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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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.

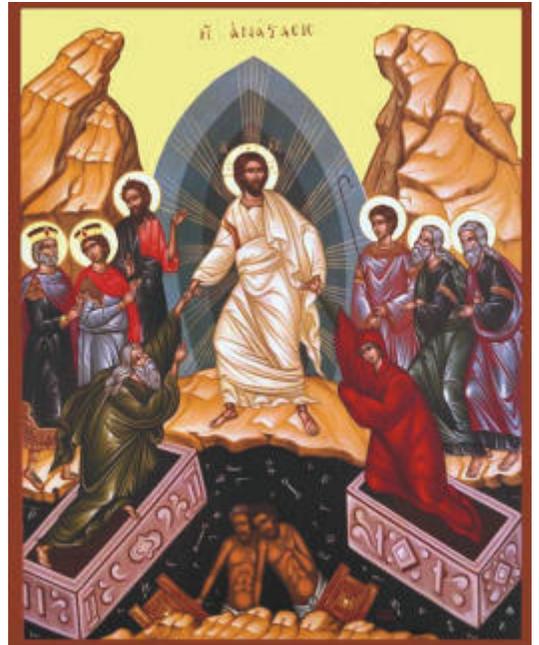
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, April 3, 2021**

7:45PM *Margaret*

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

7:00AM *Claire*

9:00AM *Fr. Paul Lemire*

10:30AM *Bishop Timothy Harrington*

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

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

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

8:00AM *Carol A. Sargentelli*

4th Anniversary Remembrance  
by Joan Going and family

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

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

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

5:00PM *All Souls Day Remembrances*

**Friday, April 9, 2021**

8:00AM *Fr. Ed Falvey*

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**

4:00PM *Ann R. Cote*

by daughter Judith

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

7:00AM *People of St. Joseph Parish*

9:00AM *Open for Intention*

10:30AM *Open for Intention*

Saturday, April 10, 2021

**Holy Communion** Carol Fraini

**Lector** Doreen Goodrich

**Altar Server** Anthony Lloyd

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Sunday, April 11, 2021

**7:00 AM**

**Holy Communion** Jean Ashton

**Lector** Anna Fleming

**Altar Server** Al Pastick

**9:00 AM**

**Holy Communion** Len Angers

**Lector** Patty Bickford

**Altar Server** Sadie Bickford

**10:30 AM**

**Holy Communion** Dianne Trumbour

**Lector** Mary Skorvanek

**Altar Server** Alexandro Montreuil

**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 St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.



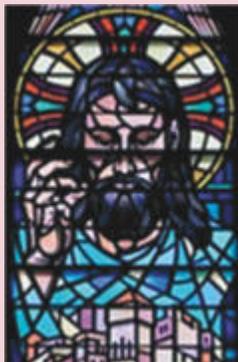
**A Prayer in Time of Pandemic**

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.



**Join the Parish**

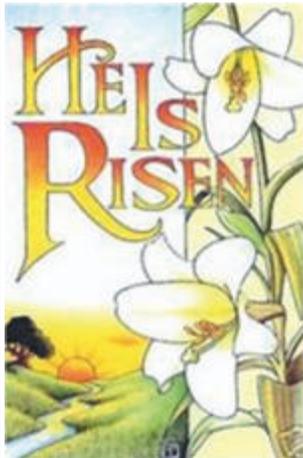
Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish. Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms found in the vestibule of the church or on the back table of the parish center. Place it in the mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the collection basket.



## AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

**Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

**Happy Easter!!**



The Church celebrates Easter Day. We remember that Jesus rose from the dead on the Sunday following his crucifixion. The apostles and disciples went to the tomb. They found it empty. Messengers told them that Jesus was not there. He rose from the dead. Later, they saw Jesus as he appeared to them in the Upper Room even though the doors were locked. He spoke, "Peace be with you."

We Catholics are not satisfied that days of celebration are only twenty-four hours long. We extend days of joyful celebration to the previous evenings. The Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, is also part of the day of joyful celebration. Jewish people start the day at the evening. We adopt that practice for our joyful Easter.

