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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOLLOW
ME
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
of MEN



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, 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**

Monday, January 25, 2021

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:00AM **Francis**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:00AM **Henry**

Thursday, January 28, 2021

5:00PM **Carolyn Messina**
Birthday Remembrance
by Pat Messina

Friday, January 29, 2021

8:00AM **Margaret**

Saturday, January 30, 2021

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

Sunday, January 31, 2021

7:00AM **George and Anna Martin**
by family
9:00AM **Edward Coughlin**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family
10:30AM **Msgr. Charles Chwalek**

*The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Carlis Motes
who recently passed away.*



Saturday January 30, 2021

Holy Communion Carol Fraini
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Servers Nathan Boucher

Sunday, January 31, 2021

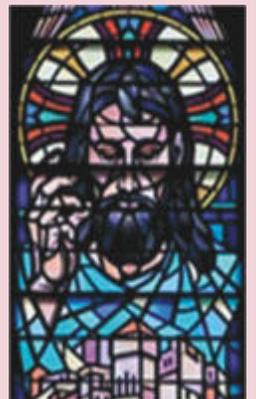
7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Kathi Roy
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion Steve Sinclair
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Paul Molis

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.



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time this weekend. Pope Francis instituted the Word of God Sunday to be celebrated in the Church on this Sunday each year. He wrote: "The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God."

Pope Francis established this celebration to remind us that an important part of communicating the faith is through the Sacred Scriptures. He reminded us that the Bible is the people's book that contains great teaching that unites believers and makes us one people.

The pope began his letter by reminding us that when Jesus encountered his disciples on the road to Emmaus "he opened their minds to understand the scriptures." We have that same opportunity to encounter Christ today and every day that we explore the sacred text.



How well do we know the sacred texts? One measure that I use is to explore how much children know about the Bible. I expect that most parishioners could tell me about Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, The Tower of Babel, Moses and the burning bush, the plagues of Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, and the Ten Commandments. Most of us learned about these stories at an early age because they were read to us with other literature when we were very young. Many young children today do not have these stories as part of their repertoire. The stories are part of the tradition that carries faith from one generation to the next. We must pass them on.



Most adults know that there are four Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the evangelists who wrote the stories of Jesus for all generations. Most adults meld the four traditions into one collective account. While that is a benefit for understanding the mystery of salvation, we must also understand the narrative of the individual writer that distinguishes them from the others. Know the Gospels.

The Sunday of the Word of God reminds Catholics that we must read and pray the Scriptures. The Bible is God's love letter to the people. We benefit tremendously when we are familiar with the text and bring it to life each day.

Many people like some background to the Scriptures that help us better understand what God chooses to communicate. One great resource that I enjoy is the document from Vatican II entitled, *Dei Verbum*, the Word of God. It energizes the Scriptures into the structure and life of the Church. It is a great enhancement.

Read and pray the Scriptures. It is the word of life!

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17) Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Sunday, January 24, 2021



Monday, January 25, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 3, 4 & 5 4:00PM-5:15PM Parish Center
 Religious Education Class Grade 8 6:45PM-8:00PM Parish Center

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Life Line Screening 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Saturday, January 30, 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	\$	3,693
Shortfall	\$	(3,807)
Fuel	\$	1,103
Debt Redux	\$	55
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	22,500
Collections	\$	11,383
Electronic Payment	\$	365
Shortfall	\$	(10,752)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

The second collection next weekend is for the

Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

*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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALENDAR RAFFLE



WINNERS

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
January 12	\$25	Arthur Marois
January 13	\$25	Kathleen Higgins
January 14	\$25	Ryan Kennedy
January 15	\$25	Francis Kavanagh
January 16	\$25	Saint Joseph Church
January 17	\$100	Alyssa Angers
January 18	\$25	Eileen Stencil
January 19	\$25	Barbara McManus

Job Opportunities

Parish Secretary in Millbury

St. Brigid and Assumption Parishes in Millbury are looking for a secretary to work Monday through Thursday 8:30am– 3:30pm. Must be computer literate, and familiarity with office and church responsibilities would be an asset. Salary and hours are negotiable. Call Deacon Ron Buron at 508-865-6624 if interested or with questions.



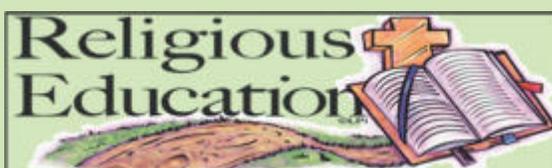
Part-time Cook in Worcester

The Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies in Worcester is looking for a part-time cook to fill in for several weeks preparing dinner on Mondays-Thursdays for six people.

