



SAIN TJOSEPH PARISH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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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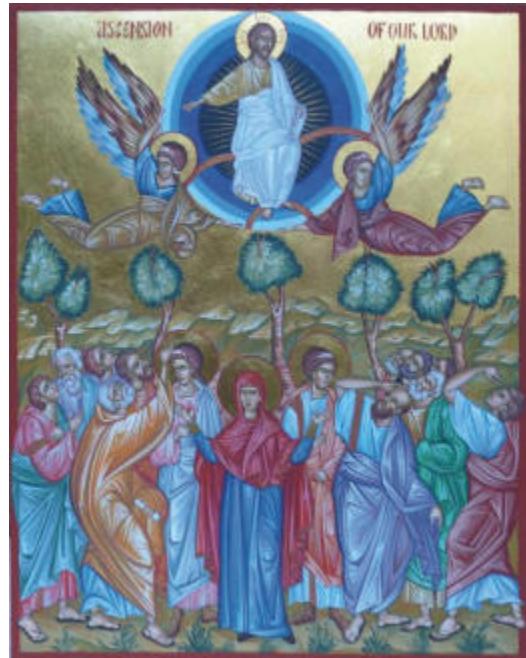
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Outreach to hospitals, nursing homes, and homebound
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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, May 8, 2021

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

Sunday, May 9, 2021

7:00AM **Myrtle Fleming**
14th Anniversary Remembrance
by Richard and Anna

9:00AM **Lillian Davenport**
by friends

10:30AM **Kathleen Lagacy**
60th Wedding Anniversary
Remembrance
by her husband

Monday, May 10, 2021

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

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

8:00AM **Barbara O'Connor**
by Patty

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:00AM **Aldea Roberts**
Birthday Remembrance
by daughter Betty

Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

5:00PM **Msgr. Tom Daley**

Friday, May 14, 2021

8:00AM **Peter, Alice and Billy Sullivan**
by family

Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:00PM **Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bukoski
and William Boardman**
by Beatrice Bukoski

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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

9:00AM **Sharon Whorton**
by a friend

10:30AM **Francis Lau Van Phan**

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Holy Communion **Fred Fraini**
Lector **Patty Bickford**
Altar Server **Sadie Bickford**

Sunday, May 16, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion **Jean Ashton**
Lector **Dorothy Jacques**
Altar Server **Al Pastick**

9:00 AM
Holy Communion **Kathy Sivret**
Lector **Pat Messina**
Altar Server **Anthony Lloyd**

10:30 AM
Holy Communion **Dianne Trumbour**
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.

AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Catholic Church in Germany is going through an interesting process during the last ten years. We do not hear much about it in the United States, but it is a hot issue in Germany. The phenomenon might cross the Atlantic and find root in the American Church so it is worth observing what the Germans are doing.

Remember that Germany united twenty years ago. Germany was divided into the East and West Germany. The East was a Communist state. The West was a democratic republic. Then the border between the divisions fell. The wall in Berlin was destroyed and Germany became a united country. The Church in the East survived communist oppression. It, too, united with the German Church in the West. The unification process had challenges, but a determined German people worked hard at reunification.

Pope John Paul II died and a German, Cardinal Ratzinger, became the new Holy Father, Benedict XVI. Germans were very proud of the countryman who became the pope. Then he retired and we have Pope Francis.

Meanwhile, Germans wanted change in the Church. The issues centered around positions that Popes John Paul and Benedict defined during the era. Some of them had been questions that many Americans asked in the past two decades. They are:

The ordination of women. Some Germans recognize that women should do the work of bishops, priests and deacons.

Marriage for homosexual couples. Some Germans think that the Church should recognize and perform weddings for homosexual couples.

Optional celibacy for Catholic clergy. They want the Church to allow priests to marry.

Allowing other Christians to participate in Catholic Holy Communion.

The German bishops are taking the position that the Holy Father and the Vatican Curia are not the sole owners of the truth, but the decision making process should be much wider. They are calling the process they propose the Synodal Path. The proposal would take power away from the pope and disperse it to lower levels of Church government, like synods that would meet to govern the Church.

Remember that Germany was the place where the Protestant Reformation became powerful. Some observers wonder if the German bishops would force a schism in the Church. Others think that this might be another reformation.

I notice a trend in Church history that whenever bishops want to take power from the pope they usually end up with less. I would not want the German bishops to paint themselves into a corner that would require them to launch a schism or revolt. I think that Pope Francis is very patient with the German bishops especially since they did not handle the sex abuse scandal with much success.

What developments will this process take in the future? Only God knows!

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

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"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (JOHN 15:12-13)

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



Celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on
Thursday, May 13, at Mass.

We will celebrate Mass at
8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Ascension is a Holyday of Obligation.

