

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter



**He said to them,  
"Cast the net over  
the right side of  
the boat and you  
will find  
something." So,  
they cast it, and  
were not able to  
pull it in because of  
the number of fish.**

## **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.

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Visits gladly made upon request



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



### Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00PM **Alfred and Merilda Rancourt**  
by family

### Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:30AM **Gladys Gonyea**  
18th Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

10:30AM **Jacquelyn Pio**  
by Michael Pio, Jr.

**Father Bomba is on retreat this week.  
Mass will not be celebrated at St. Joseph  
Church Monday through Friday**

### Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:00PM **Ann R. Cote**  
by daughter Judith

### Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:30AM **Anna Denaris**  
63rd Anniversary Remembrance  
by daughter Anna

10:30AM **Susan Kennedy**  
by Michael Pio, Jr.

### **Food Pantry Reminder**

Next weekend is our monthly food collection.  
Items most needed are macaroni &  
cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal,  
peanut butter, jelly and pasta.

Food collections will be donated to  
Auburn Youth and Family Services.



### **Shrine Dedication in Dudley**



Bishop McManus will be the celebrant  
at a Mass and ceremony to establish  
the Diocesan Shrine of St. Andrew  
Bobola, 54 W. Main St., Dudley  
on **Sunday, May 11 at 1 p.m.** Father  
Mitchell Pacwa, SJ, of EWTN TV will  
give the homily and Mass will be  
followed by refreshments.  
Visit [standrewbobola.com](http://standrewbobola.com).



Saturday, May 10, 2025

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

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:30am  
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton  
Marek Sitkowski  
Lector Mary Skorvanek  
Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am  
Holy Communion Lisa Wass +2  
Lector Sandy Pierce  
Altar Server Paul Molis



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 - Marie Reil  
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Joseph Cloutier, Sr.  
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 - Lorna Chiras  
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

## Auburn, Massachusetts

**Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

This week I will go to the retreat house in Ipswich, Massachusetts to participate in the retreat for priests in the Diocese of Worcester. I usually participate in the retreat set up by the Office of Ongoing Priestly Formation and usually find it very beneficial.

This means that we will not celebrate mass at St. Joseph Church from Monday through Friday. Please pray for me and the other priests from the diocese who will be making the retreat. I will remember you in my prayers while I am on retreat.

May is a month dedicated to Mary. The popularity of devotion to Mary is evident from the beginning of the Church. The evangelists and the Fathers of the Church wrote about her in the Gospels and early Church literature. Mary was very popular in the Eastern Churches. Our Western Roman Church borrowed much from the Eastern Churches when she became popular in the West.

I expect that many parishioners have fond memories of Marian Devotions. Most parishes celebrated a crowning of Mary's statue early in the month. People carried Mary's statue in processions and prayed for her intercession. Some parishes set up or decorated altars dedicated to Mary in May. Marian devotions brought people together for prayer.

Such devotions fell out of the parish schedule because people stopped coming. Some pastors expected people to come every day to the devotions and when the number of people dwindled, they wondered why.

While the devotions fell out of fashion, the love of Our Blessed Mother should not diminish. I know that many parishioners pray the rosary often. The rosary is a magnificent prayer that celebrates spirituality on different levels.

Other parishioners have found beautiful prayers in books that elevate their spirits to the presence of Mary. The Magnificat, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..." from the Gospel according to Luke 1:46-55 is Mary's contribution to the Prayer of the Church for many centuries. Other people enjoy the Litany to Mary that asks her to "Pray for us." It addresses her by the many titles that the Church assigned to her through the centuries.

She is important to this parish because she is the spouse of Saint Joseph, our patron.

Mary is a special gift to the Church. Jesus has great reverence for his mother and shares her with us. May we open our hearts to her in prayer.



**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

### **Stewardship!!!**

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

**"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)**

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

#### **Prayer for the Intentions of the Church**

*(pray daily until the election  
of a new pope)*

O God, eternal shepherd, who governs your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
for ever and ever.



## Sunday, May 4, 2025



### **Sunday, May 4, 2025**

Religious Education Class Grade 9  
Plumbing School  
AA Meeting

10:30AM-2:00PM	Church
8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

### **Monday, May 5, 2025**

Plumbing School

5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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### **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

Bible Group

10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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### **Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

Plumbing School  
AA Meeting

5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

### **Thursday, May 8, 2025**

Choir Rehearsal

6:30PM	Church
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### **Friday, May 9, 2025**

Private Event

10:00PM-2:00AM	Parish Center
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### **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

AA Meeting

7:00PM	Lower Church hall
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## **Pieta Annual Mass in Worcester**

All are welcome to this Annual Pieta Mass on **Monday, May 5 at 7:00 PM**. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Please feel free to invite any families who have lost a child. Held at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester.



