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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

February 7, 2021

Fifth 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



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, February 6, 2021

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

Sunday, February 7, 2021

7:00AM **Dick**
9:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
10:30AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Monday, February 8, 2021

8:00AM **Claire**

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

8:00AM **Fr. George Lange**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

8:00AM **Bill Van Keuren**
Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, February 11, 2021

5:00PM **Paul Lavin**
10th Anniversary Remembrance
by Pat Messina

Friday, February 12, 2021

8:00AM **Fr. Frank Dowd**

Saturday, February 13, 2021

4:00PM **Nancy Roy**
by Linda Lipinski and Elizabeth

Sunday, February 14, 2021

7:00AM **Richard H. Going**
29th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going and family
9:00AM **Msgr. Frank Goguen**
10:30AM **Roger McCauliff, Jr.**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Servers Sadie Bickford

Sunday, February 14, 2021

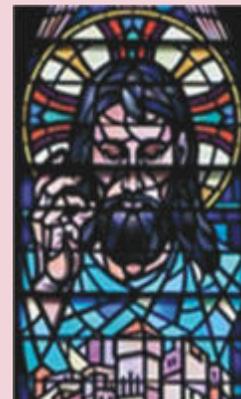
7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion Kathy Sivret
Lector Pat Messina
Altar Server Nathan Boucher
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Emily Adamiak

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.

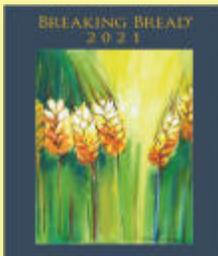
Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

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,

This week the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11. It is also the World Day of the Sick. Pope John Paul II established it twenty-three years ago and it continues today. This time of pandemic gives it special meaning as we honor the health care professionals who care for people who are ill. It is a day of prayer for people who seek healing of body and soul.

Many years ago, our Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette and opened the healing spring of water that still brings healing today. We ask Mary to heal us today.

Pope Francis sent a message for the World Day of the Sick. I bring you some of his message for your meditation.

The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern.

The experience of sickness makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God. When we are ill, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life's incessant worries (cf. Mt 6:27).

Sickness raises the question of life's meaning, which we bring before God in faith. In seeking a new and deeper direction in our lives, we may not find an immediate answer. Nor are our relatives and friends always able to help us in this demanding quest.

The biblical figure of Job is emblematic in this regard. Job's wife and friends do not accompany him in his misfortune; instead, they blame him and only aggravate his solitude and distress. Job feels forlorn and misunderstood. Yet for all his extreme frailty, he rejects hypocrisy and chooses the path of honesty towards God and others. He cries out to God so insistently that God finally answers him and allows him to glimpse a new horizon. He confirms that Job's suffering is not a punishment or a state of separation from God, much less as sign of God's indifference. Job's heart, wounded and healed, then makes this vibrant and touching confession to the Lord: "I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you" (42:5)

To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love. To each and all, I cordially impart my blessing.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" (Mark 1:35,38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Lenten Adult Faith Formation on Zoom or In Person

St. Roch Parish, Oxford will offer "Awaken," a new video series from Light of the World Evangelization Ministries, which takes on the key questions of faith and the meaning and purpose of life. Whether you are a seeker, casual in your faith or fully connected to your faith, you will find this series engaging. There will be in-person sessions at the parish, as well as alternate Zoom sessions held at convenient times. There is no cost for these sessions. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed for the in-person sessions. St. Roch Parish is located at 334 Main St, Oxford.



For more information or to register for Awaken, please email: strochoxford@gmail.com or call 508-987-2382.

Sunday, February 7, 2021



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

Monday, February 8, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 3, 4 & 5	4:00PM-5:15PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Class Grade 8	6:45PM-8:00PM	Parish Center

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, February 13, 2021

No Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2		
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center

2020 Tax Contribution Statements



Statements of your donations to St. Joseph Parish are available at both the church and parish center after masses.

Statements of your donations to the *Partners in Charity Appeal* and *Legacy of Hope* were mailed.

Join the Parish

Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish. Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms found in the vestibule of the church or on the back table of the parish center. Place it in the mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the collection basket.



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	\$	5,867
Shortfall	\$	(1,633)
Cath. Home Missions	\$	491
Debt Redux	\$	270
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	37,500
Collections	\$	19,951
Electronic Payment	\$	805
Shortfall	\$	(16,744)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.
The second collection next weekend is for **Maintenance**.

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 - Kathy Stasaitis
 Peggy Markvenas - Richard Fleming, Sr.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALENDAR RAFFLE

WINNERS



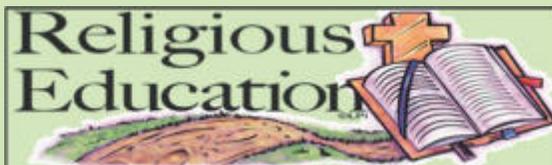
Jan. 1	\$25	Maryann Gagne
Jan. 2	\$25	Tyler Rano
Jan. 3	\$100	Marie Carbone
Jan. 4	\$25	Ernie Thomas
Jan. 5	\$25	Roland Beauregard
Jan. 6	\$25	Matt Wass
Jan. 7	\$25	Logan Gauthier
Jan. 8	\$25	Stanley Mendys
Jan. 9	\$25	Eileen Stencil
Jan. 10	\$100	Joan Going
Jan. 11	\$25	Ann Krasowsky
Jan. 12	\$25	Arthur Marois
Jan. 13	\$25	Kathleen Higgins
Jan. 14	\$25	Ryan Kennedy
Jan. 15	\$25	Francis Kavanagh
Jan. 16	\$25	Saint Joseph Church
Jan. 17	\$100	Alyssa Angers
Jan. 18	\$25	Eileen Stencil
Jan. 19	\$25	Barbara McManus
Jan. 20	\$25	Carol Pietal
Jan. 21	\$25	Michael Nawn
Jan. 22	\$25	Alyssa Angers
Jan. 23	\$25	Carol Plotczyk
Jan. 24	\$100	Rosemarie Courville
Jan. 25	\$25	Pauline Starkus
Jan. 26	\$25	Roland Beauregard
Jan. 27	\$25	Raymond Garry
Jan. 28	\$25	Jeff Plotczyk
Jan. 29	\$25	Wendy Stevenson
Jan. 30	\$25	Scott Rano
Jan. 31	\$200	Wayne & Tonia St Louis
Jan. 31	\$300	Angela Bohlken
Jan. 31	\$500	Patricia & Shawn Bickford

