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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

February 14, 2021



Sixth 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.

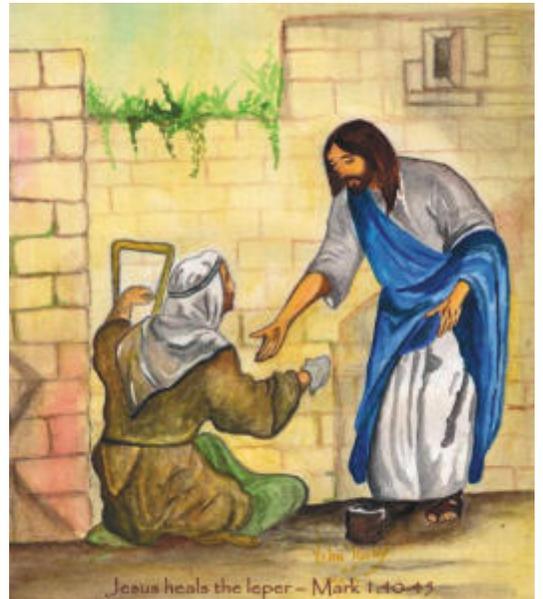
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 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

**Monday, February 15, 2021**

8:00AM **James Quinn**  
by Francis and Mary Kavanagh

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

8:00AM **Fr. Tom Barry**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

8:00AM **For Carol's Health**  
by Pat Messina  
NOON **Fr. Silvio Brodeur**  
6:30PM **Bishop Bernard Flanagan**

**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

5:00PM **John F. Cunningham**  
by his son

**Friday, February 19, 2021**

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

**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

4:00PM **Paul Pietrowicz**  
10th Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

7:00AM **Msgr. Stan Kubik**  
9:00AM **Stacie Jude Angers**  
by family  
10:30AM **For those in need of our prayers**

Saturday, February 20, 2021

**Holy Communion** Carol Fraini  
**Lector** Ed Walsh  
**Altar Servers** Roger Bishop, Lorelei Bishop

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Sunday, February 21, 2021

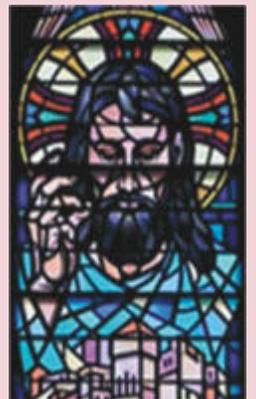
**7:00 AM**  
**Holy Communion** Jean Ashton  
**Lector** Kathi Roy  
**Altar Server** Al Pastick  
**9:00 AM**  
**Holy Communion** Robert Sivret  
**Lector** Patty Bickford  
**Altar Server** Sadie Bickford  
**10:30 AM**  
**Holy Communion** Dianne Trumbour  
**Lector** Lisa Wass  
**Altar Server** Alexandro Montreuil

**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.



 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.

## AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

# Lent

begins this week on Ash Wednesday. I will celebrate three masses on Wednesday. It will give all our parishioners an opportunity to come to mass, receive ashes, and still practice social distance.

The collection on Ash Wednesday will support the retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. You have an envelope in your packet for that purpose.

We will adapt the rite of blessing and distribution of ashes to our pandemic situation. The formula for distribution will be spoken only once over the entire assembly. Then I will use a cotton swab to administer the ashes to individuals. It should work just fine.

Many people continue the practice of giving something up for Lent. It is a good practice. Many people recognize that something they do has become a habit and when they give it up for Lent they miss it severely. Sugar is an addictive substance for many people. When they give it up for Lent they go through a withdrawal process that is most uncomfortable.

Some people choose to change a habit. Some people want to clean up their language and enforce the change by contributing money in a jar whenever they fail to reform their behavior. Others want to engage a good habit, so they exercise every day during Lent – they go out into the desert to see Jesus on the treadmill or exercise bike.



Spiritual exercise is the best practice for Lent. We join our prayer with the prayer of Jesus in the desert before he began his public ministry. We listen to the preaching of John the Baptist and look to repent and make straight the way of the Lord. Fast and abstinence from meat are two physical and spiritual practices that people employ that remind them of dependence upon God who feeds us with the goods of creation and the goods of the spirit. When the goods of creation become a lower priority than goods of the spirit we come in contact with God's grace.

