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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

*Then from the
cloud came a
voice that said,
"This is my
chosen Son;
listen to him."*

MASSES

Lord's Day Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. in the church

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the church

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, March 15, 2025

4:00PM **James Higgins**
In Remembrance
by family

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

10:30AM **Mary Laing**
by family

Monday, March 17, 2025

8:00AM **Bob Falvey**
Anniversary Remembrance

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

8:00AM **Katie Pescaro**
Anniversary Remembrance

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

8:00AM **Patrick Flynn**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Thursday, March 20, 2025

5:00PM **For God's Blessings on the
St. Joseph Parish Family**
by Donna Sokoloski

Friday, March 21, 2025

8:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

Saturday, March 22, 2025

4:00PM **John & Agnes Zikaras and
Deceased Family Members**
by granddaughter Theresa

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:30AM **Jacquelyn Pio**
by Michael Pio, Jr.

10:30AM **Albert (Red) Bissonnette**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by family



Saturday, March 22, 2025

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini
Lector Pat Messina
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Brad Wass +2
Lector Sandy Pierce
Altar Server Lisa Wass

Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley- Donna Perron
John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb
Thomas McMahon - Elsie Faneuil - Julia
William Daniels - Anne Berberian
Marianne and Robert Haroian - Lana Khoury
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Joseph Cloutier, Sr.
Joyce and Bruce Seaman - Judith Daniels
Patrick and Kate Dee - Francis Kavanagh
Patty Snow - Arthur Cote - Victoria Crowe
Steven Dufault - Richard Chiras - Michelle Kist
Deborah and Victoria Mink - Francis Khoury
Iris Wood - Derek Degon - Barbara Powers
Kayla, Patrick and Olive O'Donnell
Linda J. Harris - Mary Hamilton Johnson
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe - Christopher Chiras
Caroline Makowiecki

REMINDER ...

**The Msgr. Thomas F. Neary
Council #13637 Knights of
Columbus of St. Joseph Parish will
hold its monthly meeting on
Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00PM in
the lower church hall.**



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

Every day, throughout the diocese, faith filled individuals go out into the community and “preach God’s love.” Some minister to those who are at risk of being homeless, others to those who are struggling with life’s burdens. Teachers and catechists nourish the minds and nurture the faith of our youth in schools and parish faith formation classes. Young men pursuing vocations to the priesthood and older men who are in the diaconate look forward to serving God’s people in our parishes.

What an inspiration it is for all of us to know that when we support the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal we Share the Gift of Hope in the lives of those served by our many agencies and ministries. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. It is why I offer my thanks to God for the prayers and support of the generous people of this parish.

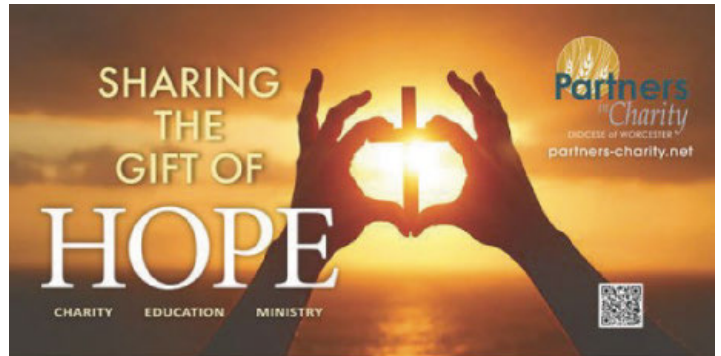
Bishop McManus recently wrote to you regarding the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. It describes the need for this significant appeal. I now join our bishop in inviting your generous response.

This appeal supports the work of 25 diocesan agencies, ministries, and programs, and serves the people of all our parishes and missions (nearly 280,000 local Catholics), as well as many thousands of people in need throughout Worcester County.

The theme of the appeal this year, “Sharing the Gift of Hope,” is based on our ongoing commitment to serve the needy throughout Central Massachusetts. Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work with our Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. We reflect on God’s great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own.

Our parish goal is \$60,700. We will need many generous donors to reach, and hopefully exceed, our goal. I know that I can count on you.

Please pray for the success of our appeal here at St. Joseph Parish, and join me in supporting Partners in Charity.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

LENTEN RETREAT

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 7PM

Mass at St. Mark’s Church, 356 Boston Rd., Sutton
Celebrant: Fr. Michael DiGeronimo
Preacher: Fr. Daniel Mulcahy
Theme: “God is love and has created me for a relationship with Him.”