We Catholics are not satisfied that a day of celebration is only one day. We celebrate Easter for an octave. The joy and grace of Easter cannot be contained in the liturgy of but one day. The Church extends the liturgy of Easter for eight days. Like a bride and groom extend the celebration of their marriage into the honeymoon, the Church extends Easter for a week and a day. One day is simply inadequate.

We Catholics are not satisfied that an octave can contain the joy and grace of Easter. The Apostles and disciples did not confine their celebration of Easter to a week. Forty days after Easter Jesus ascended to the Father. Then it took until the Pentecost, fifty days, for the mystery to unfold for them. The Church continues the liturgical and spiritual celebration of Easter for the fifty-day period. We are definitely a party people when it comes to the celebration of the mysteries of the faith. May this generation carry on the honorable tradition of joyful celebration. We call it the Easter Season.

I cannot avoid the paradox that I see among some people. I label the phenomenon "A&P Catholics." They come and fill the Church when she distributes Ashes and Palms (A&P). The tragedy is that they fail to fill the Church on Easter Sunday. They are quick to admit sinfulness, but won't acknowledge redemption. Many spiritual and sociological theses are written about this phenomenon. They love Lent, but ignore Easter.

The people who celebrate the liturgy of Easter as the manifestation of God's love for his people get the message. We rejoice at the mystery of resurrection from the dead and we look forward to following our Lord to eternal glory.

Peace be with you! Alleluia!

Take a close look at the Easter Candle. It is a special edition for the Year of Saint Joseph, our parish patron.



**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

## **Stewardship!!!**

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." (COLOSSIANS 3:2) On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.



# Sunday, April 4, 2021



## Monday, April 5, 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, April 7, 2021

Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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## Saturday, April 10, 2021

Religious Education Class Grade 1	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
Church Tour Grade 2	10:00AM-11:00AM	Church
Plumbing School	9:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center

## Sunday, April 11, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10	10:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
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	\$	4,885
Shortfall	\$	(2,615)
Fuel	\$	1,444
Debt Redux	\$	180
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	97,500
Collections	\$	54,553
Electronic Payment	\$	2,465
Shortfall	\$	(40,482)

The second collection this weekend is for  
the **Easter Offering**.

There will not be a second collection next weekend.

*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 - Marianne Haroian**



# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## 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

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**Saint Joseph Parish has reached 30% of our goal of \$60,700.**

**That is \$18,045 from 51 donors.**

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](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

### Recognizing Signs of Child Sexual Abuse

Changes in behavior, extreme mood swings, withdrawal, fearlessness, excessive crying, bed-wetting, nightmares, fear of going to bed, sleep disorders, and a fear of certain places, people, or activities can be signs that a child has been traumatized by sexual abuse.



**For particular help you may call:**

**Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.**

Source: Philip J. Lazarus, "Trauma and Children: A Parent Handout for Helping Children Heal," VIRTUS, May 12, 2003.

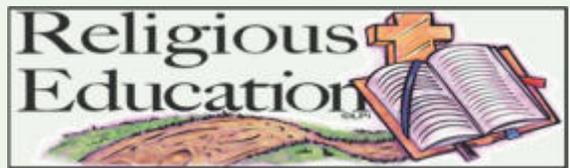
## Divine Mercy Sunday in Charlton



On April 11, St. Joseph Parish, Charlton welcomes all to Divine Mercy Sunday celebration beginning at our 10 am Liturgy and concluding following the 3:00 pm Hour of Divine Mercy. Celebrate all or part of this Feast Day with us. Devotions include Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Meditations from St. Faustina's Diary, Stations of the Cross, and Benediction. Confessions will be offered. Located at 10 H. Putnam

Ext., Charlton. For a complete schedule, visit [www.stjosephscharlton.com/divine-mercy](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/divine-mercy). The event will also be live streamed.

## NEWS FROM



### Grade 2 Church Tour

Grade 2 students will take a tour of St. Joseph church on Saturday, April 10, from 10:00am-11:00am. Please bring your child to the church, not the parish center on this day.

### Grade 9 & 10 Classes

Our next class is Sunday, April 11, beginning with 10:30am mass at the Parish Center. Remember your brown bag lunch.



