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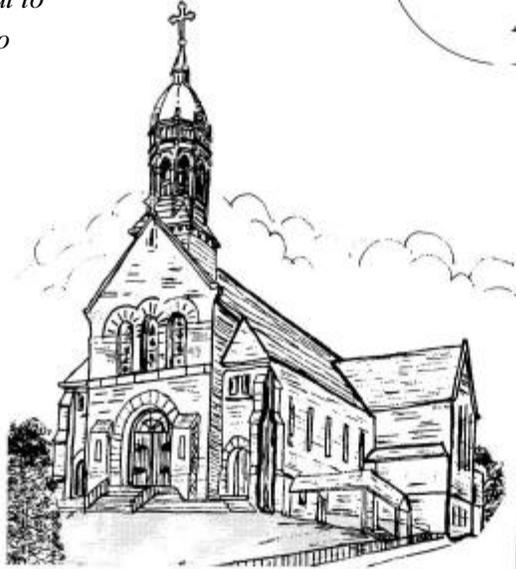
Our parish of St. Joseph's was founded in 1890
and our Mission Statement is as follows:

*St. Joseph Parish is a community of Roman Catholics
established within the Diocese of Worcester.*

*Nourished through Word and
Sacrament, we are grateful to
the Father, are attentive to
the Holy Spirit and follow
Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*We give witness to our
participation in the
Body of Christ by
welcoming, evangelizing,
and serving all whom
we encounter,
especially the poor.*

*St. Joseph and
Our Lady of
LaSalette pray for us.*



St. Joseph's Church

A Stewardship Parish

MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon - Thur

8:00 A.M.,

Saturday:

4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Day Eve: 4:00 P.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M.

PARISH PRIESTS

REV. MARK RAINVILLE

REV. LAURIE L. LÉGER, M.S. (Ret.)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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CHURCH

49 Woodland Street

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46 Woodland Street

CEMETERY

486 Clarendon Street

*New Parishioners . . . Please call the parish office (978-345-7997) to register.
In addition to many hearts . . . a parish needs many hands.*

PARISH OFFICE:

Call Janice Monday to Friday 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. at 978-345-7997

Email: stj2010@verizon.net

CEMETERY: Call Greg at 978-343-6776

Open Daily Dawn to Dusk

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Maureen Beauvais 978-343-8186

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: 978-342-4608

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Mon—Thur mornings by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the priest of their choice at least
1 year Prior to the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Call the Office 978-345-7997

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

If you are aware of someone who would like to receive Communion at home or recuperating
from an operation, please call the office at 978-345-7997.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Should be Submitted in writing by 11:00 A.M. on the Friday **TWO** weeks prior

FACEBOOK:

St. Joseph Church Fitchburg

WEB SITE:

stjosephfitchburg.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 12th

- 4:00 Anna Bourgeois (24th Anniv.) by Diane & Bill Sultan
- 4:00 Fr. Mark Rainville (In Thanksgiving) by Christine
- 4:00 Deacon Jim Couture by St. Vincent de Paul
- 4:00 Paul Bedard by the family
- 4:00 Deacon Jim Couture by Deacon Dave & Gale Isabelle
- 4:00 Rick Legros (30 day) by Donna Legros
- 4:00 Paula Goodchild Gastonguay by the family
- 4:00 Donald Leger (living) by mom Theresa

SUNDAY, June 13th

- 7:00 Theresa Leclerc by the family
- 9:00 Mary Poisson by daughter Bev & Don Hofer & family
- 11:00 Rodney Guertin by Diane & Bill Sultan

MONDAY, June 14th

- 8:00 Ruth Stern (2nd Anniv.) by Rose Giammalvo

TUESDAY, June 15th

- 8:00 Leo Lison by Anna Valois

WEDNESDAY, June 16th

- 8:00 Robert H. Denomme (liv.) by Christine Scott

THURSDAY, June 17th

- 8:00 Michele Maxfield (2nd Anniv.) by Mark Maxfield

SATURDAY, June 19th

- 4:00 Alban & Bertha Boudreau by Norman & Carol Boudreau
- 4:00 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Beauchemin (mom's 2nd Anniv.) by the Beauchemin family
- 4:00 Wayne Dufour by Nancy
- 4:00 Uncle Bill Scharf by his niece Carol & family
- 4:00 Alcide Goguen (b'day) by wife & family
- 4:00 Deacon Jim Couture by Norman & Carol Boudreau
- 4:00 Rick Legros by Deacon Dave & Gale Isabelle
- 4:00 Andre Leger by his family

SUNDAY, June 20th

- 7:00 Paul Leger (b'day) by his children
- 9:00 Bernie Schultz Jr., by son Bernie
- 11:00 Everett & David McNamara by wife /mom

Diocesan Summer Young Adult Events

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join us for our Diocesan Young Adult Ministry events this summer! Events include weekly pick-up volleyball, hiking trips to Mt. Wachusett and Mt. Monadnock, an aerial adventure course, and white-water rafting. Some events require registration in advance. To sign up or to get more information go to www.neworchester.org/summer-young-adult-events or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worchesterdiocese.org or 508-929-4360.

