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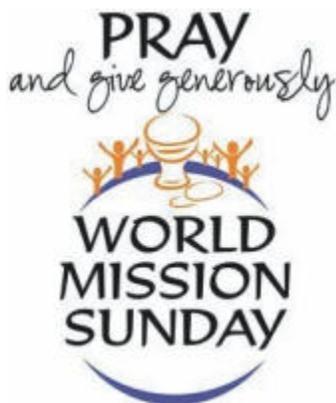
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October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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 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**

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

Saturday, October 30, 2021

4:00PM **Melena and James Palmer**
by family

Sunday, October 31, 2021

7:00AM **Victor and Celia**
9:00AM **Catherine McCarthy**
by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kavanagh
10:30AM **Msgr. Don Shea**

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, after masses on the weekend of October 30-31 to collect signatures of anyone who would like to participate.

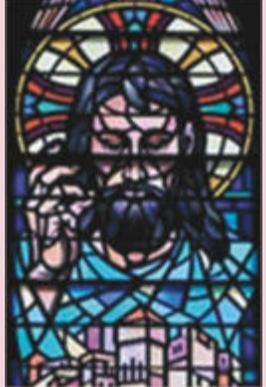
Saturday, October 30, 2021

Holy Communion Carol Fraini
Lector Doreen Goodrich
Altar Server Nathan Boucher

Sunday, October 31, 2021

7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Kathi Roy
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion Len Angers
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford
10:30 AM
Holy Communion
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, trusting in your loving protection, we might see the end of this pandemic and rejoice in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Office of Divine Worship issued this helpful article for publication in church bulletins.



COMING HOME TO CHURCH (Part 1) The Obligation to Attend Mass

Do you remember when our churches were essentially closed at the start of the pandemic? No more than ten people were allowed to enter for Mass and then the doors were locked.

On just such a day, as I was heading to church for the broadcast of the TV Mass, I met a familiar parishioner outside the doors. "I'm sorry," I apologized to him, "I'm not allowed to let you in." He smiled and said, "No problem, Father," I just stand out here at 10am every Sunday, knowing that Mass is going on inside. It gives me great comfort to know I'm so close to Jesus coming to help his Church in these dark days."

This man's great faith is reflected in the hearts of all those who long to safely return to church, now that the pandemic has lessened, at least for a time. We hunger to be together, remembering that Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

We hunger to be fed with his Word proclaimed to us, especially in the Gospel. We hunger to eat his Body and drink his Blood in Holy Communion. We hunger to be the people he has gathered to himself, nourished by the Body and Blood of his Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, becoming one body, one spirit in Christ."⁽¹⁾

This hunger grows out of a response to the Lord's own command at the Last Supper to "Do this in memory of me" and is a fulfillment of the commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day. That's why the law of the Church requires us to participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.⁽²⁾ For the Mass is the source and summit of our lives and without it we simply cannot live.

From the day you received your First Holy Communion, the Lord has been feeding your soul from the inside out. Gathered with all your brothers and sisters before the Altar and Cross, you have been nourished with his Word and Sacrament. The Lord waits to join you to himself in the great Sacrifice of Praise, which is our salvation in fulfillment of the joyful obligation to celebrate this holy and living Sacrifice.

1. Cf. Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer III.
2. Code of Canon Law, canon 920 §1.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52) Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Sunday, October 24, 2021



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Grade 2 Family Mass	9:00AM	Church
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, October 25, 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

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
CPR Class	9:00AM-1:30PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	6:00PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, October 28, 2021

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

Religious Education Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
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Sunday, October 31, 2021

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

Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	3,871
Shortfall	\$	(3,629)
Hurricane Ida	\$	1362
Debt Redux	\$	20
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	315,000
Collections	\$	175,178
Electronic Payment	\$	7,565
Shortfall	\$	(132,257)

The second collection this weekend is for
World Mission Sunday.

The second collection next weekend is for **All Saints Day and All Souls Day.**

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
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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.**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 worcesterdioocese.org or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

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.



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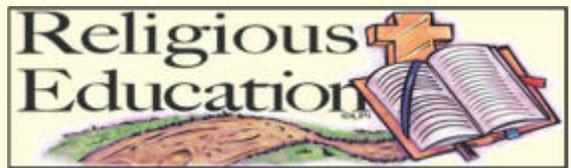
Scouting Retreat

All Catholic Scouts are invited to join us for the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Retreat on Saturday, Oct. 30 at LaSalette Shrine in North Attleboro. Join us for a day of fun, faith, and fellowship with other scouts from around the Diocese of Worcester. The retreat is open to youth ages 10 and up.

The theme is Exploring Our Faith Journey Through Scouting. The retreat includes a light continental breakfast, lunch, keynote speakers, various activities, prayer, adoration, confessions, and mass! Cost to attend is \$40/person. **To sign up, go to neworchester.org/scouting-retreat.**



NEWS FROM



Grace is a love that has nothing to do with us, but everything to do with the one from whom it comes: GOD. It is a powerful, divine and vital piece of our existence, and it is the only reason we are able to open our eyes each morning.

