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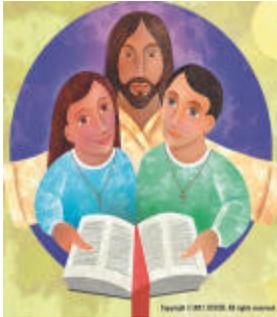
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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



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.

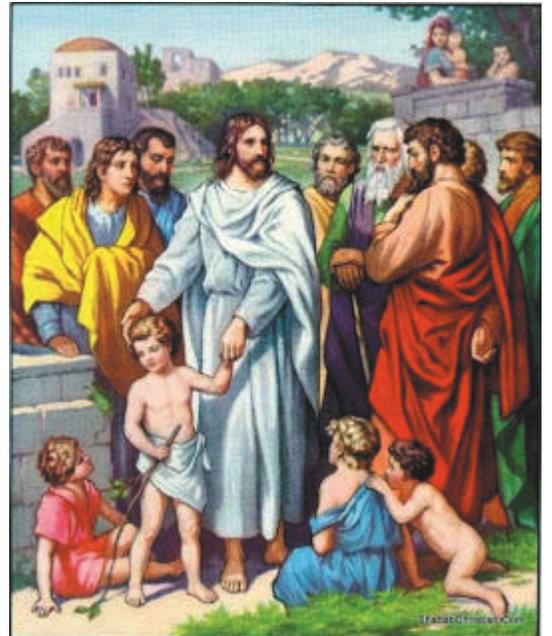
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, September 18, 2021

4:00PM **John and Lea Galeckas**
by family

Sunday, September 19, 2021

7:00AM **William Brennan**
by Carol and Bob Zukowsky

9:00AM **Carol Boraccini**
Month's Mind Mass
by her sister Nancy

10:30AM **Peter U. Vandale, III**
by Fred and Carol Fraini

Monday, September 20, 2021

8:00AM **Fred Fraini, Sr.**
Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Thursday, September 23, 2021

5:00PM **Joyce (Gwyther) Humphrey**
by Pat

Friday, September 24, 2021

8:00AM **Billy Burke**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00PM **Craig Prachniak**
by Mrs. Lillian Stachura and family

Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

9:00AM **Lester and Rita Rice**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Bill and Clarence**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Holy Communion Carol Fraini
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford

Sunday, September 26, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Dorothy Jacques
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion Len Angers
Lector Pat Messina
Altar Server Anthony Lloyd
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Lisa Wass
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Paul Molis

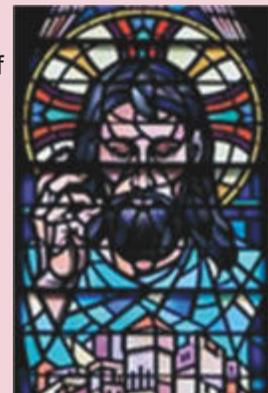
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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.



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,

The new book for mass intentions for 2022 will open on October 1. Church law restricts the number of intentions that I may receive for future masses. I comply with the law when I open the book for the following year on October 1 of the present year.

People may still book mass intentions for 2021. That book is open and continues to record the mass intentions that people request.

I do request that people do not call or send notes, letters or telegrams before October 1 requesting a mass intention. Please be patient.

The stipend for a mass intention remains at \$10. Thank you to the people who have been generous and donated more.

Some people have called for a mass intention and have failed to provide the stipend. If you make a request by telephone please provide the usual stipend. If you cannot truly provide the stipend because of financial hardship please see me personally. I will be happy to offer the mass without a stipend, but I do want the courtesy of a conversation.

If you request a mass to be offered for your intention, you may bring the stipend to the rectory in person, mail it to us, or place it in the collection basket in a separate envelope from your regular offering with the mass intention on the front and the date that the mass is requested. That information will help us identify the intention and mark that the stipend was paid.

