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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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.

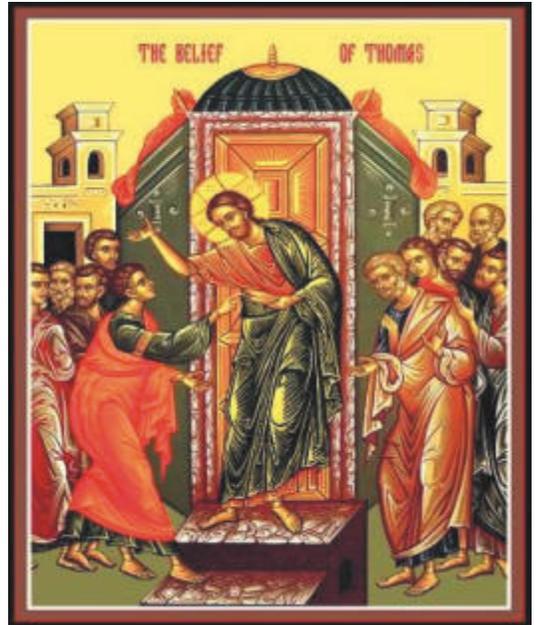
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 10, 2021

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

Sunday, April 11, 2021

7:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
9:00AM **Francis Lau Van Phan**
10:30AM **Fr. Glenn Downer**

Monday, April 12, 2021

8:00AM **Anthony and Louis Salemmo**
by family

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

8:00AM **Dick**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

8:00AM **Fr. Don Gervais**

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:00PM **Michael Dunayeski**
by family

Friday, April 16, 2021

8:00AM **Fr. Pete Samorajski**

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00PM **Susan Kennedy**
5th Anniversary Remembrance
by her father

Sunday, April 18, 2021

7:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**
9:00AM **Marilyn Dolan**
10:30AM **Jacquelyn Pio**
9th Anniversary Remembrance
by her husband

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Holy Communion Fred Fraini
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford

Sunday, April 18, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Kathi Roy
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion Fred Forrett
Lector Pat Messina
Altar Server Anthony Lloyd
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Mary Skorvanek
Lector Lisa Wass
Altar Server Paul Molis

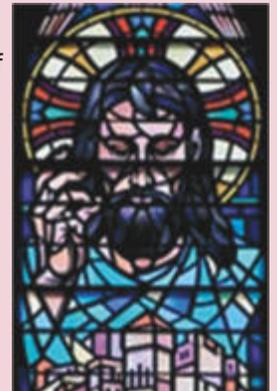
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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.



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.

AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Church continues the celebration of Easter. One characteristic of Easter is the forgiveness of sin. The Church emphasizes this feature as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter.

Here is more information about Divine Mercy Sunday:

The Divine Mercy Message: Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina throughout the 1930's with important messages for mankind regarding His love and mercy. In obedience to her religious superiors, she wrote His messages down in her Diary. The messages contained in the Diary were not only approved, but have been emphatically preached and promoted. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina as the first Saint of the New Millennium.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day that Christ instituted to provide His forgiveness and graces in an exceptional way. He said: Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. (Diary, 300) On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. (Diary, 699)

On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II answered the Lord's call for a "Feast of Mercy" and established the first Divine Mercy Sunday. This was the same day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

Jesus made it very simple to receive the "complete remission of sins and punishment" that He promised. 1) Go to Confession. The Church teaches that going to Confession sometime during Lent is sufficient 2) Receive Holy Communion in a State of Grace, and trusting in the Mercy of Jesus. It is evident that Jesus wants to forgive sinners.

The pandemic limits our celebration of the feast. We will not come together in prayer in the church, but we can all come together in prayer on Divine Mercy Sunday. Open your heart to God's mercy and forgiveness.

I will be available for confession at the usual time on Saturdays in the church. Parishioners may make an appointment to come to the sacrament.

Thanks to the generosity of some faithful people, you may take an image of the apparition of Divine Mercy, large or small, from the table in the back of the church.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." ACTS 4:32)

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Organ Recital in Worcester (in-person and online)

On Friday, April 23 at 7:00 pm an Organ Recital will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester.

Grant Wareham will perform on the newly restored Skinner organ at Blessed Sacrament Church. Grant is director of music at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania and a graduate of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

This free, one hour event is available in-person (with masks and social distancing) and a live-stream link can be found at [blessedsacrament.us](https://www.blessedsacrament.us).