God's grace is more than a second chance; it is a third, fourth, and fifth. It is a love that keeps on giving regardless of our past. God's grace is freely given. It is not based on merit, or your own self-effort. Grace is the basis of God's forgiveness. By His resurrection we are saved by His grace.

Today, take a moment to focus on the word "GRACE," and allow God to reveal Himself to you in a whole new way.



*We thank you, Lord, for all you give;
the food we eat, the lives we live.
And to our loved ones far away,
please send your blessings, Lord, we pray.
Help us all to live our days with thankful hearts and
loving ways.
Amen*

Traveling Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on **Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7 pm** at Holy Family Parish in Leominster. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS:

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at 6:00 p.m.

IN THE CHURCH

Those wishing to participate must bring a parent with them to the training session.

LECTOR TRAINING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 6:00 p.m. IN THE CHURCH

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 6:00 p.m. IN THE CHURCH

All those interested are most welcome and encouraged to attend training sessions.

SPRED Open House in Webster

SPRED (SPecial Religious EDucation) is holding an Open House on **Sunday, Nov. 7 from 9 to 10:30 AM** at the Emmaus Ministry Center, 17 East Main Street, Webster. (Across from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and the site of the Adoration Chapel.) Entrance is on lower left side of building. SPRED is a bi-monthly program for mentally-challenged children and adults to learn about their Christian faith. We have a group for children and a new one is starting for adults. These groups are open to all parishes.

Please contact Linda at Lbrink2019@gmail.com with any questions.



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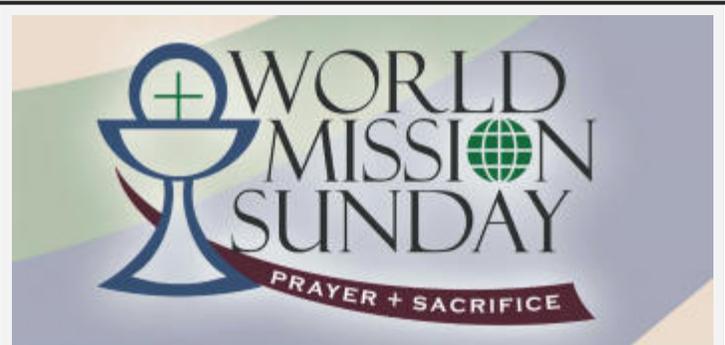
Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment.

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

Source: Philip J. Lazarus, "Characteristics of Safe and Responsive Schools," VIRTUS, January 14, 2002.

Count Down to Christmas Craft Fair in Leominster

The St. Anna Society is holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Friday, Oct. 29 from 4:00 – 8:00pm and Saturday, Oct. 30 from 9 am – 5:30 pm. Chinese Auction, Lottery Scratch Ticket Frame, Children and Adult Ornament Tree, Crafts, Designer Baskets & Delicious Baked Goods. Nonnie's Attic filled with treasures. Nonnie's Café featuring soup, pasta, sausage, pepper & onion subs, hot dogs, brownie sundaes & more. To be held in the Church hall, 194 Lancaster St., Leominster.



Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday.

It is our yearly opportunity to honor our life as Catholics through the special call we received at Baptism to be missionaries. It also reminds us of the service offered by the Church's missionaries in bearing Christ's message of salvation to all people in all lands.

The Gospel for this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time is wonderfully appropriate in revealing the life-changing joy that can come to us as followers of our Lord and Redeemer. We meet Jesus as He is traveling with His disciples and a crowd of people who want to stay in His company as long as possible. They pass a blind man sitting by the side of the road begging. His name is Bartimaeus. Obviously, he has already heard of Jesus' message and miracles; so he shouts out, acknowledging Jesus as the Son of David and asking for His pity.

The people try to quiet him; after all, he is loud and annoying and trying to get Jesus' attention. But He hears Bartimaeus and tells the others to send him forward. "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him... 'What do you want Me to do for you?' The blind man replied to Him, 'Master, I want to see.' Jesus told him, 'Go on your way; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way" (Mark 10:50-52).

This man, a blind beggar, would have been of little account to his neighbors. Yet he was able to see more clearly than many who followed Jesus. He already believed that He was the Messiah and trusted Him to heal his blindness. The way he jumped up to run to our Lord and then instantly followed Him when he received his sight reveal just how much Bartimaeus rejoiced, not only in having his eyes opened, but also in his faith. Unlike many who believe, he did not hesitate to express his gratitude with exuberance. Let us willingly show our belief in the Christ who heals spiritual blindness as joyfully as Bartimaeus – for all the world to see.

On this World Mission Sunday, let us also "speak" of our faith, through our prayers and financial help to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Our generosity on this Sunday, combined with what is offered in churches and chapels around the globe, joins us to the efforts of missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and serve the poor.

Source: USCCB

Senior Fraud Hotline

RSVP's Senior Fraud Help Line is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers.

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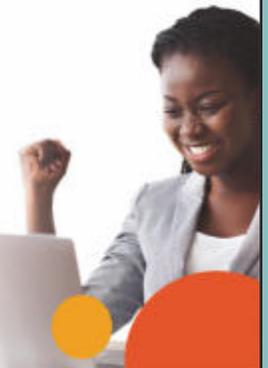
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