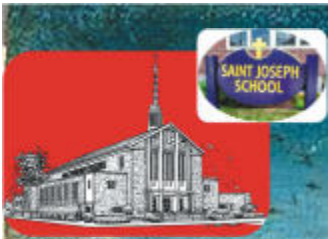


# *Saint Joseph Parish- Needham, MA*



*December 26, 2021*



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Lauren Solomon—Principal*

*'The Holy Family with a Lamb', 1507  
Raphael - 1483-1520*

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

I have very happy memories growing up in the town of Canton and getting together with my large extended family for the holidays, birthdays and other important events. My parent's house, or one of those of my aunts or uncles, would often be filled with lots of cousins, food, games and happy times. Those early years were memorable and formative.

Family is important, whatever the shape or size. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. "So (the shepherds) went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger." (Luke 2. 16) We, too, are invited into the manger by the shepherds, to adore the newborn child. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are not to be admired from a comfortable distance, for they draw each one of into their loving embrace. We, too, are members of the Holy Family, receiving their unconditional love and drawing strength from their friendship.

May we walk with the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph through the new year ahead.

Peace,

Father Bryan



### December 26 ~ Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Every parent can relate to this Gospel. The thought of a child getting lost, no matter their age brings anxiety and stress! The relief of Mary and Joseph is palpable in this passage even though the 12-year-old Jesus acts surprised about his parents' concern. However, what is most important to glean from this gospel is the fact that upon returning to Nazareth, Jesus "was obedient to them; and. . . Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor." Their years together provided important time for growth for the Holy Family. The vocation of parents, grandparents and guardians is both rewarding and challenging. Take time to think about the example of the Holy Family and let them be a source of strength for you and for all families.



### Solemnity of Mary— Mother of God

January 1st , 2022- Mass Schedule

Friday- December 31-- 4 pm VIGIL

Thursday- January 1-- 9 am and 11 am



*Father Bryan, Father Joseph, Deacon Bob, Deacon Steven and the pastoral staff of St. Joseph Parish wish everyone a Blessed **New Year***

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



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Faith Formation Classes will resume for the second semester as follows:

Grades K-6	January 2, January 3, and January 5
Grades 7 & 8	January 10 and 11
Grades 9 & 10	January 9



*May the immeasurable peace and joy of our Savior's birth be yours this Christmas season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all families, catechists, and volunteers.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Christina, Michael, and Debbie*



Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 year!

## Join Our Youth Choir

The music ministry is recruiting singers from the ages of 10-15 to form a youth choir for our 9:30 AM family mass on Sundays. This is a great opportunity for our youth to not only become more involved in the liturgy, but also to develop their musical skills and an appreciation of different styles of music through choral singing. Due to Covid19, we will be maintaining a maximum of 20 singers until further notice. **Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays from 10:30-11:15 AM, and on Sundays at 9:00 AM before the family mass. For more information, contact our music director, Carlo Serrano, at [cserrano@saintjoes.com](mailto:cserrano@saintjoes.com).**



Prayer to the Holy Family  
By Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

— Pope Francis introduced this Prayer to the Holy Family that he wrote himself, asking the faithful to pray with him for families throughout the world and for the work of the upcoming Synod of Bishops devoted to pastoral care of the family. Pope Francis has made Christian family life a central priority of his remarkable pontificate. For guidance and inspiration, he asks us to fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth.



We close the Christmas octave — the eight days following the birth of Christ — with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God. This is usually a holy day of obligation, but since it falls on a Saturday in 2022, it is not this year. "Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterpiece of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — Catechism of the Catholic Church 721

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



Archdiocese of Boston

## Reminder



Please be reminded that all persons are required to wear a mask during Mass.



For a synodal Church

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality.

What does that mean?

Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people



## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment and on Saturdays from 2:30- 3:30 pm in the former baptistry, in the upper church.



### Want to start the year out right ...

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## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December Catechists



Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Adoration** in the lower church every Friday following the 6:50 a.m. Mass. Adoration concludes with Reposition at 12 noon.