Sunday, May 9, 2021



Monday, May 10, 2021

Plumbing School 5:30PM-9:30PM

Parish Center

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Life Line Screening 8:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Center

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Plumbing School 5:30PM-9:30PM

Parish Center

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM

Parish Center

CMSC Driver Education Class 8:30AM-3:00PM

Parish Center

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Plumbing School Noon-8:00PM

Parish Center

Private Event 5:00PM-10:00PM

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	\$	4,600
Shortfall	\$	(2,900)
Maintenance	\$	1,207
Debt Redux	\$	30
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	135,000
Collections	\$	75,389
Electronic Payment	\$	3,575
Shortfall	\$	(56,036)

The second collection this weekend is for Fuel.
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 - 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



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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.

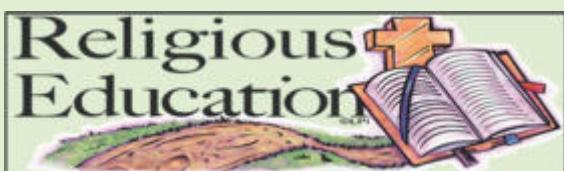
Saint Joseph Parish has reached 62% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$37,468 from 121 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



Grade 10 Service Opportunity – This is your chance to volunteer at your church. Saturday, May 22, we are cleaning up the grounds at the parish center, 9:00am. Bring shovels, rakes, gloves, etc. You can sign up by emailing the office at stjoesreledaub@gmail.com.



April In Home Lessons – Still Available For Pick Up

These are the last lessons for this year. Thank you for your hard work in continuing to guide your children in their faith. It was uncertain how our strategy would succeed during the pandemic. Our families worked above and beyond to make this year successful. I understand the added responsibility you have all faced this year. We hope and pray that everyone will be in class at the center next year.

Completed lessons are due by the end of June. When the lessons have been returned, your child will move to the next grade. If you need any help to complete this, please let me know via email. I am in the office during the summer; stjoesreledaub@gmail.com.

Registration forms for the 2021/2022 CCD year will be sent at the end of May beginning of June. Enjoy the summer, relax and enjoy the weather.

Pasta Dinner “To Go” in Northbridge



St. Peter Parish in Northbridge is having a Pasta Dinner “To Go.” Pick up will be on Saturday, May 15, starting at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 per dinner and include garlic bread, salad and dessert. All orders must be purchased in advance. “Pay It Forward” purchase 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.

Pack 37 Cub Scouts - Boys K through 5th grade



Pack 37 Cub Scouts, chartered through Christ the King Church in 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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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.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER



**God of tender love and life,
You compared your love for
humanity
to the love a mother has for
her own child.**

**You are the Lord and Giver of
Life,**

**and you knit each of us
together in our mother's womb.**

**You provide for the world the example of Mary,
your own mother, who said yes to
life amid her confusion and surprise.**

We thank you, then, for our mothers.

**Though human, they are also a reflection
of you, Lord God. They are your gift to us.**

We pray for all mothers today.

**May they realize the greatness of their
vocation and have the strength to live it
without fear. Forgive their sins, and
keep their eyes raised up to you.**

**To those who still make this earthly journey
with us, give us the grace to love them as we
should; and to those whom you have called
from this life, give a special place of honor
in your Kingdom of endless life.**

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Are you wondering about COVID vaccines?

While vaccines hold promising relief from the coronavirus pandemic, not all vaccines are created equal. There are serious medical-moral questions that must be considered in order to form one's conscience so as to make the best decisions possible. The Diocese of Worcester has issued a helpful document called "Forming Consciences on COVID Vaccines: What Catholics Should Know."



**Please learn more by picking up the pamphlet
near the bulletins or by visiting
www.worcesterdiocese.org/vaccines.**

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 am

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.newworchester.org/volleyball or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org.

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship



Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3000, to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies.

Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 30, 2021. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can contact us at the above address or phone number.

Holy Hour to Pray for Priests

On Friday, May 14, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm a

holy hour to pray for priests will take place at

Immaculate Conception Church on 353

Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will

consist of time for silent adoration, as well as

a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests.





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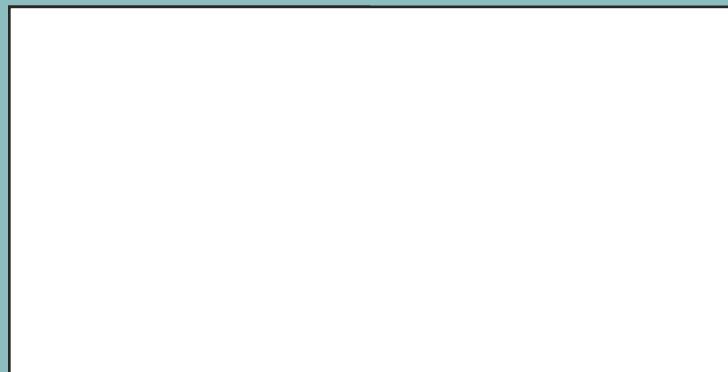
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