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April 18, 2021

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

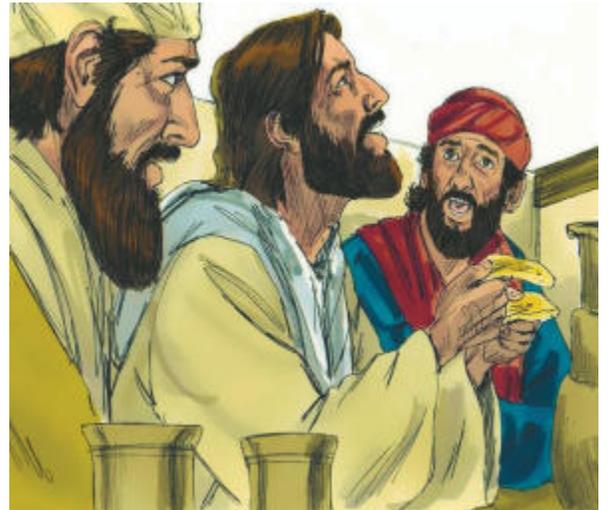
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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 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

Monday, April 19, 2021

8:00AM **Art and Kathy Guenette**
by a friend

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

8:00AM **Francis Lau Van Phan**

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:00PM **Marilyn Dolan**

Friday, April 23, 2021

8:00AM **Lynne Lassey**
Birthday Remembrance
by her sister Lana Khoury

Saturday, April 24, 2021

4:00PM **Gail Cicio**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Sunday, April 25, 2021

7:00AM **Fr. Pete Hamernik**
9:00AM **Edmond Boutillette**
10th Anniversary Remembrance
by family
10:30AM **Tom Holden**
Month's Mind Mass
by family



Saturday, April 24, 2021

Holy Communion Carol Fraini
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, April 25, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Kathi Roy
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion John Coughlin
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour
Lector Don Lagacy
Altar Server Emily Adamiak

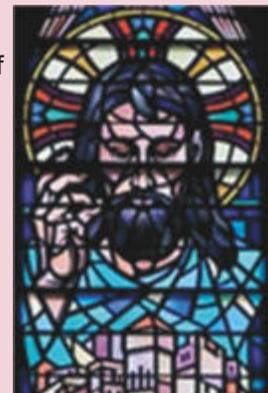
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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,

I opened the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* on Wednesday, March 31 and read an article that astounded me. It was an op-ed piece titled, *Attend worship to boost your mental health*. The first couple of paragraphs were in favor of people coming to church during the pandemic. I was very surprised that T&G would print such an article, then I remembered that it was under the op-ed section, something to which T&G would not subscribe.

The guest columnist is Ericka Andersen, a freelance writer who publishes in a number of papers throughout the country. She is writing a book about the importance of Church attendance for women. She has written much about mental health.

Here is a sample of her research:

A recent Gallup survey found that those who have prioritized weekly attendance at worship services throughout the pandemic have emerged — not merely unscathed — but mentally improved. Weekly worshippers reported a 4-percentage point increase in their mental health. Every other sub-group went negative.

Regardless of race, age, political affiliation, gender or income, only those who consistently attended religious services each week (online or in person) are happier today than they were a year ago when COVID-19 began to capsize the globe.

This lines up with historical research on mental health and church attendance. Broad-based evidence demonstrates that attendance at worship services is indispensable to a happy, generous and flourishing society.

Pew Research found that actively religious adults are more likely to be happy, volunteer time to good causes and be more civically involved than nonreligious or non-practicing religious folks.

Other studies, like one from the National Library of Medicine, provide evidence that regular churchgoers live longer, happier lives.

Can you see what got my attention? We usually do not read this brand of journalism in the T&G – and not even in the *Catholic Free Press*.

She continued her article benchmarking recent trends of people moving away from group worship. The reverse trend is that the mental health professionals she cited in her article counsel people who are depressed to find a faith community. It moves the person to secure some basic human needs like belonging, purpose, and a sense of security.

Ms. Andersen supports all the people who made coming to Church, even during the pandemic, the group that improved their mental health even when the rest of humanity was in mental health crisis.

While Ms. Andersen is the journalist covering mental health, I am the local priest. I address spiritual health. Saint Joseph Parish has seen many sides. I find that the group that has attended mass, regularly, during the pandemic has done well. The conversation is real that there is a danger in the virus, but the outlook is always positive and encourages faith. Another group are the people who fear attending mass in person, but continued in prayer, receiving spiritual communion, and watching the broadcast mass. This is another group that has grown in faith and enjoyed God's grace in spite of isolation.

I notice that the people who have completely cut themselves off from religion have serious challenges. They are most unreasonably fearful about the pandemic. They exhibit signs of depression. They have little hope, even in light of a vaccination. This is the group that I encourage to reengage in prayer, communion, and even attend mass – maybe during the week when the crowd is smaller.

