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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

October 17, 2021

Twenty-Ninth 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



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, October 16, 2021

4:00PM **Robert Cicio, Sr.**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Sunday, October 17, 2021

7:00AM **Stan and Maria**
9:00AM **Stacie Jude Angers**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Fr. Ray Burke**

Monday, October 18, 2021

8:00AM **Joseph and Mary**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

8:00AM **Geraldine D'Allesandro**
15th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Thursday, October 21, 2021

5:00PM **Mark Ashton**
by Jean

Friday, October 22, 2021

8:00AM **Ray Pescaro**
Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, October 23, 2021

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

Sunday, October 24, 2021

7:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**
9:00AM **Joseph Fleming**
27th Anniversary Remembrance
by Mom and Dad
10:30AM **Msgr. Lou Piermarini**

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Holy Communion Fred Fraini
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Server Roger Bishop/Lorelei Bishop

Sunday, October 24, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Anna Fleming
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 Lisa Wass
Altar Server Alexandro Montreuil

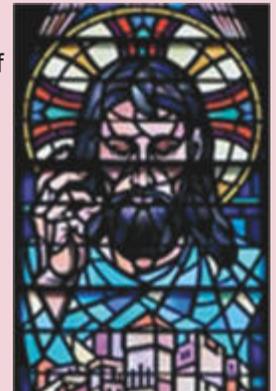
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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, trusting in your loving protection, we might see the end of this pandemic and rejoice in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The number of people who assist at mass each weekend has been reduced. Some people who were readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers have stopped being active at mass for a number of reasons. Some moved away. Others are no longer physically capable to carry out the ministry, still others have responsibilities with family.

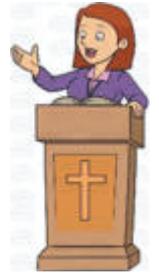
This presents the opportunity for other people to step up and begin to be active in these ministries each weekend at mass. These ministries are a vehicle for people to be more active in the parish and use talents and skills to enhance the celebration of mass. These ministries are a way to get to know some of the people with whom we worship every weekend and employ service into the prayer at mass. It is one thing to talk the talk, but another to walk the walk.

The three ministries that I ask you to consider are altar server, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, or reader. The Second Vatican Council taught that it is necessary for lay people to be the light of Christ shining in the world. The Council Fathers opened the door for these ministries to be an active way for people to be involved and serving the Church in a visible, humble, prayerful manner that is coupled with the service inspired by Jesus when he washed the feet of his Apostles at the Last Supper. Shortly after the Council adjourned and the revisions of the liturgy became effective, Catholics began to volunteer for this valuable work.



Altar servers have been a valuable assist to priests for centuries. Boys, and now girls, bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar and ring the bells at the consecration and carry the cross at the head of the processions at mass. Altar servers participate up-close to the altar and have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion before the rest of the people at mass. They care for the chalices and patens and prayerfully participate at mass near the altar. Boys and girls who have received Holy Communion are eligible to be altar servers after they have been trained.

Lay people properly proclaim the first and second readings at weekend masses. This ministry should be performed by people who have a sincere love for the Sacred Scripture and wish to share the Scripture and their love for it with the people of God. Readers should have received the sacraments of initiation and be trained to proclaim the Word of God clearly.



Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion help the priest distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus at Holy Communion. When the distribution would be long if only the priest distributed Holy Communion, the Church encourages lay people to assist with this sacred mission. These ministers may also distribute Holy Communion to the sick or people who are unable to come to mass each week. This ministry also requires participants to be trained in the practice of this ministry.

I will conduct training for all of these ministries during November. Altar Servers: Monday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. Readers: Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Friday November 5 at 6:00 p.m. All training will take place in the church.

The first task is to pray and ask God to help you decide to take on this ministry and be committed to carrying out the duties with joy for the glory of God. This is not the last-minute chance to step forward and participate. This is the notification that the need exists, that the Church is looking for people to participate, and the training will take place next month.

It is one thing to sit in the stands at a ball game and cheer on the team to victory. It is quite another to get on the field, court, rink and play the game. This is your opportunity to get in the game.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45) If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

Sunday, October 17, 2021



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Grade 2 Family Mass	9:00AM	Church
Plumbing School	Noon-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, October 18, 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, October 19, 2021

Knights of Columbus	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
Plumbing School	6:00PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, October 23, 2021

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
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Sunday, October 24, 2021

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



Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	3,704
Shortfall	\$	(3,796)
Fuel	\$	1105
Debt Redux	\$	50
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	307,500
Collections	\$	171,307
Electronic Payment	\$	7,535
Shortfall	\$	(128,658)

The second collection this weekend is for
Hurricane Ida Relief.

The second collection next weekend
is for **World Mission Sunday.**

*Thank you for your continued support
of our parish.*



**Shirley Connor - Michael Prew - Jim Tobin
Judith Daniels - Bill Dee
Patrick and Kate Dee - Bonnie Lemoine
Cindy Fitzgerald - Sharon Grybowski
Phyllis Hammond - Deborah Johnston
Anne Kirby - Cynthia Young - Steven Chomo
Deborah Mink - Victoria Mink
Edmund Walsh - Susan Schmidt
Thomas McMahon - Elsie Faneuil
Jillian Roy - Carlene Sherbourne - Alex Orloff
Richard Laprade - Raymond Looney
Daniel Roy - Kevin Dobson - Kathy Stasaitis
Peggy Markvenas - Jack Holmberg
Brayden Charles Laperle - Marianne Haroian
Erin O'Toole - Scarlett Hubsch
Robert Haroian - William Daniels
Edward Gunderman - Joseph Cloutier, Jr.**

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Eighth Annual Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese Gala

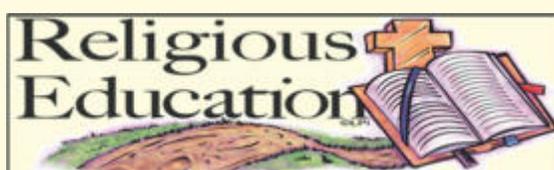
For the past seven years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. On **Thursday, October 28, 2021** we are planning an in-person Taste of the

Diocese event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! **Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School at 144 Granite Street in Worcester** will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished gymnasium and the live presentations will be streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the gymnasium.