Offering masses for deceased persons is a tradition that dates back to the early days of the Church. Each mass gives all of us the opportunity to remember people who have died. Those prayers are in each of the Eucharistic Prayers. While I usually mention the mass intention quietly at that point, it gives all the faithful the opportunity to remember their friends, relatives, and even casual acquaintances. Each Sunday and Holyday the parish pastor must offer mass for the people of his parish. You will see those intentions listed as the People of Saint Joseph Parish. The Church allows the pastor to move that intention to another day during the week. Sundays are popular for people to be at the mass for which they offer an intention. The Prayer of the Faithful includes the intention directly for the deceased of the parish, but the intention is for all the members of the parish. I offer that mass for you.

Some parishioners still request mass cards for their intention to present them to family at a wake or mail them to a surviving family to let them know that you requested a mass. We make mass cards available at no extra cost.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

(MARK 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

REMINDER ...

The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 7:00PM. in the lower church hall.



SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG

**St. Joseph Parish Choir
Rehearsal Thursday at
6:30pm
in the church**



Sunday, September 19, 2021



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Plumbing School	Noon-8:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, September 20, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 3, 4 & 5	4:00PM-5:15PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 6, 7 & 8	6:45PM-8:00PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	6:00PM-9:30PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Plumbing School	6:00PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
Safe Environment Training	6:30PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, September 25, 2021

CMSC Driver Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center

Sunday, September 26, 2021

AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Parish Support

Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	3,916
Shortfall	\$	(3,584)
Fuel	\$	1242
Debt Redux	\$	
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	277,500
Collections	\$	155,091
Electronic Payment	\$	6,780
Shortfall	\$	(115,629)

The second collection this weekend is the offering for CCD.

The second collection next weekend is for the **Catholic Schools Appeal**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



**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 - Edmund Walsh
Erin O'Toole - John Rocheford - Daniel Roy
Jillian Roy - Carlene Sherbourne - Alex Orloff
Richard Laprade - Raymond Looney
Kevin Dobson - Kathy Stasaitis
Peggy Markvenas - Jack Holmberg
Brayden Charles Laperle - Marianne Haroian
Robert Mercier - Scarlett Hubsch
Robert Haroian - William Daniels
Susan Schmidt - Joseph Cloutier, Jr.**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

Dear friends in Christ,

There is perhaps no better way for us to thank God for having been spared the ravages of recent hurricanes and natural disasters than to help others who have been less fortunate.

Recently I joined with my brother bishops in the United States asking for your donations to assist Haiti in their rebuilding efforts. As always, the people of this diocese have been most generous in their response, for which the people of Haiti are truly grateful.



Sadly, only a few weeks later, we must ask you to consider how you can help the Gulf state residents in their long term recovery from Hurricane Ida.

In making his appeal to the American bishops, Archbishop Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that this special collection would be used to support the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services. These official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church along with their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and recovery efforts.

I recognize that you must first respond to needs at home and, of course, to the operation of your parish and local non-profit efforts. All I ask is that you prayerfully consider this request and, if possible, I am confident that you will respond with a generous spirit. Parishes are being asked to take up the collection at the next available weekend that works with their local parish schedule. An online donations option will also be available on our diocesan website homepage at www.worcesterdiocese.org. If you have already made a gift through another relief agency, please be assured of my gratitude for your caring response.

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



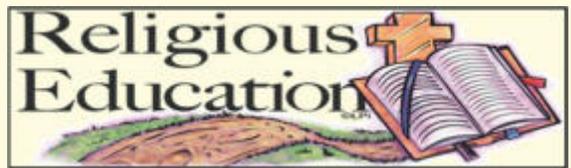
SAINT JOSEPH PARISH WILL TAKE UP THE HURRICANE IDA RELIEF COLLECTION ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 16-17.

FALL IS THE PERFECT TIME TO DIG UP, DIVIDE AND MOVE FLOWERS AND PLANTS AROUND IN YOUR YARD.

If you are cleaning out your plants now and you have extras that you would like to donate to the church to be planted on church property, **please call Kelly Martin at 508-832-4703 and leave a message.** Thank you!