Congratulations to all the winners!
Some winners won a second time
with a scratch ticket – Congratulations twice!
Thank you to all the people who purchased
tickets to support our parish fundraiser.

Congratulations!

NEWS FROM

Religious Education



There will no classes for grades 1 & 2, Saturday, February 13 and grades 3-8, Monday, February 15, in observance of President's Day.



This week students will receive a Rice Bowl collection box sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Included in their Lenten lessons is to pray more, fast more and share more. Ways in which we strengthen our relationship with God. Each day, they will offer up a prayer for those who are less fortunate and place spare change or bills in their box. The boxes will remain at home and returned to class on Saturday, March 27 and Monday, March 29.

Participating in this project, benefits the families they are helping and teaches students the hardships of others.

Please pray for our students in their efforts to support these families in need. We will share their success with you after Easter.

Food Pantry Reminder...

Next weekend is our monthly food collection. Items most needed are macaroni & cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and pasta. Food collections will be donated to St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY

“CATHOLIC FREE PRESS” MONTH!

We hope that many of you will either begin or renew a subscription to our diocesan newspaper when at Mass.

A 52-week annual subscription is only \$39!

Won't you help us by subscribing today?

You can use the envelope in your church envelope packet or simply write a check for \$39 payable to “St. Joseph Church,” write “Catholic Free Press” on the memo line, and place it in the collection basket.

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



Collection for Priests' Retirement



This year on Ash Wednesday the parishes of our diocese will begin an annual collection to support the retirement needs of our diocesan priests. In 2019 a committee appointed by Bishop McManus examined the suitability and sustainability of retirement benefits for our retired diocesan priests. The annual health

insurance and housing costs along with monthly stipends for our retired priests have recently been running from \$2.2 - \$2.6 million. Even with revenue from Celebrate Priesthood, Partners in Charity, the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign, the endowments from the Forward in Faith Capital Campaign, parish assessments, and other restricted funds and donations, the costs of caring for our 50+ retired priests exceeds our revenue, in 2020 by \$266,810. After reviewing the committee's report and receiving input from the priests of our diocese, Bishop McManus is instituting an annual Ash Wednesday Collection for Priest Retirement as one part of the diocese's renewed efforts to care for our retired priests. Please consider a donation to the Ash Wednesday Collection to support those who have given their lives in service to the people of the Diocese of Worcester. Review the Retirement Report Summary found on the Diocesan Website to learn more. Thank you.

Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary

all continue to stream on 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.

Lenten Adult Faith Formation on Zoom or In Person

St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge will offer "The Search," an innovative video series from Augustine Institute which tackles the key questions of the human heart.



Multi-disciplinary experts will address such issues as life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith, and the meaning and purpose of life.

Whether you are a seeker, tepid in your faith or completely engaged, you will find this series enlightening. It will take place on Monday nights,

February 15 through March 29, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be an in-person class at the parish and a Zoom class running at the same time. There is no cost for the class, but there is an optional workbook available for \$10. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed for the in-person session. St. Mary Parish is located at 77 Mendon St. in Uxbridge.

For more information or to register for The Search, please email: thesearch@stmaryuxbridge.org or visit stmaryuxbridge.org.

DCCS Mass for Youth

The DCCS Mass for Youth is a celebration at the Cathedral for members of American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts of the USA, and Scouts-BSA. It will be celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 10 am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Worcester to bring these three youth serving organizations together as a diocesan community to commemorate the founding of the American Heritage Girls and Scouts-BSA in early February and the Girl Scouts in early March. This qualifies for the Girl Scout Sunday Patch or the Scouts-BSA Scout Sunday Patch and American Heritage Girls Scout Sunday patch. We ask all scout participants to come in uniform and to bring their unit flag and stand.



Masses on Ash Wednesday,
February 17th, will be
celebrated in the church at
8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon
and 6:30 p.m.



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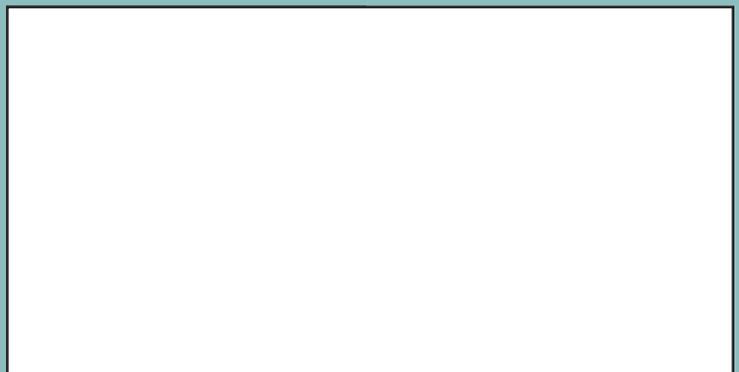
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