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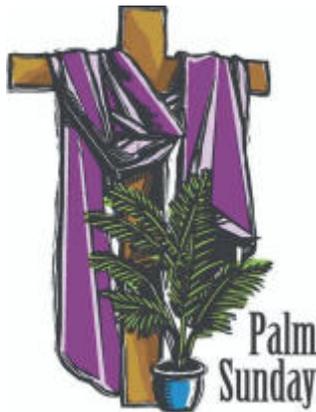
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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

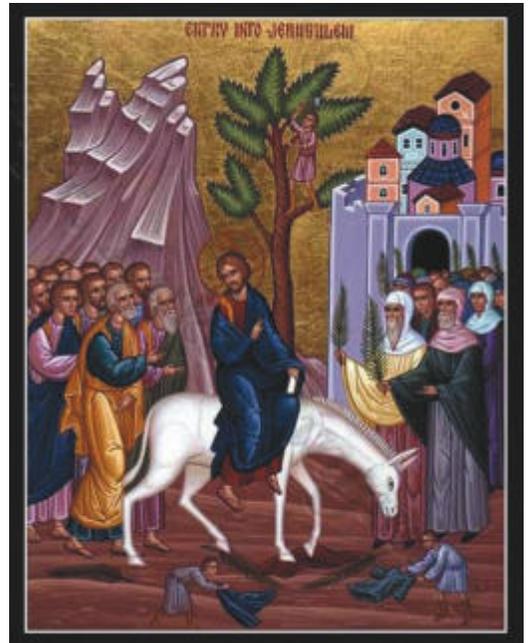
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 27, 2021

4:00PM *Victor and Celia*

Sunday, March 28, 2021

7:00AM *Lawrence Fleming*
39th Anniversary Remembrance
by Richard and Anna
9:00AM *Joe and Stasia*
10:30AM *Tony and Geraldine*
by family

Monday, March 29, 2021

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

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

8:00AM *Francis*

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

8:00AM *Fr. D. Timothy O'Mara*

Thursday, April 1, 2021

6:30PM *Henry*

Saturday, April 3, 2021

7:45PM *Margaret*

Sunday, April 4, 2021

7:00AM *Claire*
9:00AM *Fr. Paul Lemire*
10:30AM *Bishop Timothy Harrington*

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.

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.



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.

HOLY WEEK 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
Mass at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. in the church and 10:30 a.m. in the parish center

Remember to turn in your

CRS Rice Bowl at Mass
this weekend or any
liturgy during Holy Week.
Donation boxes can be found in the front of the church near the statues of Mary and Joseph on the right and the Sacred Heart on the left and at the parish center.

AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

We begin Holy Week with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with palms. We will continue the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the week. I invite all our parishioners to participate in the Holy Week liturgies. The continued practice of social distancing and masking still applies. I will have to lock the church doors if we exceed the limits of our capacity under the COVID limitations. So far, I have not had to lock the doors for any liturgy. We came close at Christmas Eve and Ash Wednesday.

I quote from Nathan Mitchell's article "The Three Days of Pascha" in *Assembly* for your instruction and meditation:

What, really, do the liturgies of the triduum celebrate? Most all of us believe we know the answer. We assume that Thursday commemorates the day Jesus instituted the Eucharist; Friday commemorates the day he was executed on the cross; and the vigil commemorates his emergence from the tomb. We assume, further, that the liturgies of these days are dramatic "reenactments" of events – by turns touching, tragic, and triumphant – which happened during Jesus' last days and culminated in his victory over death.

But is "history" the central focus of celebration during the Triduum? Certainly, the early Christian creeds anchored belief in the historical, this-worldly circumstances that accompanied Jesus' suffering and crucifixion "under Pontius Pilate." Jesus' life, career and death were, in other words, attached to a specific time, in a specific place. His proclamation of God's arrival in the present moment (God's "reign"), his old challenge to understand God in and as one's neighbor, his rejection of "religion" as a means of social or political control – all this took place not in some cosmic cloud of unknowing but in a remote province of the later Roman Empire at a time of sociopolitical transition.

Precisely because these faith-anchoring events are historical, however, they cannot be repeated or "reenacted." That is why the church's long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into the mystery of the assembly's liturgical/sacramental celebrations. What the paschal triduum actually celebrates is mystery, not history. The liturgies of these days do not "take us back" to the upper room or the path to Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus' life – nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter's dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. They celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life – a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.

May your Holy Week bring you God's grace!

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" (MARK 15:12-13) Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." **Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.**

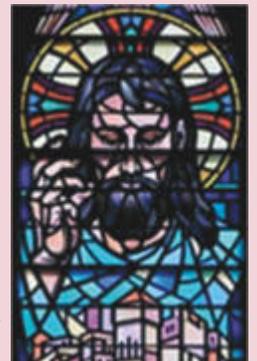
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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.



