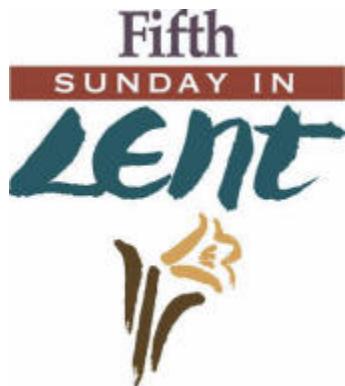




SAIN TJOSEPH PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 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

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.

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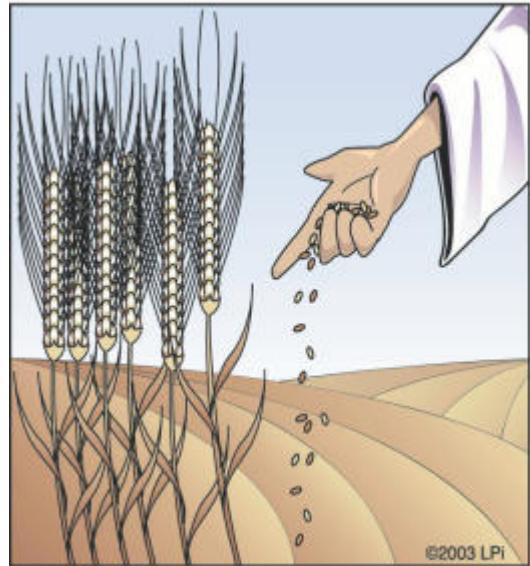
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Mrs. Dianne Trumbour 508-832-6755

Outreach to hospitals, nursing homes, and homebound

Visits gladly made upon request





Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00PM *John and Sophie*

Sunday, March 21, 2021

7:00AM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

9:00AM *Lena*

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

Monday, March 22, 2021

8:00AM *Bill and Joan*

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

8:00AM *Loriss Legasey*

by Patty Dyer

Thursday, March 25, 2021

5:00PM *Stan and Maria*

Friday, March 26, 2021

8:00AM *Joseph and Mary*

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00PM *Open for Intention*

Sunday, March 28, 2021

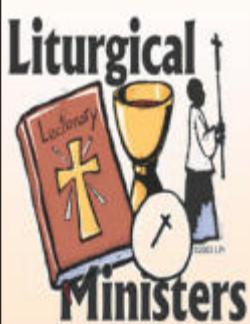
7:00AM *Lawrence Fleming*

39th Anniversary Remembrance
by Richard and Anna

9:00AM *Open for Intention*

10:30AM *Tony and Geraldine*

by family



Sign-up sheets have been placed in the main entrance of the church for lectors, altar servers and communion ministers to choose the liturgies at which they would like to serve for Holy Week and Easter.

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Holy Communion *Jean Ashton*

Lector *Ed Walsh, Doreen Goodrich*

Altar Server *Anthony Lloyd*

Sunday, March 28, 2021

7:00 AM

Holy Communion *Jean Ashton*

Lector *Kathi Roy, Anna Fleming*

Altar Server *Al Pastick*

9:00 AM

Holy Communion *Marek Sitkowski*

Lector *Pat Messina, Patty Bickford*

Altar Server *Sadie Bickford*

10:30 AM

Holy Communion *Dianne Trumbour*

Lector *Lisa Wass, Mary Skorvanek*

Altar Server *Paul Molis*

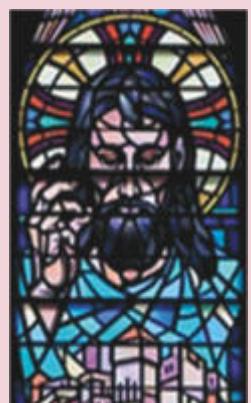
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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,

The Diocese of Worcester launched *Partners in Charity Annual Appeal* early in the year. Some parishes also engaged the *Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign* this spring and conducted the Partners Appeal before they moved to Legacy. Saint Joseph Parish conducted the *Legacy of Hope Campaign* in 2019. We are moving into the *Partners in Charity* now.

The people in charge of the appeal recognize that many people still do not come to mass each weekend. It would be foolish to depend upon the in-pew appeal to accomplish the goal of raising money among the faithful. The new course of action is to have more direct mail communication from the diocese to our people. It means more work for them but they are determined to make our people aware of the need that is amplified with the pandemic and to provide the necessary resources to accomplish the goal.

