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December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

MASSSES

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.

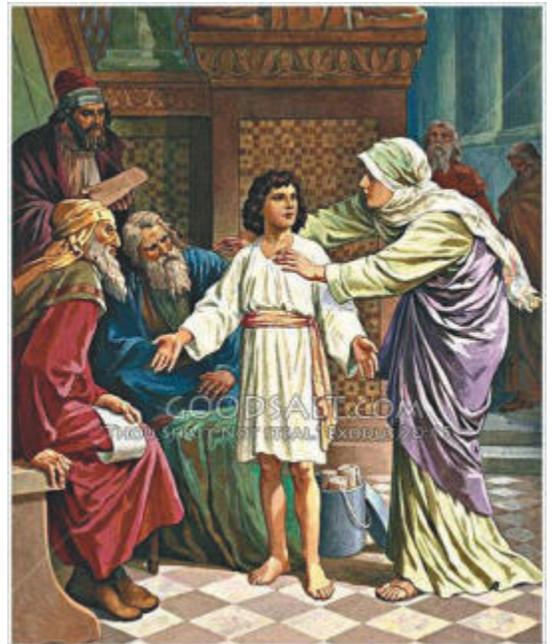
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

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, December 25, 2021

9:00AM *People of St. Joseph Parish*
4:00PM *Fr. Tom Barry*

Sunday, December 26, 2021

7:00AM *Donald and Frances Hutchinson*
by family
9:00AM *People of St. Joseph Parish*
10:30AM *Gerry Pierce*
Birthday Remembrance
by his wife

Monday, December 27, 2021

8:00AM *Lavin Family Members*
by Patricia

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

8:00AM *Fr. John F. Gee*

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

8:00AM *Ed Falvey*
Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, December 30, 2021

5:00PM *Fr. John F. Gee*

Friday, December 31, 2021

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

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00AM *Clarence and Rose*
4:00PM *Anne Barclay*
by Todd and Pam Darling

Sunday, January 2, 2022

7:00AM *People of St. Joseph Parish*
9:00AM *Fr. Sil Brodeur*
10:30AM *Joseph Prachniak*
by Carol and David Cofske

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Holy Communion Carol Fraini
Lector Lucie LaJeunesse
Altar Server Roger and Lorelei Bishop

Sunday, January 2, 2022

7:00 AM
Holy Communion Jean Ashton
Lector Dorothy Jacques
Altar Server Al Pastick
9:00 AM
Holy Communion Len Angers
Lector Patty Bickford
Altar Server Sadie Bickford
10:30 AM
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour
Lector Lisa Wass
Altar Server Paul Molis

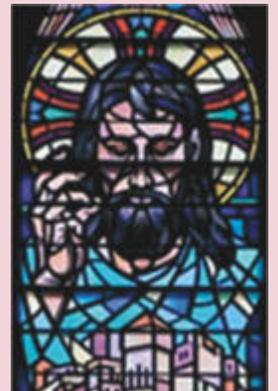
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

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

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Join the Parish

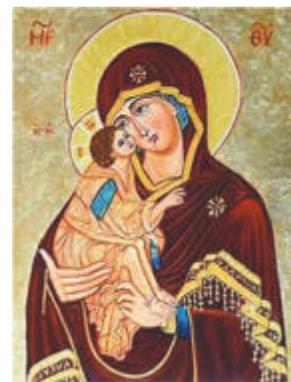
Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish. Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms found in the vestibule of the church or on the back table of the parish center. Place it in the mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the collection basket.



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The liturgical year began four weeks ago on the First Sunday of Advent. The new calendar year will begin on Saturday, January 1. We usually begin the calendar year with the celebration of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a fitting way to begin the calendar year when we come to mass, begin with prayer, and invoke the intercession of our mother, Mary. This year will be a little different. When this holy day occurs on Saturday or Monday, there is no obligation to participate at mass. Some people will still want to celebrate the solemnity of Mary on January 1 so I will celebrate mass on Saturday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the church. Parishioners who wish to celebrate mass are most welcome to come and pray, honoring our Blessed Mother.



*Happy
New
Year!*

The change of the calendar year gives us pause to reflect. It is a milestone that removes the old calendar and hangs the new one. If you do not yet have a calendar for 2022, you may take one from the last pew in the church, on the table in the parish center, or in the rectory. I thank the people at Britton Funeral Home for providing the calendars for us. The calendars have large squares around each date to mark appointments, birthdays, anniversaries, reminders, and events. Each date lists the Church's feasts. Parishioners do not have any excuse for missing a holy day of obligation. They are all on the calendar.

Prayerful reflection is a good spiritual exercise. I think of all the parish events that occurred since January 1, 2021. We welcomed some new members into the parish. There have been many funerals. We celebrated some baptisms. We celebrated over 500 masses in the parish since January 1, 2021. Some members celebrated their First Communion. Others received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. We had a yard sale. The Christmas Bazaar returned after a year without one. The pandemic continues to strain relationships among people. Many parishioners received the vaccine.

Prayerful reflection encourages us to look forward. What are the plans for 2022? We pray that more people will join us in prayer. We know that things will change, they always do. How much skill do we have to predict the changes during the next twelve months? What does God have planned for us? How can we discern that plan? How much grace will we need to make God's plan a reality?

May we be greatly blessed in 2022. May God move our hearts and spirits to become closer to each other and much closer to God.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well.

Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements for this parish have been completed and published. You can find them near the bulletins in the back of the church and at the parish center.

They contain the financial report for the prior fiscal year, along with the budget for this fiscal year. Please pick up a copy if you'd like to know the financial status of the parish.



