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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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.

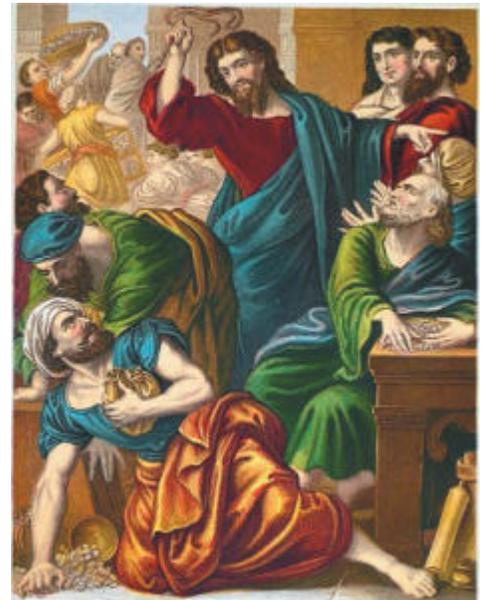
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, March 6, 2021

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

Sunday, March 7, 2021

7:00AM **Anna Denaris**
60th Anniversary Remembrance
by daughter Anna

9:00AM **Rita**
10:30AM **Louis and Stefania**

Monday, March 8, 2021

8:00AM **Stan and Katherine**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

8:00AM **Clarence and Rose**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

8:00AM **Stan and Mary**

Thursday, March 11, 2021

5:00PM **People of Saint Joseph Parish**

Friday, March 12, 2021

8:00AM **Fr. Edmund Falvey**
Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00PM **John and Stasia**

Sunday, March 14, 2021

7:00AM **People of Saint Joseph Parish**
9:00AM **Annie Simpson**
10:30AM **Patrick J. Flynn**
Happy Birthday Remembrance
by family

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Holy Communion Carol Fraini
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, March 14, 2021

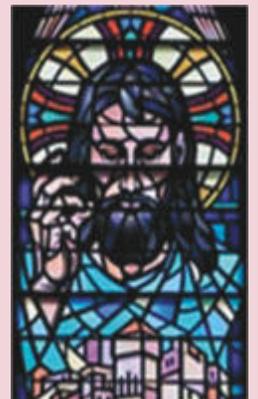
7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Kathi Roy
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion John Coughlin
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Lisa Wass
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Paul Molis

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.



Daylight Saving Time...

Begins next Sunday,
March 14.

Remember to set your clocks ahead
one hour to arrive on time for
Sunday mass.



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

I write this even before the Holy Father begins his journey to Iraq. The projected schedule for the Holy Father's visit to Iraq is March 5 through 8. Many of you will be reading this when the Pope is back on an aircraft headed back to Italy.

This is Pope Francis' first journey outside Italy since the beginning of the pandemic. He was challenged to postpone this journey but he would not. I hope that he has had a safe and successful visit.

Pope Francis is concerned about the Christians in Iraq. The largest Christian Church in the country is the Chaldean Church. They are very proud to be the Church that celebrates their liturgy in Aramaic, the language that Jesus spoke. They trace their history from the beginning of Christianity and boast that they received the Gospel from the Apostles who visited their land. Other Catholic Churches in the country are the Syro Catholic Church and the Assyrian Catholic Church.

The largest concern is that many Christians moved out of Iraq and continue to do so. Losing the Church in its homeland would be a terrible tragedy for the Chaldean Church. For example, one of the largest numbers of Chaldean Christians is in Southfield, Michigan where we find the Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle, USA.

The Holy Father's visit has already raised the awareness of the plight of Christians in the country. Saddam Hussein found that he could trust Christians during his dictatorship and employed them to do many things. Many Muslims did not like this preference for Christians and it did result in persecution during and after Hussein was in power. Pope Francis wants to encourage a healing for the Christian Churches in Iraq during his visit.

I anticipate that the Pope's visit will receive little coverage in the American news. I will monitor his visit at the Vatican's website. It will have his speeches and many pictures. I am interested in what the visit will do for Catholic and Muslim relations. It is a delicate balance to acquire. Pope Francis is very skilled in such maneuvers; I anticipate success.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Third Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." (Exodus 20:4) How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

**Pray for God's help to prune our vices
and to grow in virtue.**

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 Auburn Youth and Family Services.



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.

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 from 4 to 7pm in the parking lot of St. Mark Church, 356 Boston Rd., Sutton. All proceeds will benefit the Knights' charities.



Sunday, March 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, March 8, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Friday, March 12, 2021

Stations of the Cross	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, March 13, 2021

Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
Grade 2 Parent Meeting	10:00AM	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	\$	3,737
Shortfall	\$	(3,763)
Fuel	\$	1,232
Debt Redux	\$	165
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	67,500
Collections	\$	36,695
Electronic Payment	\$	1,610
Shortfall	\$	(29,195)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

The second collection next weekend is for **Maintenance and Easter Flowers.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Remember in your Prayers

Shirley Connor - Michael Prew - Jim Tobin
 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 - Mary Creamer - 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.



Third Sunday in Lent

Stations of the Cross

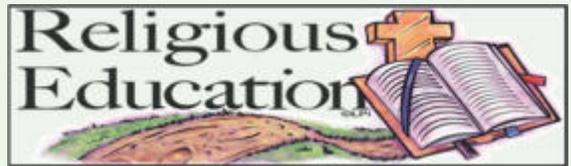
Come to pick up our cross and follow Jesus in prayer at the Stations of the Cross on each Friday of Lent through March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.



