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SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY MARCH 19



March 14, 2021

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.

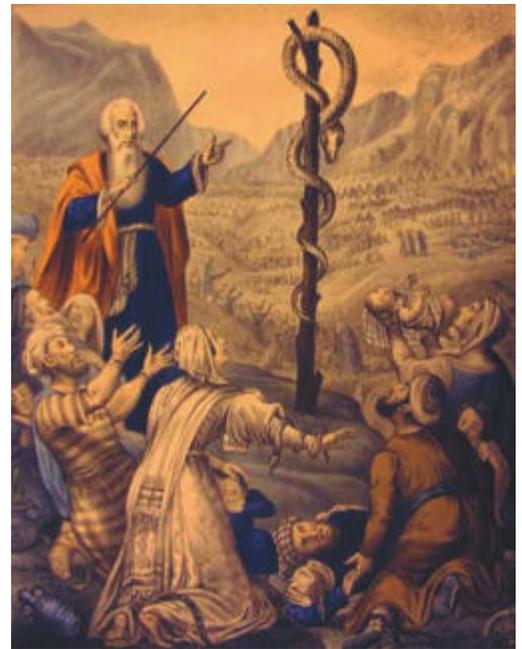
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

or by appointment



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 20, 2021

Holy Communion Fred Fraini
Lector Ed Walsh
Altar Server Anthony Lloyd

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

Monday, March 15, 2021

8:00AM *Walter and Joyce*

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

8:00AM *Bobby Falvey*

Anniversary Remembrance

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

8:00AM *Kathy Pescara*

Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, March 18, 2021

5:00PM *Bill and Joan*

Friday, March 19, 2021

8:00AM *Bill and Clarence*

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00PM *Open for Intention*

Sunday, March 21, 2021

7:00AM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

9:00AM *Open for Intention*

10:30AM *Fr. D. Timothy O'Mara*

Sunday, March 21, 2021

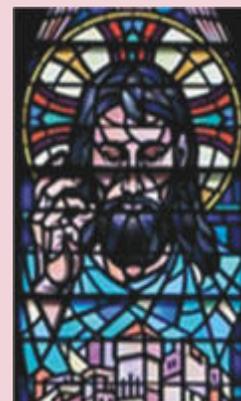
7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Dorothy Jacques
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion Gloria Sinclair
Lector Pat Messina
Altar Server Nathan Boucher
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour
Lector Lisa Wass
Altar Server Alexandro Montreuil

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.



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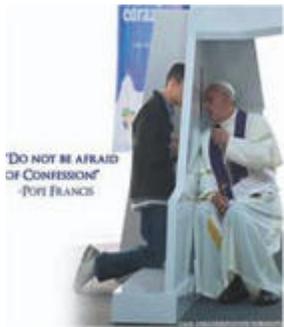
To help keep us all safe during the pandemic, if you handle a copy of the bulletin take it with you when you leave. Please do not put it back on the pile after Mass.

AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

A great grace that pervades Lent is forgiveness. Jesus suffered and died for the forgiveness of sins. It is appropriate that as we celebrate Lent, part of the celebration is forgiveness of sins.

I am present for confessions each Saturday at 3:00 p.m. I remain in the confessional / reconciliation room until 3:30. Some weeks are very busy; others are very slow. I encourage our parishioners to come to confession during Lent.



I know that some parishioners do not come to the sacrament at Saint Joseph Church. They like to receive reconciliation with a priest whom they have only little personal contact. They are embarrassed by their own sins and do not want the priest to be a reminder of their sins. Some people come here for confession from other parishes.

While the pandemic continues, you should not come to the confessional and kneel at the screen. We must observe social distance. The chair near the door is a considerable distance from the chair where I sit. Please use that chair. Wear your mask. If you lean in one direction, you will be able to see me. If you remain behind the partition, I will not lean over and try to see you. Your identity will be secure if you remain behind the partition.

