

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2025



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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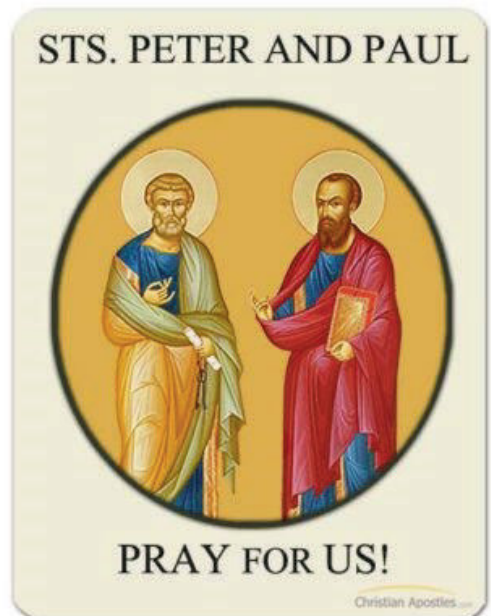
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Visits gladly made upon request



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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**

Monday, June 30, 2025

8:00AM **Jerry Falvey**
Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

8:00AM **Stella J. Cunningham**
Birthday Remembrance
by her son

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

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

Thursday, July 3, 2025

5:00PM **Doris Burak**
Happy Heavenly Birthday!
by family

Friday, July 4, 2025

8:00AM **For God's blessings
on the people of the
United States of America**

Saturday, July 5, 2025

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

Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

10:30AM **Lena**

Saturday, July 5, 2025

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

Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

This week we will celebrate Independence Day. It is a national holiday that celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in the Continental Congress. The holiday has a great history filled with traditions. Most municipalities in Massachusetts will celebrate with fireworks displays. Some will stage a parade. Others will have patriotic gatherings with speeches and music.

Families often get together for the holiday. When the weather cooperates grills get fired and the feasting begins. Even a rainy Fourth of July will be observed with memorable gatherings.

Independence Day is also a tremendous opportunity for prayer. The founders of the United States prayed for the new nation. Conflict with Britain would come at great cost to both sides. The signers of the Declaration knew that they signed the Declaration at great risk. Prayer was indicated.

The United States of America needs divine assistance during this celebration of independence. Political, social, economic and spiritual sectors demonstrate need for God's wisdom to reduce turmoil and enhance cooperation among our people.

Here are some intentions that need God's assistance:

First and foremost is the prayer of thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for all the blessings he bestowed upon our country. We give thanks for the natural beauty that God created in diverse landscapes and diverse peoples who live in our nation.

Political rhetoric is demonstrating a vitriol that is destructive. Previous campaigns show that such tactics are successful in winning votes. Can people in the polls reverse this trend and require political campaigns to find respect, truth and honor to be rewarded with political gain?

The economy has great impact upon the poor. Most of us feel the effect of higher prices in the food supply and energy. It has even greater impact upon the poor. We must pray for the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters who suffer the greatest when prices for food, energy, housing, clothing, and medicine rise outside their ability to pay.

Pray for the next generation of Americans. The young struggle to make any sense out of the society in which we live. The trend to commit suicide is rising among teens and young adults to an alarming rate. Pray that the courage of Franklin, Adams, Jefferson, Washington, and Hancock come upon the young people of America.

May God continue to bless our nation with wisdom and grace.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

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"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

(2 timothy 4:7) How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."



Sunday, June 29, 2025



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Private Event

10:00AM-5:00PM

Parish Center

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Plumbing School

8:00AM-5:00PM

Parish Center

Sunday, July 6, 2025

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8:00AM-5:00PM

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AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle: July 3

There is very little about the apostle Thomas in the Gospels; one text calls him the "twin." Rarely during Jesus' lifetime does he stand out among his colleagues. There is the instance before the raising of Lazarus, when Jesus was still in Perea and Thomas exclaimed: "Let us also go and die with Him." Best-known is his expression of unbelief after the Savior's death, giving rise to the phrase "doubting Thomas." Nevertheless, the Gospel passage describing the incident must be numbered among the most touching in Sacred Scripture.