Confession

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

NEWS FROM



The next parent meeting for First Communion preparation is Saturday, March 13, at the Parish Center at 10am. Information regarding the ceremony, banners, etc. will be addressed. Please make every effort to attend.



March in Home Lessons

Lessons for the month of March are ready for pick up in the boxes outside of the parish center. Please drop off your completed February lessons before taking the lessons for March.

If you need assistance with any of the lessons, please email the religious education office at stjoesreledaub@gmail.com, and we can work together.

Catholic Men's Conference Schedule – Saturday, March 20

If you purchased a ticket for last year's (cancelled) conference we already know who you are. On Thursday, March 18 you will receive an email with a link to the 2021 conference. You do not have to pay anything. If you did not purchase a ticket last year and would like to participate in this year's 'remote and interactive' conference please call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 for a ticket (\$20). You can view this year's entire conference from home or with friends. The schedule is: 12:00 noon to 12:45 pm ~ Welcome by **Bishop McManus** followed by: **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "The Road to Emmaus: The Path to Lifelong Conversion" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn *** 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm ~ **Bishop Robert Reed**: "O God, Just Give Me One More Chance" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Bishop Reed *** 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm ~ **Luis Soto**: "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Luis Soto *** 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm ~ **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "The Power of the Sacraments" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn *** 4:00-5:00 pm ~ Mass with **Bishop McManus** and concluding comments.



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



Year of
ST. JOSEPH



Good Friday Pro-Life Stations of the Cross, Worcester

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame. On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion - the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted - in a solemn prayer service where we will pray the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross, the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**It will take place on Good Friday, April 2 at
Noon outside Planned Parenthood,
470 Pleasant St., Worcester**

For more info, call Julie at 508-320-2965. Please join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this evil and injustice in our land.



Third Sunday in Lent

MEET EDWIN CARLOS *He who knows has an obligation to act. -Edwin Carlos*

Some young people in Ahuachapán in eastern El Salvador think that being a farmer is a thing of the past. Their families have farmed for generations, but climate change and soil erosion have caused harvests—



and therefore, their incomes—to shrink considerably. Edwin Carlos, a 17-year-old eager to support his parents and two little brothers, did not see farming in his future. However, after a teacher told him about how new techniques and technology were changing the way farming was being done to help restore the environment, he changed his mind. Edwin Carlos decided to join a group of 220 students who are learning skills like the importance of distancing when plowing and how burning harvest residue can harm the land and air.



Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl this weekend at either the church or parish center. Bring your Rice Bowl to mass on Palm Sunday, March 28, or any liturgy during Holy Week.

Your donation will make a world of difference.

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



Are you a man high school age, college age or older? Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood?

Annual Priestly Discernment Retreat

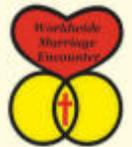
The Office for Vocations announces that the annual priestly discernment retreat for men high school age or older will take place on **Saturday, March 27 from 9-5 at North American Martyrs in Auburn.** Join us for a day of prayer, witness talks from priests and seminarians, and a presentation from Bishop McManus on discerning a priestly vocation. Social distance guidelines will be followed.



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, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>. "His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage?



The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are

**Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29**

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Did You Know?

Help Reduce Abuse Statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children.

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

Source: www.missingkids.com.

St. Patrick Dinners to Go in Boylston

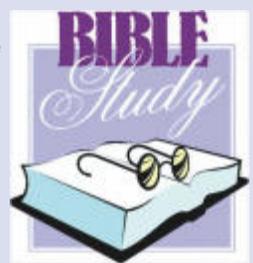
Saint Mary of the Hills, Boylston, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Take-Out Dinner on **March 13 with pickup from 5 - 6 pm.**

Call or email Claudine at the parish to reserve your food. \$15 per plate.
**508-869-6771 or
secretary@saintmaryofthehills.com.**



BIBLE STUDY – VIRTUAL

Father Conrad S. Pecevich's Bible study has gone Virtual as a Zoom meeting on **Tuesdays, 7:30-8:15 p.m.** Newcomers are invited to participate. To receive the link to participate, send your email request to susoire77@gmail.com.





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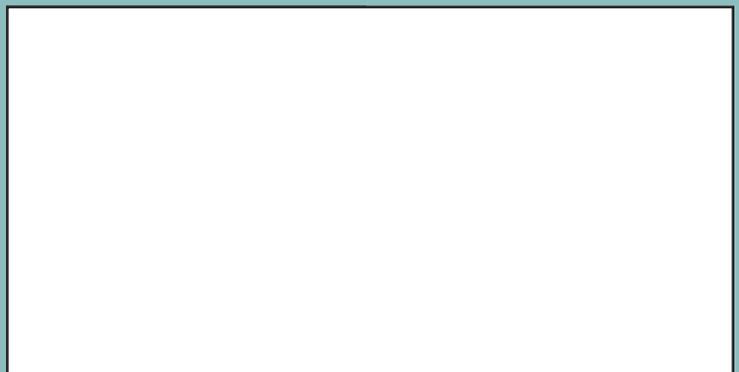
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