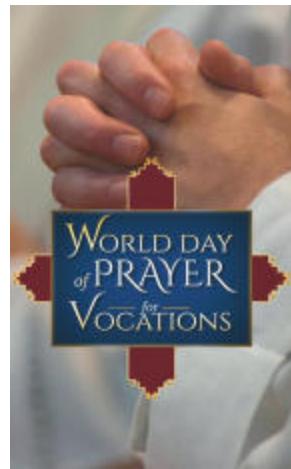




SAIN TJOSEPH PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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

Monday, April 26, 2021

8:00AM **James Power**
Birthday Remembrance
by Malone and Curtin families

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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

Thursday, April 29, 2021

5:00PM **Fr. Roland Hebert**

Friday, April 30, 2021

8:00AM **Fr. Marcus Murtough**

Saturday, May 1, 2021

4:00PM **William Brady**

Sunday, May 2, 2021

7:00AM **Gladys Gonyea**
14th Anniversary Remembrance
by family
9:00AM **For the First Communion Class
and their Families**
10:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**



Saturday, May 1, 2021

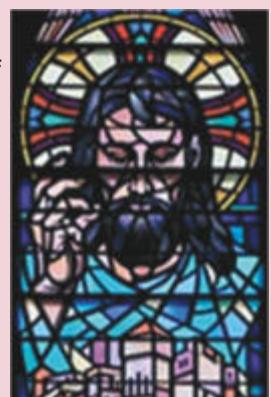
Holy Communion **Carol Traini**
Lector **Patty Bickford**
Altar Server **Sadie Bickford**

Sunday, May 2, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion **Jean Ashton**
Lector **Anna Fleming**
Altar Server **Al Pastick**
9:00 AM
Holy Communion **Steve Sinclair**
Lector **Pat Messina**
Altar Server **Jean Ashton**
10:30 AM
Holy Communion **Dianne Trumbour**
Lector **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,

I already wrote to you that the Easter Candle that we purchased this year is a special limited edition of the candle specially produced by Cathedral Candle Company. This candle is a modification of another model labeled Lilium. The modification is the addition of the words "Year of Saint Joseph" and "Patris Corde." Pope Francis declared this year to be the Year of Saint Joseph in an encyclical letter that is titled "Patris Corde," The Heart of the Father.

You can see the candle, prominently displayed and lit during all liturgies, on the northeast corner of the altar, nearest the ambo. The Easter lily on the candle plays a dual function as the symbol in the Church of Jesus' Resurrection and Saint Joseph. You may notice a similar symbol on the end of each pew in the church.

Most parishioners were not present for the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. This is a recap of the rite of the Easter Candle. I had four smaller candles lit and blessed the fire on those candles. I then took my sharp knife and cut the Easter symbols into the candles. Since they were already present in the decorative wax, it was easy to follow. As I cut the vertical line of the cross, I said, "Christ yesterday and today." Then the horizontal line, "the Beginning and the End." Then the A symbol, "the Alpha." Then the Ω symbol, "and the Omega." Number 2, "All time belongs to him." Number 0, "and all the ages." Number 2, "To him be glory and power." Number 1, through every age and forever. Amen." Then I inserted the incense grains encapsulated in the wax that look like nails. First the one on top, "By his holy." Then the middle one, "and glorious wounds" followed by the lowest nail, "may Christ the Lord" then the one on the left arm, "guard us" and the final one in the right arm, "and protect us. Amen" Then I lit the candle.

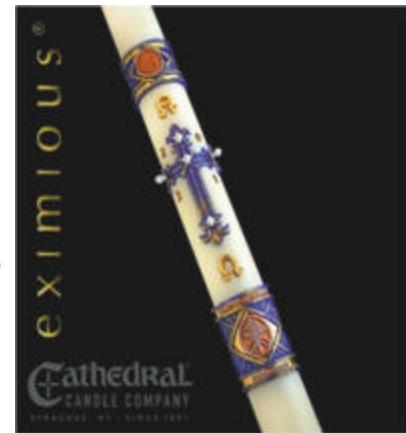
I lifted it high and sang, "The Light of Christ." The people responded, "Thanks be to God." That happened three times. After the third time, all the lights in the church came on. The church had been dark. Then I sang the Easter Proclamation that mentions the light that Jesus brings to the world and the candle that symbolizes that light. It is an old liturgy that traces back to the Church's infancy.

The candle burns through the Easter season until Pentecost Sunday at all liturgies. Outside the Easter season, it burns at baptisms and funerals.

The Easter candle is the largest candle in the church. Some old Easter candle stands are very large. It took a ladder to install the candle. Some candles were so large that it took three men to install the candle into the stand. I am grateful that the modern candles and candle stands are not so large.