## **2025 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL**

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2025 Partners in Charity Appeal. Partners in Charity is the annual appeal for the Diocese of



Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship.

**Saint Joseph Parish has reached 63% of our goal of \$60,700.**

**That is \$38,517 from 101 donors.**

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully do so by filling out a commitment pledge envelope in the back of the church near the last pews and returning it in the collection basket, to the church office or by mailing it directly to the Diocesan office on Elm Street in Worcester.

Gifts can also be made online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!



## **Parish Support**



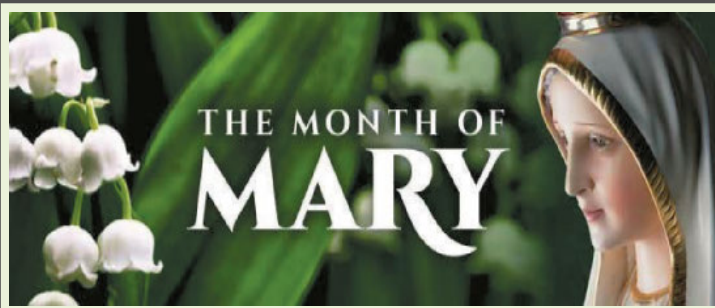
Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$3,206
Shortfall	(\$4,294)
Fuel	\$1,803
Debt Redux	\$40
Year to Date	
Budget	\$127,500
Collections	\$62,360
Electronic Payment	\$6,380
Shortfall	(\$58,760)

The second collection this weekend is for **Maintenance.**

The second collection next weekend will be for **Fuel.**

***Thank you for your continued support of our parish.***

## Second Sunday of Easter



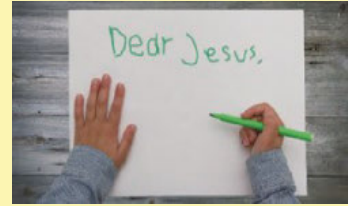
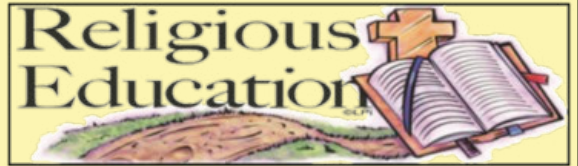
It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

It is good to consider the faith of Mary. At the Visitation, Elizabeth said to Mary: *Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.* When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed *blessed*, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus, but because she believed in the Lord's words. She believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple.

In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

Excerpt from a column by Bishop Kevin Rhoades: *In Truth and Charity.*

### NEWS FROM



Each year, the night before of their First Holy Communion, students write a letter to Jesus, expressing how they feel about their special day. Following are those written by the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on April 27.

*"Dear Jesus, I am a little nervous for my first communion. My dad is not guna be there but at lest I get to be thar with the rest of my family. I love You God!!! Love, Lily"*

*"Dear Jesus, I am excited and nervous to make my first communion. I am thrilled to not cross my arm when its communion because now I can participate fully in mass. I'm thankful for my family, my teachers and Fr. Bomba for their support. I love you very much, Jesus. Love Molly"*

*"Dear Jesus, I am feeling really excited because I get to have communion tomorrow. I am also happy because my godfather uncle Joe is coming and I don't see him often. I am going to have a party. We are going to eat cake, subs and a lot more, I am sitting in the front row, my name is Cam. Today I mite have a soccer game. My family members are coming that I don't often see. My mom and dad bought me a chain with a cross that I'm going to wear every day so you are always with me.*

*Love Cameron"*

*"Dear Jesus, This means a lot to me because I have never done a communion before! This is my first communion EVER. I can't wait to do it! It feels weird eating the body & blood of Christ, though. You are the best, Jesus. Tell God, I said, "Hi." I love you and God and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Clayton."*

### Third Sunday of Easter

"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life,

**contact the Vocation Office at  
(508) 630-4473 or**

**email: [donato.infante@gmail.com](mailto:donato.infante@gmail.com).**



### Knights of Columbus

#### Monsignor Neary Council #13637

#### K'Night at the Races



The Knights thank St. Joseph's Church for its sponsorship of our event. We also thank all of the parishioners who attended the evening that was full of fun, good food, a lot of excitement, and some great entertainment.

The money raised by this event will provide college scholarships for graduating seniors and will be

used to assist our parishes and many local charities and worthy causes.

***Thank you again for your support.***



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