To make a donation or to buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, visit worcesterdiocese.org or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.



NEWS FROM



Religious Education Service Projects



This year our students are collecting food for the food pantries and white water bottle caps. Each week, they bring in a non-perishable food item that is added to the monthly food donations from the parish. Our goal is to collect 600 items by April when classes end. Last year our families donated 490 food items even though enrollment was small due to the pandemic.

We added another project this year. The Auburn Elks organization is collecting the white caps from water bottles. These caps are used to make prosthetics for veterans. Collection boxes have been placed at the center and the church if you would like to support our students in this project.

Please pray for the success of these endeavors and keep these organizations in your prayers as well. As Jesus told us in the Gospel of Matthew; "I tell **you** the truth, when **you did** it to one of the least of my people ... **you did it for Me.**"

Recycling Fundraiser in Whitinsville

St. Patrick's Halloween Recycling Event will be held on **Saturday, October 30 from 8am - 1pm** in the church parking lot, 7 East St, Whitinsville. Paper Shredding for a fee from 9 - 11 only; Bottles and Cans returnable in MA (please rinse); Electronics Recycling for a fee; Gently used textiles (clothing, linens, accessories, shoes, etc.) No rags/rugs, NO toys/books/housewares. The profits will benefit upcoming Youth in Action service projects. Please keep items for each station separate.

For more information & pricing, call 508-234-5656 or email: officesupport@mystpatrick.com.



REMINDER ...

The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary Council #13637 Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00PM. in the lower church hall.



St. Jude Novena in Leicester

All are welcome to St. Aloysius-St. Jude Parish in Leicester for the St. June Novena on **Sunday, Oct. 24 from 2-3 pm**: Eucharistic Adoration - Litany to Saint Jude - Homily - Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - Benediction. We are located at 489 Pleasant Street in Leicester.



PETITION SIGNATURE DRIVE

The Newborn Protection Coalition is participating in a petition signature drive in the state of Massachusetts. The petition ballot states: "The proposed law would require that, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a child is born alive, all reasonable steps in keeping with good medical practice shall be taken to preserve the life of the child born alive." Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Bishop Robert McManus have given their support to this effort.



Members of the coalition will be at St. Joseph Parish, in the lower church hall, and at the parish center on the weekend of October 30-31 to collect signatures of anyone who would like to participate.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP ONLINE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Blessed Sacrament Parish is sponsoring an online job search workshop on Thursday, October 21, 6-7pm. Presenter Jeffrey Turgeon, director of MassHire, will share tips on resume writing, interviewing, application process, applying online, how to write a cover letter, getting references and job opening sites.



To register and receive a link, email octoberjobworkshop@gmail.com.

Other helpful resources can be found at MassHireCentral.com.

Organ & Violin Recital in Worcester



On **Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm**, organist Elizabeth Noone, director of music at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Worcester and her daughter, violinist Julia Noone, will perform a concert at Blessed Sacrament Church. Julia Noone, a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and New England Conservatory of Music is currently Assistant Concertmaster of the Louisville Orchestra and has recently performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Sun Valley Symphony and as guest Associate Principal with the Royal Scottish Orchestra. The program, including works of Bach, Vivaldi and others will feature the recently restored Skinner Organ at Blessed Sacrament. **Free and open to the public.**

A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

My dear friends in Christ,

In his message for World Mission Day 2021, Pope Francis recognized that the current pandemic has only strengthened our need to be present to the world when he wrote:

The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people. In these days of pandemic... there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary (social) distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion.

Our Holy Father reminds us clearly that each baptized Christian must make Christ present in the world in which they live. Pope Francis continued:

The theme of this year's World Mission Sunday, "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts.



Your donations on the weekend of October 24th are critical. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the

Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. These donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), and in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood.)

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. It also provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your own baptismal call, and support World Mission Sunday in your parish.

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



*The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Richard Tobin
who recently passed away.*



RAILERS OPENER – CATHOLIC NIGHT

The Railers Hockey Club will play its season opener at the DCU Center, 50 Foster St., Worcester, on **Saturday, October 23 at 7:35pm**. Use the Worcester Diocese link, tinyurl.com/abevvpbh to purchase tickets starting at \$12.



HURRICANE IDA RELIEF COLLECTION

Bishop McManus is asking that we join in the national relief efforts for the Gulf States following the massive devastation from Hurricane Ida.

St. Joseph Parish will take up the Hurricane Ida Relief Collection this weekend, October 16-17.



Place your donation in the second collection that will be taken up this weekend. The diocese will combine our collection with the collections from all the other parishes.
Thank you for your support.

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 111 Worcester Street, West Boylston will hold its next six-part series of "A New Day Ministry" beginning **Monday, Oct. 18** from 1-2:30 pm. **For more information or to register (required prior to start of sessions) call Renate Isbell at (508) 835-3286.**





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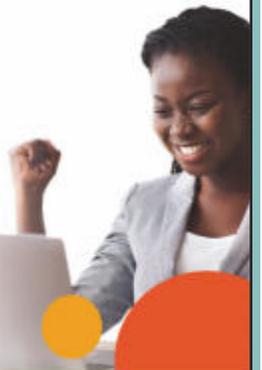
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