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WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



September 26, 2021

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

whosoever shall give
a cup of water
to drink in my name,
because ye belong to

Christ,

verily I say unto you,
he shall not lose his
reward.

Mark 9:41

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 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**

**Father Bomba is on vacation this week.
Mass will not be celebrated at St. Joseph
Church
Monday through Friday.**

Saturday, October 2, 2021

4:00PM **Fr. Leon Spalding**

Sunday, October 3, 2021

7:00AM **Jane C. Smith**
10th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going and family

9:00AM **Maryann Kupstas**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Lena**

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Holy Communion Fred Fraini
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Nathan Boucher

Sunday, October 3, 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 Sadie Bickford

10:30 AM
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour
Lector Lisa Wass
Altar Server Paul Molis

*The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the families of
Eileen Robichaud
and Susan McGee
who recently passed away.*



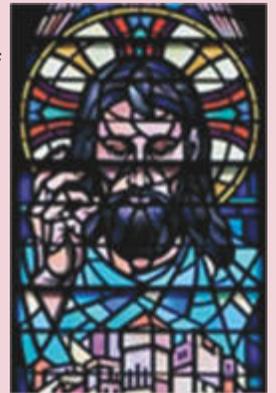
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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.



Traveling Holy Hour for Vocations - Northborough

Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on **Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7:00pm** at Saint Rose Parish, 244 West Main St. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese.



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

I went to the orchards a couple of weeks ago to see if I could buy some fresh New England peaches. The person at the counter had some very nice peaches for sale. I made my selection and was ready to cash out when I noticed that the bags for picking were on display. I usually pick apples after the first frost. I asked when the Macintosh and macoun apples would be ready to pick. The clerk told me that the weather has produced an early year for all varieties of apples and all are ready for picking now.

She also informed me that if I want to pick peaches, they are almost finished. There are no more plums for picking. The middle of September is usually the height of the peach season, but not this year.

While some of the "experts" will say the reason for an early season is climate change, I remember that the seasons for harvest of tree fruit was not always locked in the human calendar. My uncle had pears and plums in the yard and he would always comment on some early years and some years the harvest was later. In either case, he was happy to share his plenty with us.



By the time you read this, I have been back to the orchard and have picked a variety of apples for pies and eating fresh. I do like picking them fresh off the tree, especially when they go into a pie. The saying, an apple a day keeps the doctor away, does have merit. How good God is to create such goodness in small packages.



I thank God for his goodness especially when I am in the orchard picking fresh fruit. A couple of weeks ago I commented that the celebration of Thanksgiving is so late in the harvest season and I remember to extend thanksgiving season from the time I take in my first vegetables from the garden, through the harvesting of fruits and vegetables, until, finally, the calendar tells us it is Thanksgiving Day.

Parishioners report that some have had a great season for fruit and vegetables. Others have had a disappointing year. I give thanks to God that by planting a seed in the soil I can enjoy fresh produce that nourishes the body and brings joy to the spirit. I accept it as a gift, in good harvest years and bad ones.

Give thanks to God for he is good. His mercy endures forever.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Diocesan Scout Retreat

All Catholic Scouts ages 10+ are invited to the Diocesan Scouting Retreat which will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 30**. The event will take place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette from 8am-5pm. The day will include fun activities, inspiring talks, times of prayer and worship, and Mass! Cost is \$40. **Registration information is available at neworchester.org/scouting-retreat.**



In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said that public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to call down God's mercy. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.

JOIN THE 2021 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE!

What: The Holy Rosary
When: Saturday, October 16, 2021
at Noon

Where: Drury Square, Auburn
(Parking available behind
the Verizon Store)



**For more information
contact Judy at 508-832-5431**

Stewardship!!!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (MARK 9:41) We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

MASS FOR CREATION – WORCESTER

For the feast of St. Francis, the diocesan Environmental Stewardship team will host a Mass for Creation celebrated by Bishop McManus at St. John Church, 44 Temple St., at **6:30pm on Friday, October 1**. Please plan to join us.