Sunday, April 11, 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, April 12, 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 14, 2021

Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Friday, April 16, 2021

Coin Club	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, April 17, 2021

Plumbing School	9:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
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Sunday, April 18, 2021

Plumbing School	Noon-8:00PM	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	\$	6,534
Shortfall	\$	(966)
Easter	\$	1,859
Debt Redux	\$	40
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	105,000
Collections	\$	61,087
Electronic Payment	\$	2,720
Shortfall	\$	(41,193)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

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

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



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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.

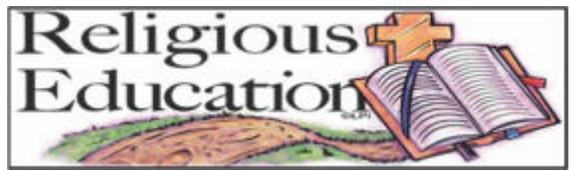
Saint Joseph Parish has reached 40% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$23,628 from 68 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. Thank you!



NEWS FROM



in my faith

As we end classes for the year, we THANK ALL OUR TEACHERS, both in class and at home, for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work during the year. It was uncertain how our strategy would succeed during the pandemic. Our families and teachers worked above and beyond to make this year successful.

Classes are ending Monday, April 12 for grades 3 – 8.

Grade 9 & 10

Class today beginning with mass at 10:30am and dismissal at 3:00pm. Remember to bring a brown bag lunch.



The Lord Jesus, on the night before he suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal, our Savior instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church his Spouse a memorial of his death and resurrection. As the Gospel of Matthew tells us:

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mt 26:26-28)

Recalling these words of Jesus, the Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. . . . For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (Jn 6:51-55). The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine—the glorified Christ who rose from the dead after dying for our sins. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month Did You Know? Teach Kids to Protect Themselves at Home

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children. But being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Never answer the door if alone. Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home. Instead tell them that your parents can't come to the phone, and take a message. (Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.kidsafe.com.) For more tips, please visit www.kidsafe.com.



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

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn't want to face the same fate.



Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came "although the doors were locked" and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they "rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

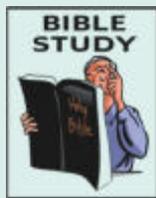
This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace--the gift of his mercy--is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God's mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Conrad S. Pecevich's Bible study will be held via Zoom meeting on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:15 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

To receive the link to participate, send your email request to rusoire77@gmail.com.



Project Rachel

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's safe and confidential ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by abortion.

If you or a friend or loved one are hurting as a result of abortion's painful aftermath, call

Project Rachel at (508) 791-HOPE.

Trust in the tender embrace of God's mercy!



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



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 to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.



Pieta - Worcester

Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:00 PM

Pieta is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the church hall.

For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or email pieta3@gmail.com.



Pack 37 Cub Scouts in Worcester

Friday, April 16, 2021, 6:30 PM

Location: [Christ the King Church](#)

Pack 37 Cub Scouts - Boys K through 5th grade, chartered through Christ the King Church Worcester, meets every Friday 6:30pm. Boys in each grade level work on age appropriate skills which include Duty to God, Duty to Country, Outdoor achievements and grow in independence and leadership.

Contact cubmaster pack37cubmaster@gmail.com for details in joining. Join us on September 26 on a hike at Broad Meadow Brook at 9:30am. Learn more about the Pack and the wildlife that live in the area.





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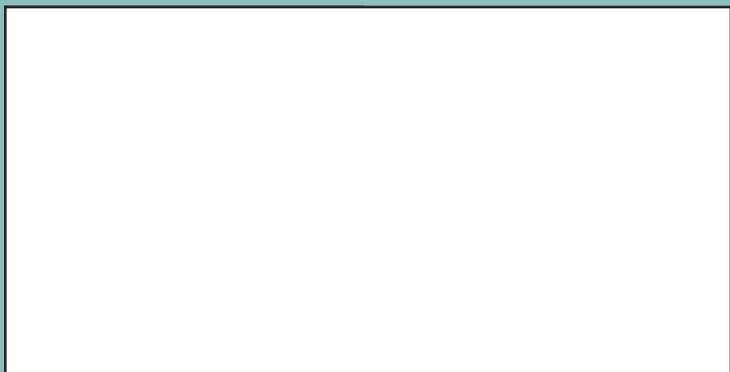
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