

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



*"Whoever
eats my flesh
and drinks
my blood
remains in
me and I in
him."*

MASSSES

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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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, June 21, 2025

4:00PM **Butch and Rita Kimball**
by family

Sunday, June 22, 2025

8:30AM **Ann Degon**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Sal Papandrea**
6th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

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

Saturday, June 28, 2025

4:00PM **Arthur H. Cote**
16th Anniversary Remembrance
by daughter Judith

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8:30AM **Kenneth Ethier**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Mary**



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Religious Freedom Week will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from June 22 to June 29. Throughout the week we will focus on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the

future, for Catholics and all people of faith. This year's theme is "Witnesses to Hope." The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity.

Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" pages for each day on various religious liberty topics.

These excellent resources are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn.

Additional information and resources for personal use can be found at

www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek.



Saturday, June 28, 2025

Holy Communion Fred Fraini/Carol Fraini
Lector Lucie LaJeunesse
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, June 29, 2025

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

10:30am
Holy Communion Lisa Wass +2
Lector Scott Maselek
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. - James Kelly
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 - Lucas Roy
Miles McDonald - Betty Owens
Andre Carrier - Linda Garbler

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The Church brings support for the missions to us on two weekends of the year. We celebrate World Mission Sunday in October each year. We pray for missionaries and the people who are hearing about Jesus for the first time in mission lands. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith arranges for missionaries or groups that support the missions to visit parishes and raise awareness of the mission work that is very active in the Church.

This weekend we welcome Father Antony Rajesh who will tell us about the missionary activity and challenges of the Archdiocese of Kumbakonam, India. Our second collection this weekend will be for the missions in that diocese. You may find the envelope for that collection in your packet carrying the label "Annual Mission Cooperative." You may find more information about the missions in the bulletin last week and this week.



We all have a missionary task that originates at Baptism. The Church carries the mandate given to the Apostles to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and Lo, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Catechism elaborates on that mandate with:

851 Missionary motivation. It is from God's love for all men that the Church in every age receives both the obligation and the vigor of her missionary dynamism, "for the love of Christ urges us on." Indeed, God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"; that is, God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth. Those who obey the prompting of the Spirit of truth are already on the way of salvation. But the Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them the truth. Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary.

Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church do not go into the missions. We would need training to carry out that mission in the modern world. We would enlist the assistance of a number of organizations to make it all happen. We are missionaries in a different camp. We support the missions with prayer. Every missionary relies on the prayers of people around the world to carry out the tasks. We provide material support. The collections taken up today and on World Mission Sunday give the missions the material support to carry out the tasks they must do.

Please be generous.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

A Message from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, our diocese will participate in the global **Peter's Pence Collection**. This annual collection provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Leo XIV assist the victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster around the world.

This tangible expression of unity with the Holy Father has a dual purpose set by the Holy See: **to support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day. It also **supports the numerous charitable works** assisting people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

For more information please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

I invite you to join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help our Holy Father in his charitable outreach. Thank you for considering how you can respond to the call to "be a sign of mercy" by your prayers, by your spreading the word about this good work, and by your financial support.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester



Sunday, June 22, 2025



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Plumbing School

8:00AM-5:00PM

Parish Center

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Monday, June 23, 2025

CMSC Driver's Education

7:30AM-2:00PM

Parish Center

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

CMSC Driver's Education

7:30AM-2:00PM

Parish Center

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

CMSC Driver's Education

7:30AM-2:00PM

Parish Center

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Thursday, June 26, 2025

CMSC Driver's Education

7:30AM-2:00PM

Parish Center

Friday, June 27, 2025

CMSC Driver's Education

7:30AM-2:00PM

Parish Center

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Private Event

9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Center

Sunday, June 29, 2025

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Jubilee Guest Speaker in Blackstone

The next "Jubilee Guest Speaker Series" at Divine Mercy Parish in Blackstone will take place on **Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 pm.** Fr. Jamie Callahan, from St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Barre, will present "The Saints and How They Impact Our Lives". He will be the Homilist for the Mass, followed by his talk.

**For more information, contact Toni at Divine Mercy Parish 508-883-6726 x3
or associate@divinemercyparishma.org.**



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 70%
of our goal of \$60,700.**

That is \$42,727 from 118 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. Thank you!