Most parishioners should have already received a letter from me requesting participation in the *Partners in Charity Appeal*. The workers mailed it out in early March. Most parishioners should have also received a letter from Bishop McManus requesting your participation. It had a card for recording your donation and an envelope to mail it back. Thank you to all parishioners who participate this way.

What about the rest of the parish? I hope that all parishioners will participate in the *Partners in Charity Appeal*. The great benefits are these: It is local. The greatest benefit happens within Worcester County. It is faith driven. People from parishes in the diocese contribute the most money that makes the appeal successful. It responds to concrete, visible needs.

I placed the information sheets near the bulletins this weekend. I will not repeat that information here. Please take one of the information sheets home with you so that you will know why *Partners in Charity* is so important to accomplish the mission of the Diocese of Worcester each year. It tells you how the money you donate will be spent. It updates us about what changes become effective this year.

Donation envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the Parish Center. Take one with you. Fill it out if you have not already participated in the appeal and bring it back to mass next week and place it in the collection, send it to the office on Elm Street in Worcester, or bring it to the rectory. You may also contribute on-line or with a text message. Help make this effort a continued success.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33)

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.



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 21, 2021



Sunday, March 21, 2021

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

Monday, March 22, 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 24, 2021

Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Friday, March 26, 2021

Stations of the Cross	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, March 27, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
Grade 4 Retreat	2:00PM-4:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10	10:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
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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	\$ 3,854
Shortfall	\$ (3,646)
Maintenance	\$ 1,274
Debt Redux	\$ 20
Year to Date	
Budget	\$ 82,500
Collections	\$ 46,057
Electronic Payment	\$ 1,920
Shortfall	\$ (34,523)

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

The second collection next weekend
is for **Fuel**.

*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 - Cynthia Young
Pauline Mercier - Deborah Mink - Victoria Mink
Rob Cooney - Mary Creamer - Peter Vandale
Erin O'Toole - John Rochedore - Daniel Roy
Jillian Roy - Carlene Sherbourne
Richard Laprade - Raymond Looney
Alex Orloff - Kevin Dobson - Kathy Stasaitis
Peggy Markvenas - Richard Fleming, Sr.
Jack Holmberg**



Fifth Sunday in Lent



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

We will celebrate Masses on the usual Sunday schedule.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass at 6:30 p.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. mass on Holy Thursday.)

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 6:30 p.m.
(No 8:00 a.m. mass on Good Friday.)

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass 7:45 p.m.
(No 4:00 p.m. mass on Holy Saturday.)

Easter Sunday

7:00, 9:00 a.m. in the church
and 10:30 a.m. in the parish center



The movie, "The Passion", will be shown on Palm Sunday, March 28, 12:30-2:45pm at the parish center.

You are invited to come and share this experience as the season of Lent comes to an end.

Annual Priestly Discernment Retreat

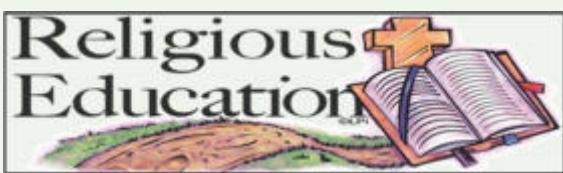
The Office for Vocations announces that the annual priestly discernment retreat for men high school age or older will take place on

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.



NEWS FROM



Grade 4 Retreat ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 27, 2:00pm-4:00pm in the lower church hall. Please bring a snack and drink. Mass follows at 4pm. Students will sit with their parents.



Grades 9 and 10

Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday) is our next session beginning with 10:30am mass at the parish center. Bring your permission slips to class if you have not already done so as well as your lunch. Your filled baby bottles for Visitation House are due back today.

Grade 9 – We are going to St. Anne's Shrine in Sturbridge, MA. to pray the stations of the Cross. We return to the parish center at approximately 2:15pm.

Grade 10 – We are presenting the movie, "The Passion". Parents and parishioners are invited to attend. The movie begins at 12:30pm and will end at approximately 2:45pm.

Please Return your Rice Bowls

Grades 1 & 2 return your filled Rice Bowls to class on Saturday, March 27 and Grades 3-8 on Monday, March 29.