Today, we celebrate Easter. Through Jesus' death, we are saved from our sins, through His resurrection, we have the possibility of eternal life in heaven with God's grace.

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection every time we attend Mass and receive the Eucharist; the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the appearance of bread and wine. In accepting this gift, we receive spiritual nourishment to help us follow Christ.

How can we follow Christ? Jesus and the Father sent us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us in our everyday lives. Through prayer and worship, respectfulness and love, we encounter Christ. He gives us the strength and courage to accept life's misfortunes and the will and fortitude to assist those in need.

Easter is a new beginning. Through God's grace, let this be a new beginning for you and your family.

**Easter Blessings from all of us  
at Religious Education**

**alleluia!**  
*Christ has Risen!*

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## An Easter Message from Bishop McManus ...

Easter 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine the joy of Christ's grieving followers gathered in the Upper Room when on Easter the Risen Lord suddenly appeared and said, "Peace be with you." Their joy and peace at Christ's Victory must have been unbounded as they recognized Him in their presence.

But not all of Christ's followers shared that joy. Saint Thomas, who was absent, experienced not joy but doubt. Two other disciples after hearing of Christ's Resurrection, instead of immediately joining the others, departed Jerusalem and were downcast. Even when Jesus drew near and spoke to them of the Scriptures, they did not recognize Him. Only in the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist) did they recognize Him. Only then did they return to Jerusalem to join the disciples assembled in the Upper Room and share in the joy of Easter.

On this Easter Sunday, after a year of COVID isolation, when we seek peace and joy amidst doubts and losses we can profitably reflect on the importance of gathering at the Eucharist. As Jesus came to the disciples gathered together in Jerusalem so, too, He is most present to us, not in our individual reflections upon the Scriptures, but when the Scriptures and Eucharist are celebrated at Mass.

It has been a long year with necessary and prudent precautions keeping many of us from Sunday Mass. Given the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID pandemic, personal prayer, reading the Scriptures and watching the Mass live-streamed have been prudent choices for many. However, such choices are all inferior to being present at Sunday Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist, which the Second Vatican Council proclaimed as the source and summit of the Church. Like St. Thomas and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it is harder to recognize Jesus, ward off doubts and avoid being downcast by the trials and tragedies of life when we are not nourished by the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

As signs of progress in the COVID pandemic begin to give way to hope for a return to a more normal life, and as vaccines become more widely available, it may be time to begin to consider prayerfully a return to Sunday Mass. Certainly, everyone needs to consult family and doctors and use prudence taking into account one's own circumstances and health. Our parishes will continue to require masks and social distancing and employ sanitary precautions. As society moves towards reopening, may the Holy Spirit guide you, along with prudent medical advice, in your consideration about coming back to Sunday Mass in the weeks and months ahead.

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



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## 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



## 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.



## 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.

## Stuffed Chicken Dinner "To Go"

St. Peter Parish in Northbridge is having a Stuffed Chicken Dinner "To Go." Pick up will be on Saturday, April 17, starting at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12 per dinner and include salad and dessert. All orders must be purchased in advance. "Pay It Forward" by purchasing an extra dinner and we will deliver it to someone in need in our local community.

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



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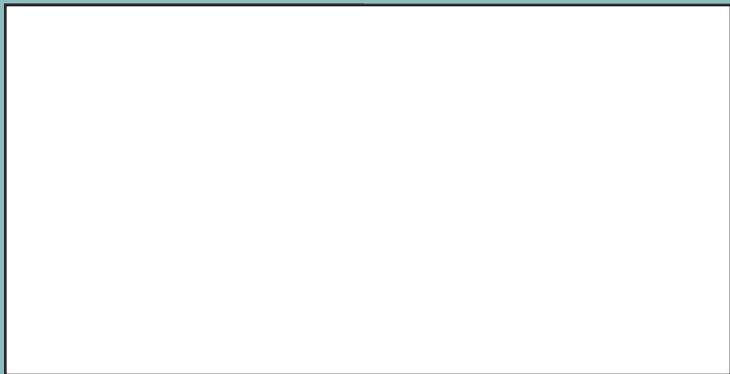
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