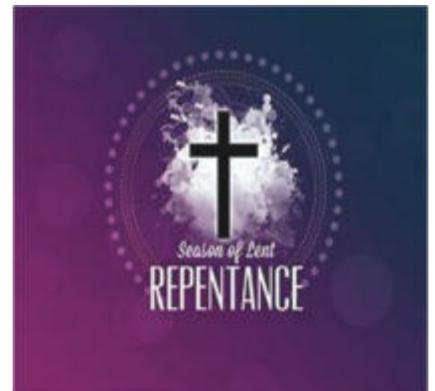
Simple cards are available on the table in the reconciliation room. Pick one up before you prepare for the sacrament. You may use it during your time in the confessional.

Remember to bring the virtue of humility with you. Some people who come to confession act as if they are boasting about their sins. Confession requires a sincere sorrow for sin. Come humbly to Jesus for forgiveness. Be brief with your confession of sin. I do not need to know the details.

Some people cannot come to confession on a Saturday afternoon. Others have so many sins that they cannot make a good confession in a short period. Others are nervous and need some calm to engage in the sacrament of Penance. Please call the office and we can arrange for you to come to the rectory for your confession. Be ready to come quickly. Often I can drop what I am doing to hear a confession. I usually like to arrange for confessions in the rectory when no one else is in the house for your privacy.

Forgiveness is a wonderful grace.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16) Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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.

Sunday, March 14, 2021



Monday, March 15, 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 17, 2021

Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Friday, March 19, 2021

Stations of the Cross	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, March 20, 2021

Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Grade 2 Family Mass	9:00AM	Church
Plumbing School	Noon-8:00PM	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	\$	5,508
Shortfall	\$	(1,992)
Maintenance	\$	-
Debt Redux	\$	155
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	75,000
Collections	\$	42,203
Electronic Payment	\$	1,865
Shortfall	\$	(30,932)

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

The second collection next weekend is for **Catholic Relief Services**.

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
 Richard Laprade - Raymond Looney
 Alex Orloff - Kevin Dobson - Kathy Stasaitis
 Peggy Markvenas - Richard Fleming, Sr.
 Jack Holmberg



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Silence is golden... St. Joseph, the model of humility, and one of the world's greatest saints, is often mentioned as being silent. This silence speaks volumes. In it, the Church realizes his faithfulness, his love and his acceptance of the Holy Will of God. St. Joseph was not a man of many words; he was a man of action. We have only one direct statement about his personality. In

Matthew's Gospel, he is described as "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19).

His actions alone reveal everything else we know about him. He brings Mary and the Child she bears into his home when, in the sight of the world, he would be justified in divorcing her. He leads the expectant Mary into Bethlehem, and flees with her and her Child into Egypt. When it is safe, he returns with the two into Galilee. He does all of this because God asks it of him. He never hesitates.

Each time we read that the angel spoke to Joseph, the following sentence begins with the action St. Joseph took. "Joseph awoke," "Joseph rose," "He went." Each time he received a summons, his reaction was to follow the call immediately. Never once did he hesitate.

Source: USCCB

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 ~

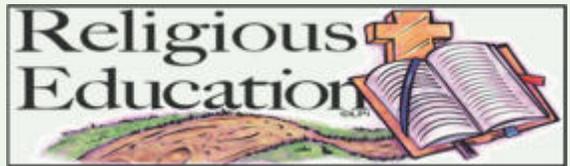
Bishop Robert Reed: "O God, Just Give Me One More Chance" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Bishop Reed *** 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm ~

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.

NEWS FROM



Grade 2 Family Mass

The next Grade 2 Family Mass is Sunday, March 21, 9:00AM in the church.

Visitation House



During the month of March, our grade nine and ten students are collecting donations to benefit Visitation House. Visitation House provides practical and educational opportunities for expectant mothers to help them become competent and caring mothers.

The objective, in addition to providing basic needs (i.e. food, clothing, and housing), is to create a comprehensive life skills program with sessions that enhance the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of mothers and their babies. This includes assisting them in their self-care and increasing the personal skills they need to provide better care to their infants.

Each student will pray for these mothers and their babies each time they put a contribution in the baby bottle. Bottles will be collected in April, counted and a check sent to Visitation House.