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



ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE



What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

**Remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl
at Mass next weekend, March 27-28,
or any liturgy during Holy Week.**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." —Rev 3:20

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do we recognize Jesus when we see the poor and vulnerable? When we respond to those in need, we "help Jesus in disguise" as we are reminded by the national **Catholic Relief Services Collection this weekend.** Through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters in some of the most marginalized communities around the globe.



The years-long civil war in Syria has had catastrophic effects on the lives of millions of Syrians. Neighboring Jordan and Lebanon have taken in many Syrian refugees, over half of whom are children. To address the needs of refugee children, CRS and local church partner organizations provide educational opportunities for refugee children facing unique challenges. One boy, Ibrahim, had behavioral problems and poor academic performance that hindered his learning. With the help of a CRS-sponsored educational program for special needs children, Ibrahim excelled in his studies and became more engaged in the classroom. You give children like Ibrahim opportunities to learn and grow when you contribute to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Thanks to your financial support, you can:
—alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need through the international Catholic humanitarian agency, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
—supply outreach and pastoral care to refugees, migrants, and travelers
—provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world such as the recent devastation cause by a cyclone in Mozambique and Malawi
—advocate for poor and vulnerable people and for international justice and peace
—actively help victims of human trafficking and refugees by providing resettlement services and public policy advocacy

Are you ready to answer the knock of Jesus in disguise? I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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 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



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MARCH 25

The Feast of the Annunciation is the reason why we celebrate Christmas on December 25. Christmas comes exactly nine months after the Archangel Gabriel invited the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God, an event we commemorate on March 25. The dating of these Feast Days, although interesting, is of minor importance compared to their theological significance. It is fruitful to reflect upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary as the antecedent to the explosion of joy, caroling, gift giving, eating, drinking, love and family unity that surrounds the birth of the Savior.

God could have become man in any number of creative ways. He could have incarnated Himself just as Adam was incarnated in the book of Genesis, by being formed from the clay and having the divine breath blown into his nostrils. Or God could have slowly backed down to earth on a tall golden ladder as a twenty-five-year-old man, ready to walk the highways and byways of Palestine.



The Second Person of the Trinity chose, however, to become man like we all become man. In the same way that He would exit the world through the door of death, as we all have to do, before His Resurrection and Ascension, He also entered the world through the door of human birth. In the words of the early Church, Christ could not redeem what He did not assume. He redeemed everything because He took on human nature in all of its breadth, depth, complexity and mystery. He was like us in all things save sin.

O Holy Virgin Mary, we ask your intercession to make us as generous as you in accepting the will of God in our lives, especially when that will is expressed in mysterious ways. May you be our example of a generous response to what God desires of us.

Source: My Catholic Life



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.

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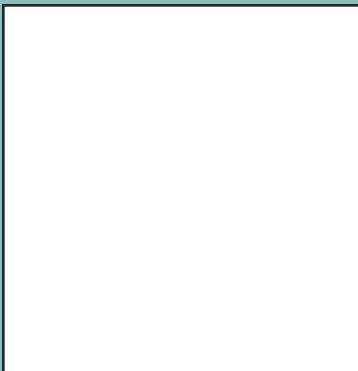
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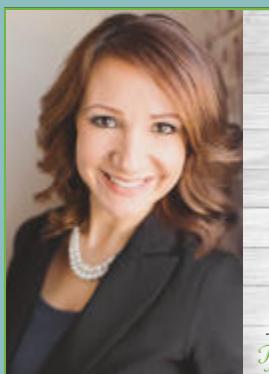
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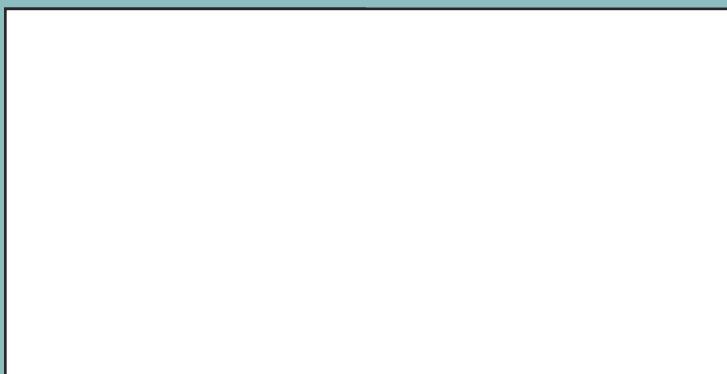
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