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 7PM

Penance Service at St. James Church, 89 Main St., Grafton
Preacher: Fr. Derek Mobilio
Theme: “I have broken my relationship with God by sin.”

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 7PM

Anointing of the Sick
North American Martyrs Church, 8 Wyoma Dr., Auburn
Preacher: Fr. Michael DiGeronimo
Theme: “Jesus restores my relationship with God through His life, death and resurrection.”
Refreshments afterwards in the parish hall.

Stewardship!!!

Second Sunday of Lent

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, **contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.**

Sunday, March 16, 2025



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Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Monday, March 17, 2025

Religious Education Classes Grades 3 - 5	4:00PM-5:15PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 6 - 8	6:45PM-8:00PM	Parish Center
Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Plumbing School	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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Friday, March 21, 2025

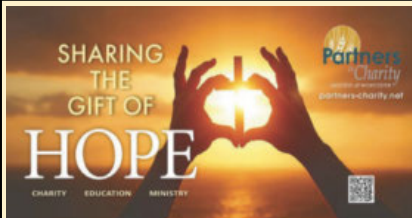
Stations of the Cross	6:30PM	Church
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Saturday, March 22, 2025

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
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Sunday, March 23, 2025

AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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**Next weekend,
March 23, is In-Pew
Commitment
Weekend for the 2025
Partners in Charity
Appeal.**

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life-giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. Your support is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others.

**Watch the Appeal Video at
www.partners-charity.net at home this week.
Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to
make a commitment to the appeal.**

Thank you.



Sign-up sheets have been placed in the main entrance of the church for lectors, altar servers and communion ministers to choose the liturgies at which they would like to serve for Holy Week and Easter.

“K’NIGHT AT THE RACES”

**St. Joseph Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn
Saturday, April 5**



All are invited to this fun event sponsored by the Monsignor Neary Council of the Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Church. All monies raised are used for local charities and college scholarships.

The admission fee of \$18 includes dinner.

**Doors open at 5:00 PM
Dinner served at 6:00 PM
Races begin at 7:00 PM**

**Tickets will be sold after Masses
on the weekends of March 22/23
and March 29/30.**

**Tickets may also be reserved by calling
**Joe Butler at 508-951-1561
or Len Angers at 508-612-8491.****

Second Sunday of Lent

Stations of the Cross

Come to pick up your cross and follow Jesus in prayer at the Stations of the Cross on each Friday of Lent through April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.



Confession

On Saturday
at 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
in the church
or by appointment.

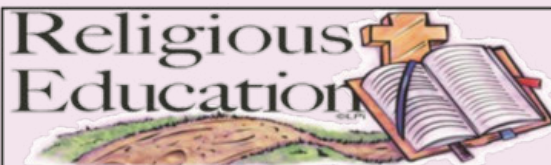
Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

NEWS FROM



Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

St. Joseph Parish



Saturday, May 3, 2025
Parish Center Parking Lot
(will be held inside in case of rain)
68 Central St.
9:00AM ~ 2:00PM

We are beginning to accept donations for our May yard sale. We are happy to take small furniture (ie., end tables, small chairs, small bookcases, etc). We cannot accept large furniture, appliances, electronics, clothing, shoes, bedding and the like.

Items can be brought to the parish center on Monday, Tuesday or Friday between 10:00am and 3:00pm.
Please call or email beforehand to be sure Lisa is available at 508-832-6683 or stjoesreledaub@gmail.com.

We appreciate our volunteers and welcome anyone who would like to join our team. If you would like to help please get in touch using the contact information above.

Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,054
Shortfall	(\$4,446)
Maintenance	\$2,155
Debt Redux	\$125
Year to Date	
Budget	\$75,000
Collections	\$35,585
Electronic Payment	\$3,620
Shortfall	(\$35,795)

The second collection this weekend is for
The Church in Latin America.

The second collection next weekend will be for
Fuel.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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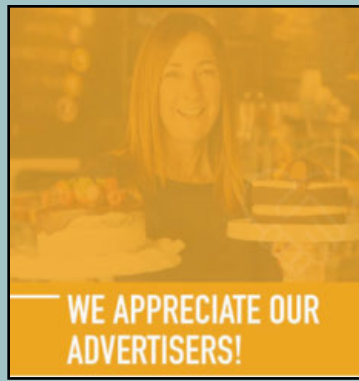
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