Sunday, September 26, 2021



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

Monday, September 27, 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 28, 2021

CPR Class 9:30AM-Noon Parish Center

Confirmation Retreat Grade 11 5:00PM-9:00PM Parish Center

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Plumbing School 6:00PM-9:30PM Parish Center

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

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church

Saturday, October 2, 2021

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

CMSC Driver Education 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2 10:00AM-11:15AM Parish Center

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Plumbing School Noon-8:00PM Parish Center

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



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	4,135
Shortfall	\$	(3,365)
CCD	\$	795
Debt Redux	\$	10
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	285,000
Collections	\$	159,226
Electronic Payment	\$	7,245
Shortfall	\$	(118,529)

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

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

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

My dear friends in Christ,
Why should every Catholic in Central Massachusetts consider it their privilege and responsibility to support Catholic schools in our diocese?

The answer can be found in the theme of our annual Catholic Schools Appeal, "Committed to encountering Christ." That is not just a catchy theme. It is a mission that forms young people to be good parents, good community members and good Catholics in the future. In short, while we stand on the shoulders of giants before us, we rely on the giants of tomorrow to continue the mission to bring the good news of salvation to future generations.

We encounter Christ in every classroom, not just in the religion class. That is because Catholic education provides a solid understanding of who we are, made in the image



and likeness of God and with a faith-based sense of purpose. It is a lens that sharpens our vision when studying science and technology. It provides a world view that shapes why we communicate with one another in Language Arts and Reading as well as in the fine arts. And our understanding of community is foundational to how we interact with one another in the

classroom, during team sports or when performing our charitable works within and outside of school.

I am making a special appeal to those of you who are a product of a Catholic school education. If you cherish that great foundation, share its value with a young person today. Support this appeal, and any other opportunity you encounter to help those in need to access a Catholic education. Our Catholic schools do not exist for the privileged; however it is a privilege for each of us to share this opportunity to receive a Catholic school education with as many families as we can.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can respond to this annual appeal for Catholic Schools.

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

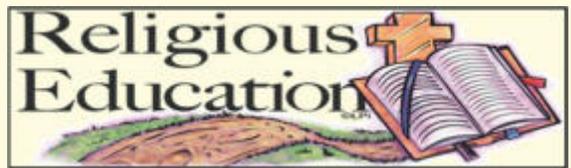


Helping Children in Homeless Shelters

Horizons for Homeless Children created the Playspace Program with the belief that play is essential to healthy childhood development, and every child has the right to play. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many children in shelters have been staying in their rooms and have not had as many opportunities to socialize. Through the Playspace Program, these young children are being given the opportunity to heal from the trauma of homelessness and gain the cognitive, physical, and social/emotional skills essential to future social and academic success. It also provides parents with free time to take a class, make a meal, or take a shower. Horizons will be hosting online New Volunteer Orientations **Tuesday, September 28, 6-8:30 PM online**. Learn more at horizonschildren.org.



NEWS FROM



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.



Teachers are still needed for **grades 3, 4:00-5:15pm and grades, 7 & 8, Mondays 6:45-8:00pm**. If this is something you feel called to do, give Lisa a call or send an email. You do not have to be a parent to teach. We will provide all materials and support. Please consider this very important ministry.

LIFE CHAIN

The annual Life Chain will be held **Sunday, October 3** (Respect Life Sunday), **2:00pm-3:30pm**, rain or shine, to pray and witness to the sanctity of life. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/Highland Street and at Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln Street in Worcester, and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury. Signs will be available.

Contact Joe Godek at 508-614-5971 for information. All are welcome.



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PROMISE to Protect Pledge to HEAL

Test Your Knowledge of Abuse Prevention: True or False?

