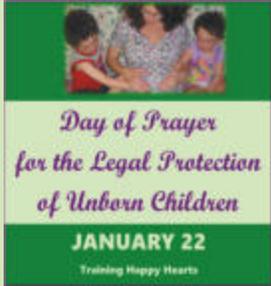


## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

January 22, 2021 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (n. 373), designates **Friday, January 22** as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion



Forty-eight years of legalized abortion in this country has left incomprehensible aftermath. With over 62 million lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to

observe reverently the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22<sup>nd</sup>** both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting and sacrifice on this day, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our fervent prayers accompanied by our charitable works and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer.” Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God’s grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

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

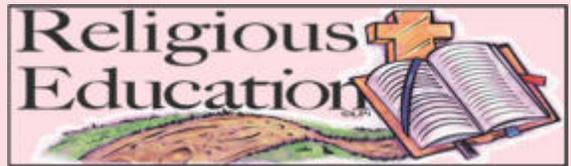


### Pro-Life Morning of Reflection

Please join us for a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection with Monsignor James Moroney on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Additional information and registration information will be available at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life).



### NEWS FROM



### No Religious Ed Classes

Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

### Family Contact Information

We are updating our student contact information. If your child is attending classes at the center or learning remotely, please send in your current information.

If you have moved, changed your home/cell phone number or email address or wish to change your emergency contact information, please email the new information to: [stjoesreledaub@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesreledaub@gmail.com). Thank you!

### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS



The Calendar Raffle began on January 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until the end of the month.

The lucky winners are:

January 1	\$25	Maryann Gagne
January 2	\$25	Tyler Rano
January 3	\$100	Marie Carbone
January 4	\$25	Ernie Thomas
January 5	\$25	Roland Beauregard
January 6	\$25	Matt Wass
January 7	\$25	Logan Gauthier
January 8	\$25	Stanley Mendys
January 9	\$25	Eileen Stencil
January 10	\$100	Joan Going
January 11	\$25	Ann Krasowsky

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Prayer for the Transition of Power Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>



Holy Spirit of God, You are the source of all right judgment, discernment, and counsel.

You enlighten our minds to see what is right and good, and give us the strength to choose it.

Fill the minds and hearts of our President-elect and his entire transition team as they carry out

the vast and momentous task of choosing the women and men who will serve our nation in the new Administration.

Keep before them the high standards that those who serve in these positions must uphold and grant them to find men and women of virtue and character, of humility and strength, of wisdom and experience, and of readiness to carry out their duties in a spirit of self-sacrificing generosity.

Lord, as this new team is created, enable those who lead it to keep their minds and hearts focused on the good of the nation and those they serve, without being distracted by worldly concerns.

In a special way, Oh Spirit of Truth, guide the process by which judges will be selected to serve on the federal courts, including the Supreme Court.

Give us godly men and women who will judge justly, always keeping their heart and mind focused on the one who is the Judge of all.

And Lord, as all these men and women are selected, give us the grace to be supportive, as fellow citizens and fellow laborers for your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Join the National Novena for Life

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The novena will take place nationwide from January 21 through 29, 2021.

During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!



### Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary

all continue to stream on [worcesterdiocese.org](http://worcesterdiocese.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)

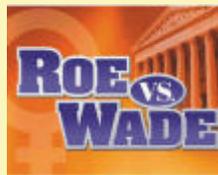
Auburn Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am



### PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

To help keep us all safe during the pandemic, if you handle a copy of the bulletin take it with you when you leave. Please do not put it back on the pile after Mass.

### Mass and Holy Hour for Life



All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on **Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 19 Chatham St., Worcester. A special Holy Hour for Life will follow at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we remember the 48th tragic

anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

### PARISH PLEASANTRIES

for the month of **February 2021** may be left in the box located in the main entrance of the church near the side ramp entryway **on or before Sunday, January 24th**. We are always happy to acknowledge Anniversaries, Birthdays & Special Achievements of our parishioners.



### January 22 National Day of Prayer



*Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the United States, January 22 is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life? As Catholics we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about how you can participate at <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.*



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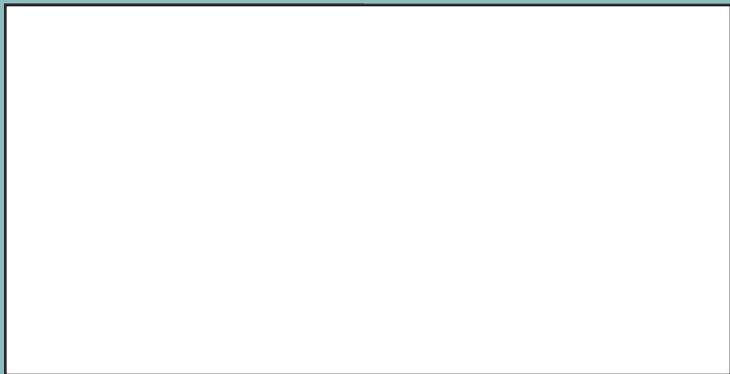
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