Please pray for these students in their efforts. We will let you know how much they raised.

Lenten Meals to Go in Dudley

St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., will offer Take-Out Lenten dinners Fridays of Lent through Mar. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. with your choice of baked or fried fish. Fried dinners include French fries, coleslaw and tartar sauce. Baked dinners include baked potato, coleslaw and tartar sauce. Cost is \$12/adults and \$6/children and must be ordered ahead by calling the rectory, 508-943-5633, during regular office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-noon).



Lenten Lunches in Worcester

St. Bernard Church of Our Lady of Providence Parish will offer a baked haddock lunch on Fridays during Lent for pick up only at 228 Lincoln St. by the gym entrance. The \$15 meal comes with rice pilaf and carrots and must be preordered by Wednesday before, online at olpworchester.org/lenten-fish or call the parish at 508-755-3820.



Fourth Sunday in Lent

CRS RICE BOWL

MEET ELIZA

I know the vegetables provide essential vitamins for them. -Eliza

Timor-Leste is a small Asian country, slightly larger than the state of Connecticut. It's on the other side of the world near Australia, and it's one of the world's newest countries—only 18 years old. In comparison, the United States will be 245 years old this year!



Many families in Timor-Leste live in rural areas and work as farmers. But challenges like changing weather patterns make it difficult to grow enough food. They depend on rice as a main part of their meals, and hunger and malnutrition are big problems. More than one-third of people in Timor-Leste don't have reliable access to enough nutritious food. This especially affects children and their ability to develop to their full potential.

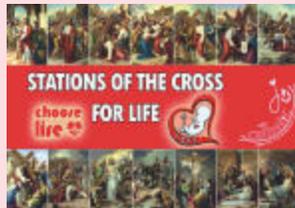


Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice

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.

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.

Year of
ST. JOSEPH



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.



Praying for Men Discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood

On Saturday, March 27, all are invited to join in a day of prayer for the men who are discerning on the priestly discernment retreat. At Saint James Parish in Grafton, there will be a "Day of Adoration" that starts with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 AM and ends after the 4:30 PM vigil Mass. Throughout the day there will be time for silent prayer, all four mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers for vocations will be prayed. There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

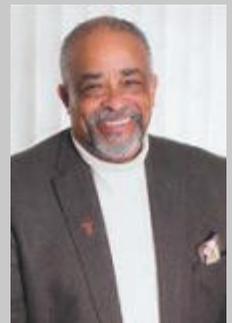
All are welcome for any time during the day. For more information please contact:

SevenSistersWorcester@gmail.com.

Parish Mission in Northborough

St. Rose of Lima Church, 244 W. Main St. (Rt. 20), Northborough will offer a **Lenten Parish Mission Sunday, March 14 – Monday, March 15, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.** Deacon Arthur Miller will preach on the theme: "2021 – It's Healing Time!"

Deacon Art is an author, radio host, retreat leader and nationally known speaker on nonviolence, social injustice and following Jesus' call for Radical Love. He serves at St. Mary's Church in Simsbury, CT. All are welcome.





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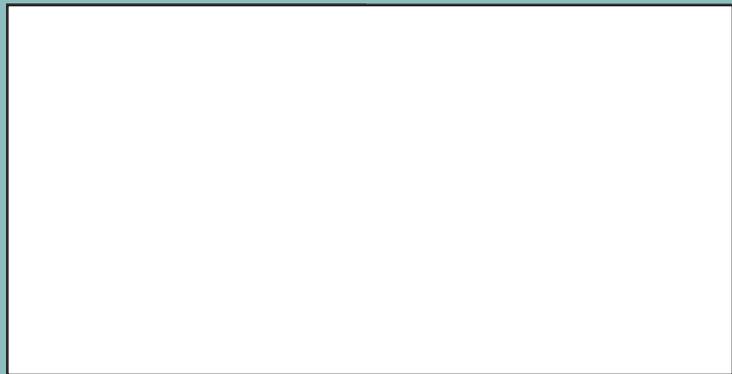
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