May the light of Christ shine on all our parishioners during this Easter season during the Year of Saint Joseph.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." (JOHN 10:14-16)

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

FREE TOB VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The Theology of the Body Institute will hold a virtual conference **April 30-May 2**, featuring prominent speakers and artists showing how Theology of the Body applies to everyday life.

At noon EDT April 30, the free conference will open and attendees will have access to all of the presentations, which are pre-recorded so you can choose the order and pace. The free conference will close at midnight EDT on May 2.

Register at bit.ly/32h5Ymx.



Sunday, April 25, 2021



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

Monday, April 26, 2021

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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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

Friday, April 30, 2021

First Communion Rehearsal 4:30PM Church

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, May 2, 2021

First Holy Communion 9:00AM Church

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	\$	2,881
Shortfall	\$	(4,619)
Maintenance	\$	1,489
Debt Redux	\$	30
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	120,000
Collections	\$	67,997
Electronic Payment	\$	3,265
Shortfall	\$	(48,738)

The second collection this weekend is for Fuel.

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 - Steven Chomo

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 - Marianne Haroian



Fourth 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 51% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$31,123 from 97 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!



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.

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.

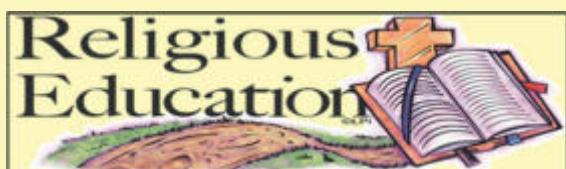
Please do not put it back on the pile after Mass.

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.



NEWS FROM



Rehearsal for First Holy Communion is Friday, April 30, 4:30pm, at the church.

First Holy Communion mass is Sunday, May 2, 9:00am. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Grade 9 & 10

Classes are today, April 25 and next week, May 2, which will be our final class. We begin with mass at 10:30am and dismissal is 3:00pm at the parish center. Please bring in your sponsor's name and any make up work if you have not already done so. Don't forget your lunch and your teachers have a surprise dessert!!!

Visitation House Update



During the month of March our grade 9 & 10 students collected donations for Visitation House. Visitation House provides support in practical and educational opportunities for expectant mothers to help them become competent and caring mothers.

Each student was asked to pray for these mothers and their babies daily each time they put a contribution in their baby bottle. They collected a total of **\$488.30**.

Along with a check from our students, handmade baby hats and blankets donated by the Auburn Knitting/Crochet Club will be sent as well.

Many thanks to all involved in the success of this endeavor for their kindness and generosity. A job well done!!!

Fourth 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



"There is no salvation through anyone else."

Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you?

Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or email: director@worcestervocations.com, or the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 508-929-4335 or email: diaconate@worcesterdiocese.org.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Father, in your loving plan for the salvation of your people, you call some to follow your Son's life of service as priests, deacons, and religious.

In your goodness, inspire many men and women in the Diocese of Worcester to answer your call by laying down their lives for the sake of the Kingdom.

Grant to them the grace to follow you in all things wherever you lead. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Mary our Mother intercede for us that we may have many holy vocations coming from our families and parishes.

PIETA ANNUAL MASS IN WORCESTER



The Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents at Saint George Church, 40 Brattle Street, will celebrate its Mass to Honor and Remember our Children on **Monday, May 3 at 7:00PM**.

Everyone is invited. Please invite any families who have lost a child.

**Contact Annie Doyle,
508-853-0183 or**

**Terry Gentile, 508-284-0796 or
pieta3@gmail.com.**

Visit saintgeorgesparish.org/pieta.

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

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@worcesterdiocese.org.

PROMISE to Protect Pledge to HEAL

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Did You Know? Internet Safety for Kids

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old-style telephone party line, except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location.

(Source: Bob Farley, "Exposing the Dangers of Chat Rooms," featured March 14, 2005, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus)

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

Traveling Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on **Wednesday, May 5 at 7pm** at Saint Denis Parish, 27 Manchaug St., Douglas. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese. Facemasks required.





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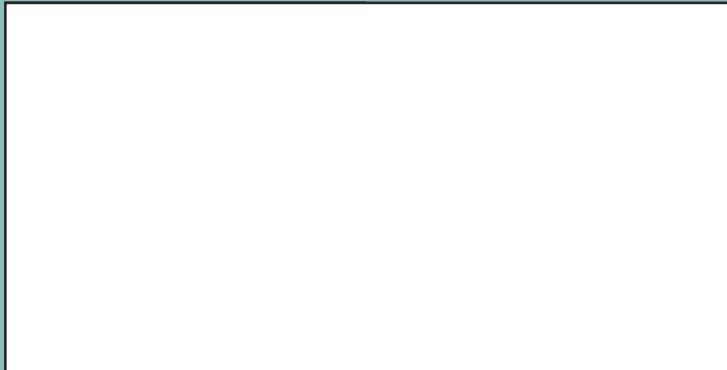
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