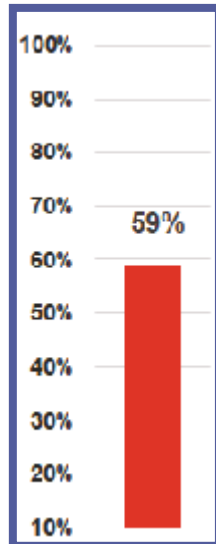
## Stewardship

Offertory: Week 25 December 12, 2021	Received	Goal	Variance
In Church & By Mail	\$ 8,022		
Online-Weekly	\$ 3,562		
Online-Monthly	\$ 336		
<b>TOTAL for Week</b>	\$11,920	\$15,500	(3,580)
<b>TOTAL Year to Date</b>	\$ 330,933	\$387,500	(\$56,567)

## Our Grand Annual Appeal 2021

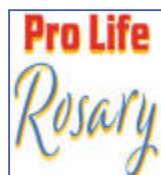
The appeal supports our day-to-day needs, such as clergy and liturgical expenses, building maintenance, the Faith Formation program and various pastoral ministries. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Grand Annual Appeal.

If you did not receive the information, extra copies are available at the doors of the church, as well as on the parish website:  
[www.stjosephparishneedham.com](http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com)



Grand Annual 2021/2022	Received	Goal	Still to Go
Number of Gifts	141	350	209
Amount	\$111,899	\$190,000	\$78,101

The Pro-Life Rosary is prayed before the 9:30 am Mass every Sunday. Please join in prayer for respect for all life, especially pre-born babies.



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, December 25</b>	
7:30	Christmas Day
9:30	Christmas Day
11:00	Christmas Day
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>	
7:30	Barbara Walsh- Anniversary
9:30	
11:00	Donald Sr. & Donald Ravinski- Memorial
5:00	Dennis M. Peters- Memorial
<b>Monday, December 27</b>	
6:50	John Killoran- Memorial
<b>Tuesday, December 28</b>	
6:50	Emil & Angelina Mattson- Memorial
<b>Wednesday, December 29</b>	
6:50	Walter & Mary Zwible- Memorial
<b>Thursday, December 30</b>	
6:50	Del and Amelia Mowl- Memorial
<b>Friday, December 31</b>	
6:50	
4:00	Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday, January 1</b>	
9:00	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11:00	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
<b>Sunday, January 2</b>	
7:30	Virginia Mary DeCoste- Memorial
9:30	Jenny Ching- Memorial
11:00	Mary Payer- Memorial
5:00	

## Rose for Life



Each week, roses are placed beside the statue of the Blessed Mother as reminders to pray for the unborn.

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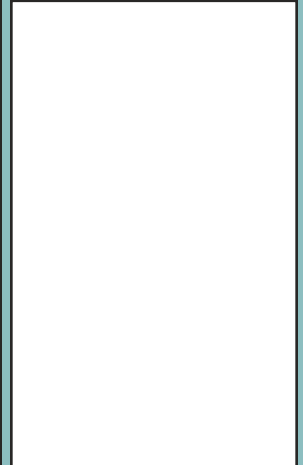
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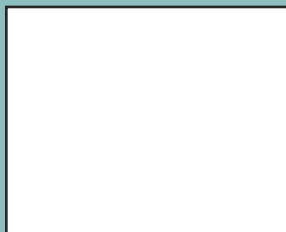
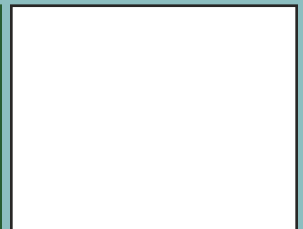
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### RECONCILIATION (Confession) :

Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and by Appointment.

### MARRIAGE:

Contact one of the parish priests for scheduling. A preparation period of at least six months must be allowed between initial contact and the date set. Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program during this time.

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<u>Saturday Vigil</u>	4:00 pm
<u>Sunday</u>	7:30 am 9:30 am (Family) 11:00 am 5:00 pm
<u>Daily Mass</u>	6:50 am (Monday to Friday) 8:30 am (Saturday)

### Church Prayer Hours

Lower Church  
Mon – Fri 6 am to 6 pm  
Sat – Sun 7 am to 5 pm