Sunday, March 28, 2021



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Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10 10:30AM Parish Center

Monday, March 29, 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 31, 2021

Plumbing School 5:30PM-9:30PM Parish Center

Saturday, April 3, 2021

No Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2



Holy Week

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	\$	3,611
Shortfall	\$	(3,889)
CRS	\$	795
Debt Redux	\$	150
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	90,000
Collections	\$	49,668
Electronic Payment	\$	2,410
Shortfall	\$	(37,922)

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

The second collection next weekend is the **Easter Offering**.

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 Rocheford - Daniel Roy
 Jillian Roy - Carlene Sherbourne
 Richard Laprade - Raymond Looney
 Alex Orloff - Kevin Dobson - Kathy Stasaitis
 Peggy Markvenas - Richard Fleming, Sr.
 Jack Holmberg



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

The movie, "The Passion," will be shown this 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.

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Participating in the Way of the Cross is such a powerful way for Christians to recall the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during



Lent. Christians in the Holy Land are faced with the particular challenge of bringing their own suffering to the cross as they witness to the faith. The Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land has been a voice for Christians living not just in Jerusalem, but also in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Christians living in the Holy Land not only struggle to live their faith and worship in their parishes – they are also the stewards of the sacred places as Christians arrive in pilgrimage day after day. Each year, the Holy Father asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a **Good Friday Collection** to support Christians in the Holy Land. In particular, the collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and allows them to receive pilgrims, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. Your support is essential to their ministry.

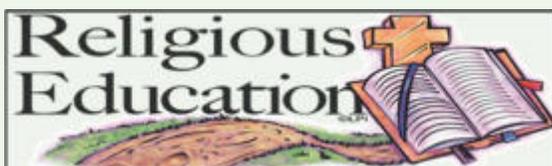
For the past year the COVID pandemic has brought a halt to all pilgrimages and the associated means of support for the Christian churches in the Middle East. Soon, travel to the Holy Land may resume safely and pilgrims once again will be able to experience walking in the footsteps of Christ and Our Blessed Mother. In the meantime, our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are counting on you for help.

Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. I invite you to visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



NEWS FROM



Grades 9 & 10 Classes Today

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 as well.

Grade 9 – We are going to St. Anne's Shrine in Sturbridge, MA. to pray the Stations of the Cross and 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.

Grades 3 – 8, please return your Rice Bowls to class on Monday, March 29.

There are no classes for grades 1 & 2 Saturday, April 3 in observance of Holy Saturday.

2021 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Partners in Charity Appeal.

Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries.



Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship.

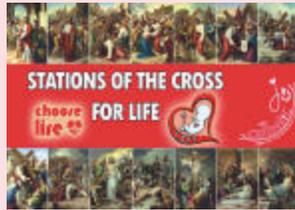
Our parish goal is \$60,700, the same as last year.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully do so by filling out a commitment pledge envelope in the back of the church near the last pews or at the parish center and returning it in the collection basket, to the church office or by mailing it directly to the Diocesan office on Elm Street in Worcester. Gifts can also be made online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

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



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 <http://www.mema.org/>.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29 Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25



**JESUS
SUFFERED
FOR EACH
ONE OF US**

"Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.'"

Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'"

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly."

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well. It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of US. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring US salvation.

So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.

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Did You Know

Who Are the Abusers?

Estimates are that approximately 60% of abusers are men, 15 to 20% are women, and 20 to 40% are men and women acting together. So while men are indeed the majority of sexual abusers, it is dangerous to underestimate the risk that female sexual abusers also pose to children. Among educators, 57.2% of abusers are male, and 42.4% of abusers are female. For particular help you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363

Source: Charol Shakeshaft, Hofstra University, from speech given at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Holy Hour for Lay People to Pray for Priests Friday, April 9, 2021, 7:00 PM in Worcester

A holy hour for lay people to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. It takes place every second Friday of the month. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us for this important act of service and prayer for our priests.





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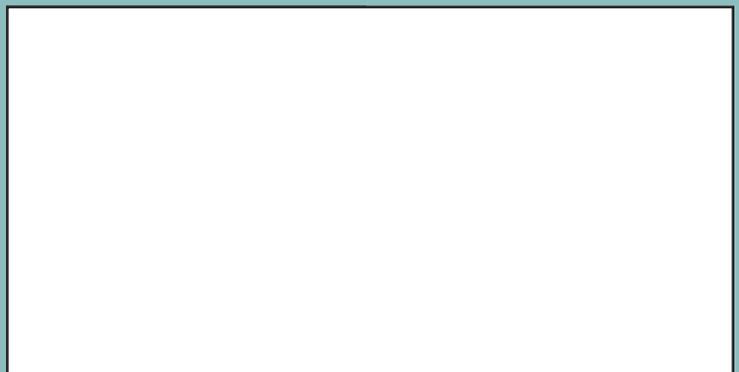
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