In the Breviary lessons Pope St. Gregory the Great makes the following reflections: "Thomas' unbelief has benefited our faith more than the belief of the other disciples; it is because he attained faith through physical touch that we are confirmed in the faith beyond all doubt. Indeed, the Lord permitted the apostle to doubt after the resurrection; but He did not abandon him in doubt. By his doubt and by his touching the sacred wounds the apostle became a witness to the truth of the resurrection. Thomas touched and cried out: My Lord and my God! And Jesus said to him: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Now if Thomas saw and touched the Savior, why did Jesus say: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed? Because he saw something other than what he believed. For no mortal man can see divinity. Thomas saw the Man Christ and acknowledged His divinity with the words: My Lord and my God. Faith therefore followed upon seeing."

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

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 72% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$43,727 from 123 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	\$2,938
Shortfall	(\$4,562)
Mission Co-op	\$1,306
Debt Redux	\$30
Year to Date	
Budget	\$187,500
Collections	\$91,962
Electronic Payment	\$9,510
Shortfall	(\$86,028)

The second collection this weekend is for the **Peter's Pence Collection.**

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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Come to pray for our nation at Mass on Friday, July 4 at 8:00am.

Jubilee Pilgrimage - ECUMENICAL VESPERS in Worcester

All are welcome to join Bishop McManus, Metropolitan Methodios of the Greek Orthodox Church and visiting clergy for Ecumenical Vespers in Commemoration of the Jubilee of Hope and the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (which resulted in the Nicene Creed) on **Sunday, June 29 at 4:00 pm** at St. Paul Cathedral, Chatham and High Streets, Worcester. Multiple confessors will be available for the Sacrament of Penance from 3 - 4 pm. A public reception will follow in the Cenacle.



Divine Mercy Cenacle – Clinton

The Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle of St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish prays for all requests, but especially for the seriously ill and the dying. Prayer requests can be submitted by phone at 978-733-0090 or email at

DMCPray@gmail.com. Cenacle members receive your requests immediately and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for your intentions.



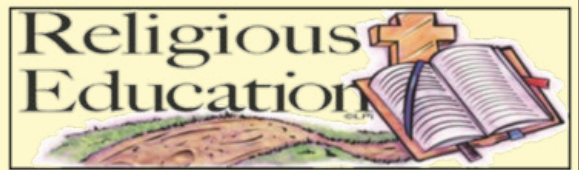
Tips for Summer Camp Safety

Summer is almost here. School is almost out, and a whole host of new opportunities for recreation and relaxation await. Maybe you are sending your children to a music or sports camp. Or maybe they have been invited by their friends to go camping in the mountains or at the beach. Whatever the situation, it is important to remember that parents still have the responsibility of controlling access that new people will have to their children. If your children are attending a summer camp, insist that every counselor or anyone else who might have access to your children has undergone an application process that includes a criminal background check and reference checks.

For particular help you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.

Source: Sharon Womack Doty, "Summer Safety Monitor Programs!" VIRTUS, July 17, 2006.

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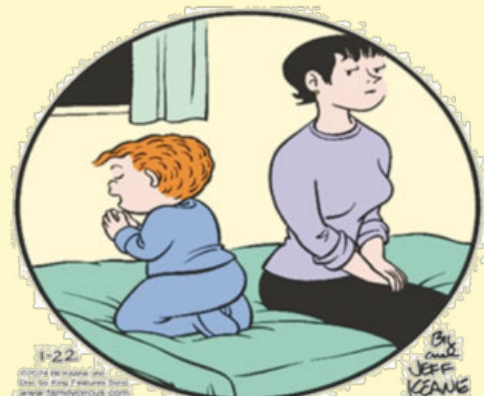
The Religious Education office will closed from Monday, July 2 through Friday, July 6.

Show what you know



The following questions are from the grade 7th text. Answers will be in next week's bulletin. Good luck!!

1. Name the 3 Theological Virtues, _____, _____ and _____.
2. Where are the consecrated hosts kept after Mass? _____.
3. Where was Jesus Baptized? _____.
4. What is the spiritual word the means "Anointed One"? _____.
5. A follower of Jesus is called a _____.
6. The 3-day celebration beginning with Holy Thursday and ending on Easter is called the _____.



“... and give us our trespasses as we give it to those who trespass against us ...”

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