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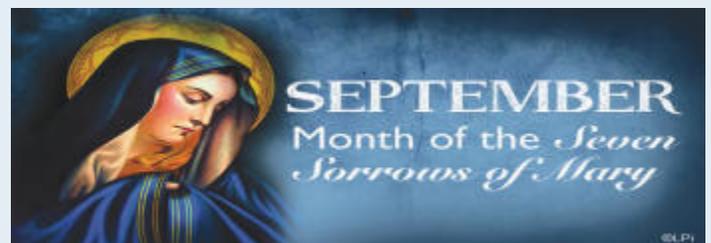


Confirmation Retreat

A reminder, our confirmation retreat for candidates being confirmed this fall (grade 11) will be held on **Tuesday evening, September 28, 2021 from 5 - 9pm at the Parish Center.** This retreat is for candidates ONLY. Please arrive by 4:50.

Supper will be served. If you prefer, you may bring your own.

This is an important event in the final preparation for your confirmation, If you miss the retreat, you will need to attend another at a different location. Please plan in advance to be sure there is nothing else on your calendar.



The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35.) These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.

Source: CERC, Fr. William Saunders

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Annual Fundraiser for West Brookfield Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield is having their 4th Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham on **Saturday, Sept. 25.**

Check-in begins at 7:00 am, with a Shotgun Start at 8:00am. Awards and dinner will follow in the clubhouse. Cost for Team of 4: 18 holes of golf, cart & meal: \$400. Team of 4: golf and cart only: \$300. Prizes 1st & 2nd Place Teams, Closest to Pin Women & Men, Longest Drive Women & Men. Pre-registration is required. Sponsorships available.

To register, or for more information, contact Wally Connor at wallyconnor122@gmail.com or (413) 813-8100.

Part Time Clerical Position Fiscal Affairs Office, Diocese of Worcester

Job Type: Part Time
Schedule:

- Monday through Friday
- 10 am to 2 pm (hours can be flexible)

Job Overview:

We are looking for someone with strong organizational skills, a proficiency in math and strong general computer understanding. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Ability to work well with others while maintaining a positive attitude is necessary.

Duties: sorting mail, filing, data entry, mailings and other financial tasks as needed.

If interested please fill out application with a resume and send to Kathleen Barrett at kbarrett@worcesterdiocese.org.



Beware of email scams!

If you ever receive an email CLAIMING to be from our parish, our pastor, or pastoral staff asking you to buy a gift card online or make an online donation for some noble cause, please STOP and DELETE it. This is not how we would ask for help. If you are not sure, call the rectory at 508-832-2074 and speak to us. Too many people are being scammed by these emails and we have no control over them. Thank you.



SPRED – WEBSTER

The southern Worcester Diocesan SPRED unit is now open and welcoming new members. SPRED (SPecial Religious EDucation) is a bi-monthly program for mentally challenged children (age-appropriate levels) and adults to learn about their Christian faith. We meet at the Emmaus Center, 17 E. Main St., on the Sacred Heart of Jesus campus.

Contact the coordinator, Linda Brink, at Lbrink2019@gmail.com.



Physician Assisted Suicide: The Abandonment of Hippocratic Medicine



Dr. Mark Rollo will speak at Annunciation Parish on **Monday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.** in the church hall at Holy Rosary, 135 Nichols St., Gardner. His presentation will address Physician Assisted Suicide and the most recent attempts by the

Massachusetts Legislature (*Bills H2381 & S1384*) to enact legislation that would legalize assisted suicide under the guise of "An Act Relative to End of Life options." Please make the time to join us and become informed about this important life issue.

Pork Roast To Go Dinner in Northbridge

St. Peter Parish in Northbridge is having a Pork Roast To Go Dinner. Pick up will be on Saturday, Sept. 25 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. To "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.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass This Fall

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 18 so that commemorative certificates may be issued.

To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP IN CLINTON

The Kolbe Family Group is open to friends and family of loved ones who are struggling with substance abuse and mental illness. This group provides spiritual and emotional support as well as educational resources. Meetings are on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month after the 6:00pm mass from 6:45 – 8:00pm in the lower level of St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Church, 80 Union St.

For more information, please email KolbeFamilyGroup@gmail.com.





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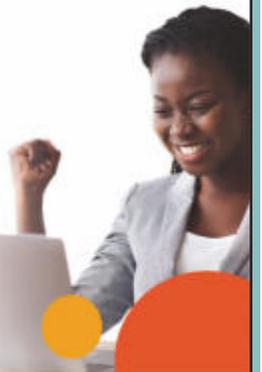
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