True or false: It is common for both child and adult victims of sexual assault to wait some time before telling someone about the abuse. True. It is common for victims of sexual assault to wait some time before telling someone. When the person was assaulted as a child, he or she may wait years or decades. The reasons for this are numerous: victims may want to deny the fact that someone they trusted could do this to them; they may want to just put it behind them; they may believe the myth that they caused the assault by their behavior; or they may fear how other people will react to the truth.

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

THRIFT STORE – WORCESTER

Urban Missionaries' The Little Store, 242 Canterbury St., is open Monday-Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm and Thursday and Friday until 7:00pm. Call 508-831-7455 or visit thelittlestore242.com or on Facebook at [TheLittleStoreWorcesterMA](https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleStoreWorcesterMA) to browse or for information. The Flea (an outdoor flea market with tables to rent) is open Saturdays April-November, 8:00am-2:00pm.



Learn more about a Vocation to the Priesthood

The next Vianney dinner is Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. Please note the change of date. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. 6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social. An RSVP is not needed, but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.

Send email to director@worcestervocations.com.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY FALL OPEN HOUSE

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM

The high school entrance exam for Notre Dame Academy is Saturday, November 6 at 9:00am. Register today at www.nda-worc.org/admissions.



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.

Help 'Missing' Catholics Come Home to Jesus & the Mass



Discover how God wants to use us to open doors for Catholics to come home to Jesus and Sunday Mass through person-centered outreach and singular welcoming. How can we extend concrete, loving, and joyful invitations to our missing brothers and sisters to return—especially with those who have been away for years? Our gathering will include prayer, reflection, talks, and small group sharing. To be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 6:45 to 9:00 pm via Zoom**. Speaker: Allan F. Wright, MA. Allan is a husband, father, Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University, Orange, NJ, Catholic academy principal, author of 15 books, TV commentator, and radio host. Find out more about him at <http://www.allanwright.org>.

FREE REGISTRATION by Friday, Nov. 5 (limited spaces!)

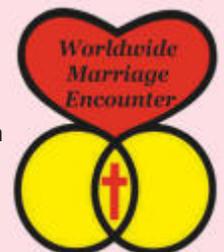
To receive the Zoom session link, send your name, email, and phone number to Esperanza Oliveras, prae77group@gmail.com.

(Hosted by the Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee [PRAE], Diocese of Worcester.)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy by learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

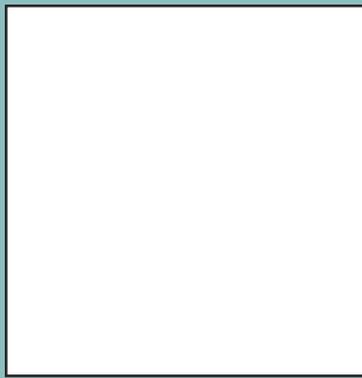




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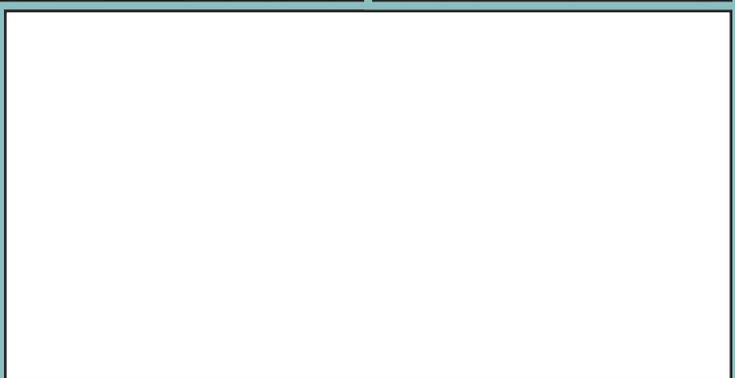
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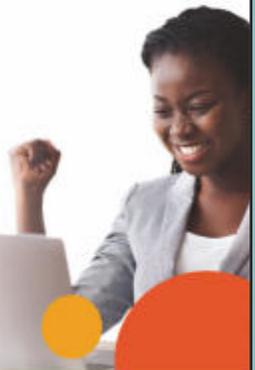
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