Please pray for this group.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Third Sunday of Easter

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’

But they were startled and frightened...” (LUKE 24:36-37)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

Sunday, April 18, 2021



Monday, April 19, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall
Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall
Knights of Columbus	7:00PM	Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall
Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center

Thursday, April 22, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Friday, April 23, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Grade 2 Retreat	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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Sunday, April 25, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 9 & 10	10:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
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Parish Support

Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	4,029
Shortfall	\$	(3,471)
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Debt Redux	\$	95
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	112,500
Collections	\$	65,116
Electronic Payment	\$	2,775
Shortfall	\$	(44,609)

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

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 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



Third Sunday of Easter

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 46% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$27,668 from 78 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!

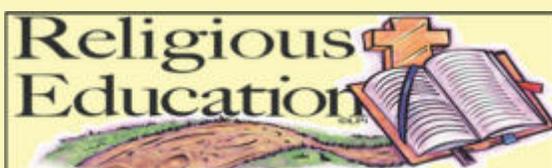
PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

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.

The sympathies of our parish are extended to the family of Dorothy A. Hearn who recently passed away.



NEWS FROM



Grade 2

First Communion retreat is Saturday, April 24, from 10:00am-12noon, at the Parish Center. Please bring a snack and juice box. Banners are due on this day.

Grade 9 & 10

Our next class is Sunday, April 25, beginning with mass at 10:30am and ending at 3:00pm. Please bring in the name of your sponsor and any make up work you may have.

Don't forget your lunch.

ZOOM EVANGELIZATION PRESENTATION

The Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee of the Diocese of Worcester will sponsor a talk titled "101 Ways to Evangelize: Reaching Catholics Emerging from the Pandemic," Thursday, April 29, 7:00-9:00PM via Zoom.com.

The speaker and author Susan Windley-Daoust, director of Missionary Discipleship, Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, will give the presentation.

Send your name, email and phone number to Esperanza Oliveras, prae77group@gmail.com by Monday, April 26 to receive a link to join.



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.

Third Sunday of Easter

Virtual Walk for the Homeless



In a blink of an eye, anything and everything can change. Please participate in the 36th Annual *Virtual Walk for the Homeless*, May 16-May 23. The WALK will benefit Catholic Charities Family Shelter, Homeless Prevention programs of

Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a program of Friendly House, and St. John's Food for the Poor.

For more information go

to www.walkforthehomeless.org or call Ann Gibbons Smith at 774-243-3809.

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



"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."

The disciples on the road to Emmaus had already heard reports about Jesus' resurrection. It was at the forefront of their minds, but in spite of this, they did not recognize Jesus when he stood right before them.

Why not? Perhaps because they weren't looking for him. Maybe they didn't really believe that he was alive. Or it could be that his appearance was not the same as it had been before. Whatever the case, it's very interesting to learn that it was actually while celebrating the Eucharist that these men finally realized who was right there with them!



"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread.." Living as we do some two thousand years later, it is easy to imagine that recognizing Jesus was a snap for those who walked the earth when he did. We can run the risk

of feeling sorry for ourselves that we don't get to see Jesus in person the way they did. But look here! It was through the Eucharist that Christ was made known to them, and we too have that gift right in front of us. We celebrate every week the same "breaking of bread" at the altar during Mass. Jesus is present with us, body, blood, soul, and divinity, even if we don't recognize him!

He is there, present in our midst. If our eyes of faith are feeble, we can pray that the Lord will help us to know his presence in the Eucharist. Just as he came to comfort and accompany his first disciples, he wants to do the same for us through the Most Blessed Sacrament. We only need to be sure that we are always on the lookout to find him in our midst.

Diocesan Youth Summer Volleyball League



Team registration is now open for the 2021 summer youth volleyball league! The league is open to youth currently in grades 7-12. All parishes within the Diocese of Worcester are welcome to sign up a team. The season will run from mid-June until early August.

Deadline to register is May 21. To register a team or to get more information, go to

www.neworchester.org/volleyball or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org.

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.

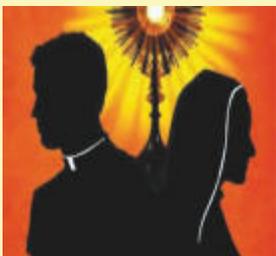
Grant Wareham will perform on the newly restored Skinner organ at Blessed Sacrament Church. Grant is director of music at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania and a graduate of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

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.



REMINDER ...

The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly Zoom meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00PM.



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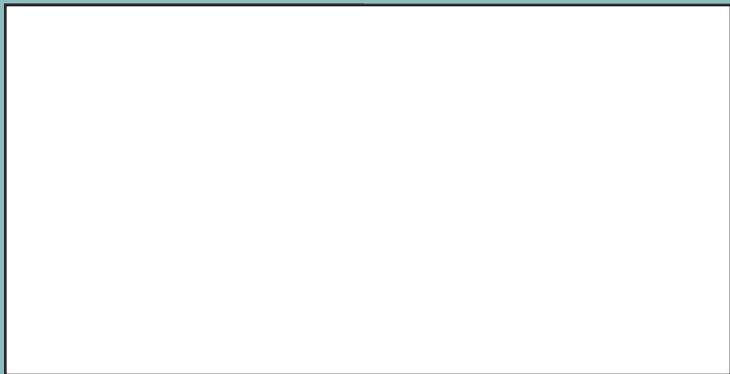
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