We will celebrate Stations of the Cross on Friday evening. This popular devotion reminds the Church of Jesus' journey to Calvary. We use three different editions of the Stations. St. Alphonsus wrote one. Another is scripturally based. The third was celebrated by Pope Saint John Paul II during his life.

Some people come to mass more than once a week. They find celebrating the Eucharist lifts them up during Lent.

Lent is the great time for celebrating the sacrament of Penance. Forgiveness is the fruit of what Jesus does for us. When we employ confession of our sin God's plan is very active when people seek forgiveness.

"Remember you are dust, and unto dust you will return."

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

## Stewardship!!

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31) Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Council 13637 Knights of Columbus  
of St. Joseph Parish is  
having a Zoom meeting on Tuesday,  
February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



### 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.

# Sunday, February 14, 2021



## Monday, February 15, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall
No Religious Education Classes Grades 3-8		

## Tuesday, February 16, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall
Knights of Columbus	7:00PM	Zoom Meeting

## Wednesday, February 17, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall
Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center

## Thursday, February 18, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall

## Friday, February 19, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall

## Saturday, February 20, 2021

Plumbing School	8:00AM-3:PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 1 and 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center

## Sunday, February 21, 2021

Grade 2 Family Mass	9:00AM	Church
Plumbing School	Noon-8:00PM	Parish Center

## Parish Support

Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	6,188
Shortfall	\$	(1,312)
Maintenance	\$	-
Debt Redux	\$	245
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	45,000
Collections	\$	26,139
Electronic Payment	\$	1,060
Shortfall	\$	(17,801)

The second collection this weekend is for **Maintenance**.

The second collection next weekend is for the **Church in Latin 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  
 Jillian Roy - Carlene Sherbourne - Susan Miale  
 Richard Laprade - Raymond Looney  
 Alex Orloff - Kevin Dobson - Kathy Stasaitis  
 Peggy Markvenas - Richard Fleming, Sr.



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my great joys as your Bishop is to work with so many dedicated priests who have served you and our diocese faithfully throughout their lives. One of my weighty responsibilities is to care for them in their old age.

I write to ask your support for the new Ash Wednesday Collection that will assist the retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. Unlike the December collection for Retired Religious which supports sisters, brothers and priests of religious orders throughout the country, the Ash Wednesday collection will be dedicated to those priests ordained for the Diocese of Worcester who do not benefit from the December collection.

We currently have 50 retired priests. In the next nine years an additional 42 priests will reach the retirement age of 75. Our annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have recently run between \$2.2 million - \$2.6 million. While Partners in Charity, Celebrate Priesthood and the endowments from Forward in Faith and Legacy of Hope have and will continue to support priest retirement, we have had annual shortfalls in funding to meet those obligations.

We recently made changes to retirement benefits for priests who have not yet retired. Those measures are expected to save up to \$12 million through 2050. However, in the short run, deficits up to \$374,000 per year are projected through 2031. The purpose of the Ash Wednesday collection is to help eliminate those deficits and strengthen the sustainability of decent care for our retired priests.

Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. Please consider beginning this Lent with a sacrificial gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection on February 17 to support our retired priests.

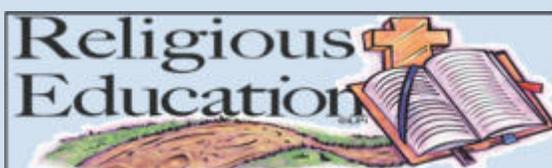
I am very grateful for your support of all of our Diocesan efforts and for your consideration of this request. Thank you and God bless you.

With every prayerful best wish I remain,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



### NEWS FROM



**There will no classes for grades 3-8, Monday, February 15, in observance of President's Day.**

**Grade 2 Family Mass** is Sunday, February 21, 9:00AM in the church .

### A Prayer for Ash Wednesday



**Loving God,  
You created us and You love everything  
You have made.  
Make these ashes a reminder for us that  
We need you in our lives.  
Help us to follow You today and forever.  
Amen  
Remember, you are a child of God forever**

### AUBURN PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Children residing in Auburn, who will be three on or before September 1, 2021 and have not yet entered Kindergarten, are eligible for Auburn's Preschool Screening Program. If you are interested in having your child screened and have not yet received an Early Childhood Newsletter, please call Kate Flynn at 508-832-7752 for more information.



### Meatloaf Dinner "To Go" in Northbridge

St. Peter Parish in Northbridge is having a Meatloaf "To Go" Dinner. Pick up will be on Saturday, Feb. 20 starting at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 per dinner and include salad and dessert. All orders must be purchased in advance.