EWTN Catholic Television

Daily mass at 8:00 am with an encore at 7:00 pm
 Comcast channel 56, Verizon channel 285
 Direct TV channel 370, Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary all continue to stream on worchesterdiocese.org
 Channel 12 - Sundays at 8am

Sunday Collection:

The weekly collection for the weekend of 5/29 & 5/30 was:

Sunday Collection: \$3012.00
 Fuel: \$51.00
 Cap. Imp.: \$205.00

Revised Pandemic Practices On May 29, 2021, Governor Baker rescinded the face covering and gathering limits previously issued to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Governor Baker also lifted all restriction on industry, including sector specific standards for places of worship. While face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations remain, all other pandemic specific restrictions have been lifted. At the same time, the Governor endorses the CDC guidance for masking and social distancing, which requires that unvaccinated individuals continue to mask and observe social distancing. Bishop McManus has, therefore, approved the following modifications to the liturgical practices of the Diocese of Worcester, effective immediately. The revised precautions presume that Priests have been fully vaccinated. Without immunity from vaccination, the priest should continue prior precautions of masking, social distancing and other liturgical precautions.

Gatherings in Church With the lifting of occupancy restrictions, parishes may return to full occupancy of churches and chapels, provided that sufficient ventilation is maintained. Most tape and signage promoting social distancing may be removed from pews and other seating. At the same time, because the CDC advises that unvaccinated persons should still maintain a six foot social distance and wear a mask, pastors are encouraged to reserve a portion of the Church for those wishing to maintain a social distance. Churches should continue to provide hand sanitizer at all entrances. The cleaning of commonly touched surfaces may be reduced to once a week. However, in those instances where a special section has been set aside for unvaccinated people, the sanitizing of pews between Masses is recommended

Gatherings in Non-liturgical Spaces All limitations concerning the size of gatherings in nonliturgical spaces have also been lifted. Pastors are encouraged, however, to see that such spaces are regularly cleaned and well ventilated. Smaller Chapels may be reopened, providing that they are well ventilated and cleaned on a regular basis.

Masks and Social Distancing Masks and social distancing are no longer required of all parishioners. However, per CDC guidelines, nonvaccinated persons, including minors, are still encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Fonts and Worship Aides Standing Holy Water fonts may be re-introduced. Hymnals and Missalettes may, once again, be used. However, it is recommended that multi-use worship aids be cleaned on a regular basis.

Singing The singing of hymns and acclamations may be restored. However, the re-institution of choirs or multiple cantors should be delayed until the number of COVID-19 cases have fallen to a lower level.

Processions and the Sign of Peace Entrance, Recessional and Offertory processions may be restored, along with the passing of collection baskets. The re-introduction of the exchange of the Sign of Peace should be delayed until the number of COVID-19 cases have fallen to a lower level.

Precautions Regarding the Priest All previous precautions regarding the preparation of the gifts and the segregation of hosts for the faithful from the priest's host and the avoidance of physical contact between the priest and people after Mass may be eliminated, provided that the priest has been vaccinated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion Holy Communion may be distributed in the customary, pre-pandemic manner. Because a certain portion of the congregation may remain unvaccinated, however, pastors are advised to delay the re-institution of distribution of the Precious Blood until the number of COVID-19 cases have fallen to a lower level. Communion Vessels should continue to be thoroughly washed after each Mass once they have been purified.

The Sacrament of Penance The use of traditional confessionals and "rooms of reconciliation" may be resumed, provided that the priest has been vaccinated. Penitents should be invited to wear masks for the immediate future. Every effort should be made to assure that such spaces are regularly sanitized and well ventilated. For now, it will still be by appointment only.

Anointing of the Sick No special precautions are required when visiting the sick, provided that the priest has been vaccinated. Masks will continue to be required in Health Care facilities, even for the celebration of Mass.

Baptisms and Weddings No special precautions are required at Baptisms and Weddings, provided that the priest has been vaccinated.

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