Sunday, December 26, 2021

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AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Monday, December 27, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
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No Religious Education Classes Grades 3-8		

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Thursday, December 30, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall
Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church

Friday, December 31, 2021

CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
CMSC Drivers Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Saturday, January 1, 2022

No Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Religious Education Classes Grade 9 & 10	10:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM	Lower Church Hall



Parish Support

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES, TOTALS FOR LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

There will not be a second collection this weekend.

The second collection next weekend is for the Catholic University of America.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

Catholic University of America Collection 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, the parishes in our diocese will participate in the national collection for **The Catholic University of America** in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the university is the only American university with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.



Catholic University is helping to renew and strengthen the Church. The university has always been the research institution where the Church comes to think. For example, by creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), where

lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability in the areas of education, finance, canon law and culture, Catholic University serves as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Catholic University is committed to excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the university provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. The university prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today by way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics.

I encourage you to be generous in the special collection for The Catholic University of America to be taken up on the weekend of January 2, 2022.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...”

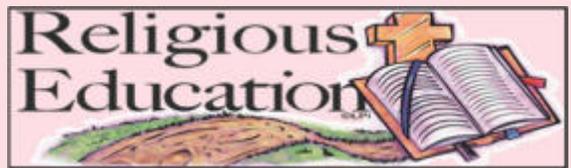


It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey.

Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A Women's

Weekend February 3-6; and a Men's Weekend March 17-20. Visit www.fourthday.org and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!

**NEWS
FROM**



Classes resume on Monday, January 3, 2022 for grades 3 - 8 and Saturday, January 8, 2022 for grades 1 & 2.

GRADE 9 & 10

Our first class is Sunday, January 2, beginning with 10:30AM mass and ending at 3:00PM, at the parish center. If you have chosen your sponsor, bring that information with you. Please bring a brown bag lunch.



New Year's Prayer for Families

God, thank you for a new year. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, help us to make good choices. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Vianney Dinner to learn more about the Priesthood

The next Vianney dinner is **Wednesday, January 12** 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. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their 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. director@worcestervocations.com.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Save the Date!

The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption



University on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle.

For a conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 18th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents are the children mentioned in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 2:16-18. Herod, perceiving that he was deluded by the Wise Men, was exceeding angry, and sent his soldiers to kill all male children ages two and under that were in Bethlehem and on the borders, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah: A voice in Rama was heard, of lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailed her children, and would not be comforted, because they were not.



The Greek Liturgy asserts that Herod killed 14,000 boys, the Syrians speak of 64,000, and many medieval authors speak of 144,000, according to Rev. 14:3. Modern writers reduce the number considerably, since Bethlehem was a rather small town.

It is impossible to determine the day or the year of the death of the Holy Innocents, since the chronology of the birth of Christ and the subsequent Biblical events is most uncertain. All we know is that the infants were slaughtered within two years following the apparition of the star to the Wise Men. The Church venerates these children as martyrs (flores martyrum); they are the first buds of the Church killed by the frost of persecution; they died not only for Christ, but in his stead.

Source: Catholic News Agency

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - SOUTHBOROUGH

St. Anne Prayer Shawl members meet Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon, in the parish hall, 20 Boston Road, to knit/crochet for people in need of a blessed shawl. Call the parish office if you or someone you know are in need of one. Donations are accepted to benefit St. Anne's sister parish in Haiti. Members pray the rosary at 10:30 a.m., which is livestreamed via the parish website.



It is that time once again!

Our annual calendar raffle tickets have been mailed out. The raffle will begin on January 1.

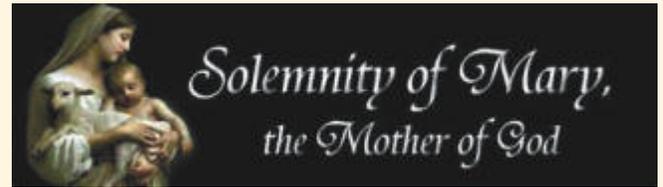
We will award a \$25 cash prize on each day of January, with special bonus winning days occurring on Sunday, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, when you can win a prize in the amount of \$100 to \$500!

As an additional bonus, all winners will also receive a \$5 MA State Lottery scratch ticket!

Each calendar ticket is \$10 for entry into all drawings, so you can win more than once! Also, when you purchase or sell 5 tickets, you receive an additional 2 tickets free! So, the cost of 7 tickets is only \$50!

A limited number of tickets are available in the front of the church, at the parish center or at the rectory. Ticket returns may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or returned to the rectory in person or by mail.

Good luck to one and all!!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM - Mass in the church

St. Andrew Bobola Ongoing Polish Food Sale

St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley continues to sponsor an ONGOING Polish food sale for your dining pleasure. All food is prepackaged and FROZEN! We are offering homemade Cheese or Cabbage Pierogi (1 dozen for \$20, 1/2 dozen for \$10), Kielbasa rings for \$12 per double-sized link package. Golabki(stuffed cabbage) at \$3 each are available in 2 or 3 per package. Kapusta/Bigos is available for \$10 per jar. Small Pierogi (limited amounts as available: Kapusta, Kapusta with mushrooms, cheese or potato filled are on sale for \$7 per dozen, Blueberry or Strawberry Pierogi on sale for \$8 per dozen (smaller in size, not homemade). Strudel (prune, poppyseed or cherry cheese) are available for \$10 each. **Please order ahead any time by calling the rectory at 508-943-5633.** Then swing by the church to pick up and enjoy some great Polish food and help support our small church!!





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