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,877
Shortfall	(\$4,623)
Fuel	\$1,676
Debt Redux	\$135
Year to Date	
Budget	\$180,000
Collections	\$89,024
Electronic Payment	\$8,555
Shortfall	(\$82,421)

The second collection this weekend is for the
Mission Co-operative.

The second collection next weekend will be the
Peter's Pence Offering.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

OUR 2025 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the Faith office of our archdiocese has invited the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish this year. Here is an overview of the missionary assets, activities, challenges and the needs of the Diocese of Kumbakonam. Rev. Antony Rajesh will speak to us this weekend.

This Diocese, started in 1899 in the state of Tamil Nadu, India has an area of 7824 sq.km and a Catholic population of 2,13,000 (6% of the population), living in 94 parishes and 610



Diocese of
Kumbakonam

missions, served by 224 diocesan and 79 religious priests, 620 nuns, 12 trained catechists and 330 untrained lay catechists and two social service centres.

These are the most pressing missionary needs:

- Establishing 8 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. The large missions need to be made independent parishes with the resident priest for better pastoral ministry.

- Providing the 136 Catholic schools and 22 orphanages in the missions with better facilities, building, infrastructure, educational and technical tools, children's Bibles, a projector, catechetical materials in the form of videos, pictures, text-books and workbooks to improve the quality of religious and faith formation of Catholic and non-Catholic students in mission-schools.

- Enabling 480 nuns and 4955 Catholic teachers in charge of catechetical, educational, medical and social ministries throughout this rural diocese, to educate the children and adults in the Catholic faith and to help the people through annual seminars on Scripture and Catechetics.

- Projecting the healing touch and loving care of the Divine Healer through our diocesan hospitals for lepers, home and school for hearing impaired children, children of HIV patients and the many rural medical clinics, staffed by nuns.

- Education of more young men in the seminary since the diocese abounds in vocation to priesthood and religious life so that some could be sent as missionaries to missions abroad where there is a shortage of priests.

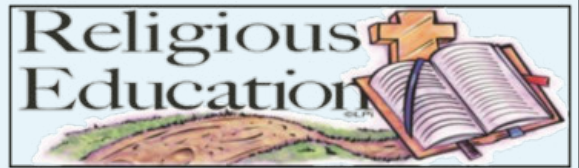
Note: Every year an average of 120 young men and women go from this diocese to other missions and religious orders in India and abroad as missionaries.

- Educating 4800 very poor or orphan children, from families of single mothers and widows, and of addictive and abusive fathers by providing them with free board & lodge, in order to eradicate child labor. Such children are forced to tend cattle, work in hazardous conditions in factories, hotels or farms in order to eke out a living for the family.

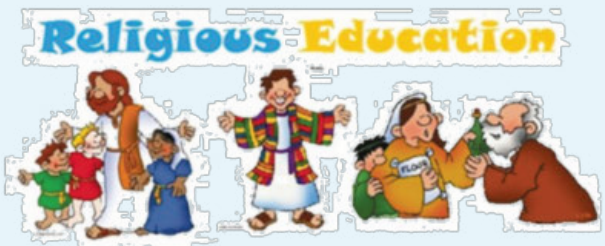
All the above mission projects are 80% dependent on MCP funds, due to acute poverty of 65% of the Catholics the diocese depends mostly on funds from annual mission appeal for the pastoral, educational, medical, and socio-economic emancipation of the marginalized and poor converts.

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will be for the
Mission Co-operative Appeal.
Please welcome Rev. Rajesh
to our parish.**

NEWS FROM



Registration Information for 2025/2026



Religious Ed registration forms for 2025-26 will arrive within the next few weeks. Please update the information and return along with payment on or before **August 8**.

There will be a drop off box outside the parish center for your convenience. You may also mail, or place it in the collection basket at mass. Please put Religious Education on the envelope. If you would like to register in person, office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am-3:30pm. I will be on vacation the week of June 29 – July 6.

If you know of families with children in grades Kindergarten, first or second grade, or new to Auburn, please share information about our program. This is the best way to spread the word.

**If you have questions, contact the office at
508-832-6683, or email:**

stjoesreledaub@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another great year!!!

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those little things
take up a
big place in
their heart!



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