Salary to be negotiated based on experience. Interested applicants should contact house director Father Donato Infante at director@worcestervocations.com or 508-630-4473.



NEWS FROM



Student Reflections



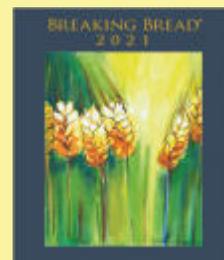
During the year our students complete projects based on the theme for that year. This year our theme is "Theological Virtues."

Students, both in class and remote learning have created posters explaining their interpretation of one of the virtues. They have added artwork to complement their poster.

Their posters are on display at the parish center. Take a minute to enjoy their displays. They are enlightening, meaningful and heartfelt.

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.



Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Feb. 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses here in the United States face significant challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, which began in 1924, supports these dioceses in order to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. These services include Mass and the other sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40% of dioceses are considered home mission. Thanks to your generosity, these dioceses were assisted with nearly \$9 million in assistance in 2020.



From the post-industrial cities of Ohio and Michigan in the east to the prairies of Nebraska and Kansas in the west, the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Catholic Eparchy of Parma encompasses a vast and diverse territory of 12 Midwestern states. Founded in 1969 to serve the needs of Slavic immigrant families, the eparchy currently ministers to more than 5,200 Catholics in 28 parishes and 6 missions. One of the most effective ways the eparchy fosters unity among this widely dispersed flock is through its Horizons newspaper, published every three weeks, which reaches readers not only in the eparchy's 12 states but beyond, in Canada and even Europe.

Your generosity to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal has helped the eparchy improve its outreach through the development of a smartphone/tablet app that includes Horizons news stories and daily liturgical readings. Also, the eparchy established Horizons Press in 2017 to publish prayer resources for underserved Byzantine Catholics. These resources allow the faithful not only to grow in their own personal holiness but also to share their faith more easily with their neighbors.

I encourage you to be generous on the **weekend of January 31** to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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



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)

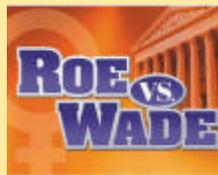
Auburn Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am



PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

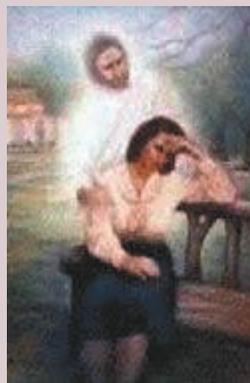
To help keep us all safe during the pandemic,
if you handle a copy of the bulletin,
take it with you when you leave.
Please do not put it back on the pile after Mass.

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!

Facing Fear with Jesus: PPE for the Soul



We face many fears: sickness and death from a worldwide pandemic, job, and financial loss, loneliness, and radical changes in our society. We need PPE (personal protective equipment) for our souls and emotions. Explore eight concrete tips from the Bible, the Saints, and our Catholic Faith. The session includes prayer, reflection, small group sharing, and talks. Speakers: John and Therese Boucher, Catholic teachers of adults and authors. To be held on Saturday, Jan. 30

from 9:15-11:30 pm. **FREE REGISTRATION**
(limited spaces available)!

Register by email by Thursday, Jan. 28 with your name, email, and phone number to Esperanza Oliveras at cje21@verizon.net, to receive the Zoom.com video session link.

(Hosted by the Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee, Diocese of Worcester.)

ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street, Worcester, will host an Open House on Sunday, January 31st from

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact meg.kursonis@stpetercc.com or by phone at 508-791-6496.

Please respect COVID protocol. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K through 8. Please visit us on January 31st or call 508-791-6496 for information or visit our website:

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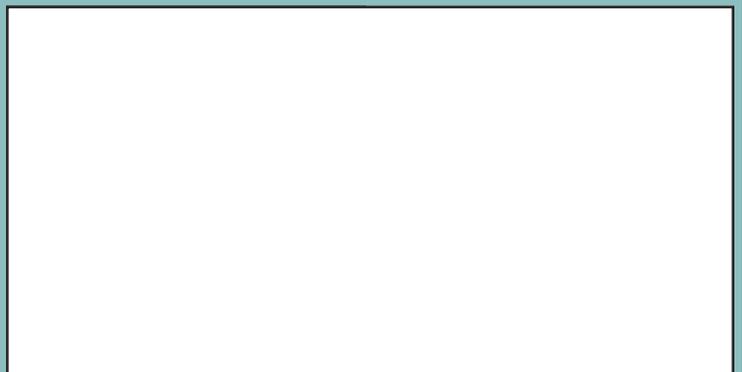
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