Please call 508-234-2156 or email [parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org) to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.



### Stations of the Cross

Come to pick up our cross and follow Jesus in prayer at the Stations of the Cross on each Friday of Lent through March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.



### Confession

On Saturday  
at 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
in the church

## Sixth 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!

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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*

*Irene McCoy*

*who recently passed away.*



### 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.

### 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.

### Unique Lenten Program to do at home



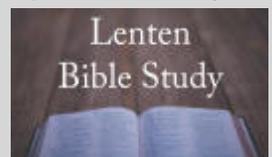
Watch with Me is an online Lenten experience for adults - a brief time each week to stop, rest, reflect, listen, and pray a little. Each Sunday evening during Lent you will receive a link to participate at *your convenience* during the week - no meetings, no schedule. Each activity will include a little music and one or two short reflective prayers requiring 15-20 minutes of your time on your mobile phone, tablet, or computer.

**For questions or to register, please contact Romeo Marquis at [Rmarquis48@outlook.com](mailto:Rmarquis48@outlook.com). It's free, but you must pre-register.**

Please feel free to share this information with family and friends everywhere. (Note: If you participated in "A Time for Singing" during Advent, you do not have to register. You will automatically be included.)

### Lenten Bible Study for Young Adults

All young adults are invited to join us for a virtual Lenten Bible Study every Tuesday evening of Lent at 8pm beginning on February 23. The Bible study will involve Lectio Divina along with a discussion. Each session will be unique to that Sunday's gospel reading so individuals are welcome to attend all gatherings, some, or even just one or two. **Feel free to attend as often as you are able!** To sign up to receive the Zoom link, go to [neworchester.org/lent-lectio-divina](http://neworchester.org/lent-lectio-divina).

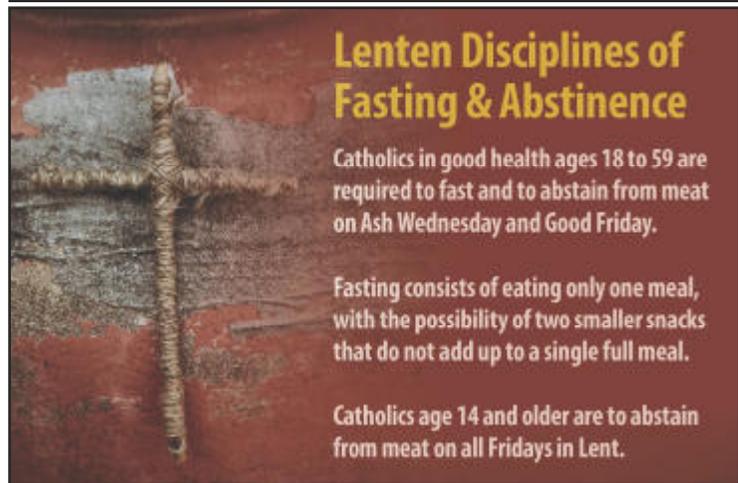


### Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



### KofC Drive Thru Fish Fry in Sutton

The Bishop Flanagan Council 12710 Knights of Columbus will once again be holding their Lenten *Drive Thru* Fish Fry every Lenten Friday beginning Feb. 19 from 4 to 7 pm in the parking lot of St. Mark Church, 356 Boston Rd., Sutton. All proceeds will benefit the Knights' charities.





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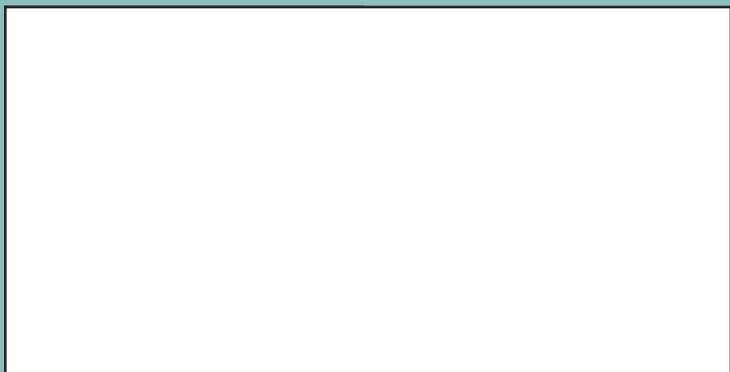
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