

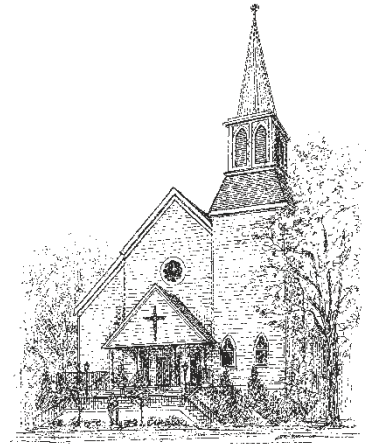


Saint Joseph Catholic Church
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Our Parish Mission

The parishioners of Saint Joseph Catholic Church yearn to joyfully:

- Deepen our love for Jesus Christ through prayer, sacrament and worship
- Enrich our knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church teachings
- Share our Christian faith daily with others
- Reach out and care for others as Jesus has taught us!

Please Join Us!

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Thomas C. Boudreau, **Pastor**

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Please submit information for the bulletin to the parish office or by email SJPHolbrookOffice@comcast.net by Monday for the following weekend.

Welcome To New Parishioners. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Congratulations! Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Please call the Parish office in advance to schedule.

Confirmation

Please contact a priest if you are an adult or Director of Religious Education if you are a youth.

Confessions

Welcome! By appointment only. Please contact the Parish office for an appointment.

Eucharist

Join us Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 & 11:00 AM

Join us Weekdays:

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM

Marriage

Congratulations! Please make arrangements with a parish priest six months prior to wedding.

Holy Orders

Great! If you or someone you know is thinking about priesthood (or religious life) please contact a priest or religious sister.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime! Please call the rectory if you or someone you know is sick, homebound, preparing for surgery, unable to participate in Sunday Eucharist, or would like a visit by a priest.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, HOLBROOK



Saturday, November 28th
 4:00PM Nicholas Rosselli Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 29th
 7:30AM John Pait Memorial Mass
 11:00AM John Richards 3rd Anniversary

Monday, November 30th
 9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Tuesday, December 1st
 9:00AM No Mass either Church

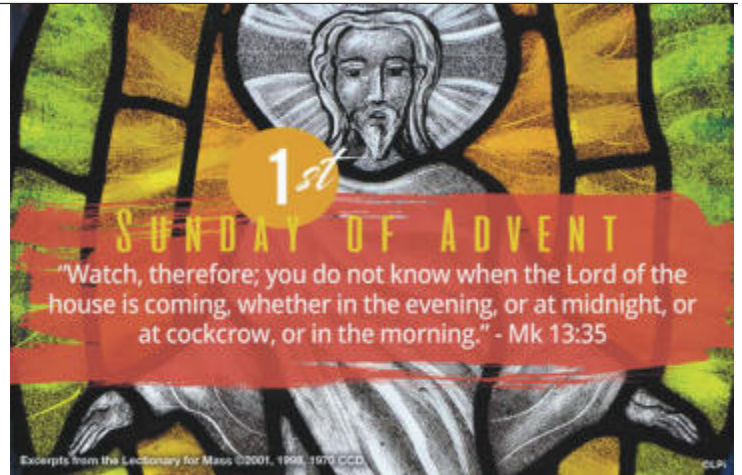
Wednesday, December 2nd
 9:00AM Vibert DeSousa Memorial Mass

Thursday, December 3rd
 9:00AM John Brennan Memorial Mass

Friday, December 4th
 9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Saturday, December 5th
 4:00PM Albert Cedrone 4th Anniversary

Sunday, December 6th
 7:30AM Bill Valko 5th Anniversary
 11:00AM Mary Odenweller and Family (Living)



November 29 ~ The First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a season of waiting and of preparing for the coming of Christ. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." As preparation for Christmas has started to occupy your time and energy, make the effort to take ten minutes each day to turn your attention to Jesus. Ask yourself, what needs to change in order to make room for Christ in your life? Pray for the courage to grow closer to Jesus so that you can introduce him to others.

PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of **11/22/2020**, the **Offertory Collection** and **Second Collection for Retired Religious Sisters** will be posted in the **12/6/2020** bulletin. *Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.*


SECOND COLLECTIONS – NOVEMBER 2020

November – All Souls' Day


BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Due to COVID, neither Saint Joseph nor Saint Michael Parish will put out the Book of Remembrance for All Souls for the month of November however, both parishes will hold the Book of Remembrance in the parish offices. Please call or email the parish office if you wish to have your loved ones name(s) recorded in the book.





November 2020

 The Altar Bread has been donated in memory of **John Richards** by The Richards Family for the month of November.

  The Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp have been donated in memory of **The Maffeo & DeDonato Families** by Theresa Maffeo for the month of November.

Memorial Offerings in memory of a deceased relative or friend are available monthly for the Altar Bread, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp. Please call the Parish Office for further information.



2020 HOLBROOK SANTA GIVING TREE

Due to the nature of our "new normal", we have implemented new, safe and creative procedures to the program while still maintaining the goal of the program.

A Christmas Tree (the Giving Tree) will be located at Saint Joseph Parish. If you would like to participate this year please take one of the "ornaments" off the tree. On the back of the "ornament" will be the Christmas wish of a community member. The Giving Tree will be set up beginning on Saturday, November 21st. This year the giving tree will be placed outside of the church by the garage doors **AFTER** Mass on the following dates:

Saturday, November 21 & Sunday, November 22

Saturday, November 28 & Sunday, November 29

Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6

Once you have taken an ornament, please wrap the gift you purchased and use the "ornament" as the gift tag. **Please do not leave wrapped gifts by the tree or inside the church this year.** Wrapped gifts may be brought to Saint Joseph Parish **BEFORE** Mass begins on the following dates:

Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6

Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13

If you are unable to make it to Mass and would like to purchase a gift, please contact the parish office at 781-767-0605 or atsjpholbrookoffice@comcast.net. Monetary donations are always accepted and can be made out to Holbrook Santa and mailed to Saint Joseph Parish at 153 South Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343.

All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 13 at 11:00AM. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 781-767-0605 or at sjpholbrookoffice@comcast.net.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



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