

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

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, August 2, 2025

4:00PM **Bea Bukoski**
In Remembrance
by friend Betty

Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:30AM **Fr. Thomas Hultquist**
10:30AM **Augustine Burke**
Anniversary Remembrance
by Pat

Monday, August 4, 2025

8:00AM **Gail Cicio**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

8:00AM **Fr. Thomas Hultquist**

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

8:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Thursday, August 7, 2025

5:00PM **John Tunney**
by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kavanagh

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:00AM **Richard O'Connor**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by family

Saturday, August 9, 2025

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

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:30AM **Mary Lou Sexton**
Month's Mind Mass
by Rose Mary and Patty Dyer
10:30AM **Geraldine D'Allesandro**
by family

Saturday, August 9, 2025

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

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Anna Fleming
Altar Server Patty Bickford
10:30am
Holy Communion Phil Benvenuti +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 Daniel
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 - Lil Kurtz - Christene Ripley
Andre Carrier - Linda Gardler - Anita Murphy
Barbara Docimo - Craig Bosma

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"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.

Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or
email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

I expect that parishioners have read and studied the book, *What Christians Believe*, that was written by Bishop Robert Barron and produced by his Word on Fire ministry. The parish ordered 100 copies and we ran out of them.

Last year Bishop Barron wrote a book to prepare people for the Holy Year on prayer. Parishioners have questioned me about prayer. Some feel they are not praying well. Others think their prayer doesn't bring them the consolation or satisfaction they seek. They want to know what they can do differently to engage God in a meaningful and open dialogue.

Bishop Barron's book, *An Introduction to Prayer*, is an answer to these kinds of questions. I still remember the questions and answers about prayer in the *Baltimore Catechism* that was used in elementary education when I was young. Bishop Barron's book takes the reader down the same road of exploration in the conversation that people have with God that we commonly call prayer that the Catechism explained.

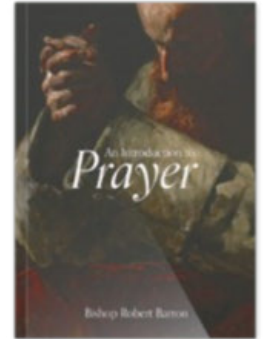
This book is very much like Bishop Barron's other books. He goes into detail. He gives historical background. He includes personal insights. He explains doctrinal concepts. He treats the subject extensively, often going slower than my comfort level, but he's not writing for me. He writes for the person of faith who seeks a better understanding of what they believe and have not had the benefit of a seminary education.

I ordered a number of copies of *An Introduction to Prayer* for our parish. Once again, Word on Fire Ministry made a great offer that I found hard to refuse. The price was low and it included shipping. When they arrive I will place them on the table in the rear of the church near the main door. When you take one please make a commitment to read at least most of it and feel free to pass it around to other people in your family or neighborhood.

Some parishioners wish to donate to this effort. They want to pay for their book because they feel funny taking it from the church. Parishioners who wish to donate should place their donation in an envelope and mark it with "*Introduction to Prayer*" and place it in the basket with their regular envelope.

When the books arrive please enjoy your copy. I hope it will help you enrich your conversation with God.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



The sympathies of our parish
are extended to the family of
Phyllis Bissonnette
who recently passed away.



Join the Parish

Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish. Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms found in the vestibule of the church or on the back table of the parish center. Place it in the mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the collection basket.



Stewardship!!!

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"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15) The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Sunday, August 3, 2025



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Plumbing School

8:00AM-5:00PM

Parish Center

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Monday, August 4, 2025

Children Fitness Class

1:00PM-4:00PM

Parish Center

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Children Fitness Class

1:00PM-4:00PM

Parish Center

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Children Fitness Class

1:00PM-4:00PM

Parish Center

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Children Fitness Class

1:00PM-4:00PM

Parish Center

Friday, August 8, 2025

Children Fitness Class

1:00PM-3:00PM

Parish Center

Sunday, August 10, 2025

AA Meeting

7:00PM

Lower Church Hall

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord – August 6

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #554:

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"



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 76% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$46,132 from 130 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



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| Weekly Goal | \$7,500 |
| Last Weekend | \$2,778 |
| Shortfall | (\$4,722) |

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| Debt Redux | \$90 |
| Year to Date | |
| Budget | \$225,000 |
| Collections | \$108,467 |
| Electronic Payment | \$11,225 |
| Shortfall | (\$105,308) |

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

The second collection next weekend will be for **The Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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A Message from Bishop McManus ...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than 40 years, and in some countries more than 70 years, communism ruled Central and Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union's many republics. Rapid, sometimes harsh transitions to market economies led to ongoing attitudes of materialism that have left poor and dependent people, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities, particularly vulnerable.

After decades of persecution, Catholics of the Armenian rite, the Chaldean rite, and the Latin rite have experienced a new era of freedom since Georgia became independent from the Soviet Union. These communities have set about rebuilding the Church, but poverty and remote, rural locations have made this work very difficult. Over 30% of Georgians live below the poverty line - children, the sick and the disabled are the most affected.

Catholics in the village of Arali kept the faith during years of persecution and now that their church is restored and they have a priest, they are able to celebrate Mass as a community. With assistance from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics in Georgia are able to rebuild churches, provide medical care for the poor, and to pass on the faith to the next generation so that the Church can once again thrive where once it was persecuted.

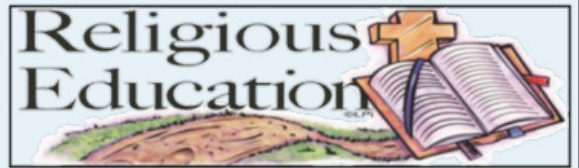


Your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on the weekend of August 10 is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous to the collection.

For more information about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

NEWS FROM



Religious Education Registration

2025-2026 ~ Reminder

Thank you to those who have updated and returned their information to the religious education office.

It is important to register your child for classes during the summer months, as we need the information before we can coordinate classes and order supplies. Please, update the religious education forms and return with payment to the Religious Education office on or before August 8. The registration fee remains the same at \$80.00 per student with cap of \$175.00 per family of 3 or more children. If you need another form, please email the office at stjoesreledaub@gmail.com, and one will be sent.

You can mail your registration with payment, drop it in the basket at mass, or place it in the box outside the parish center. The box is emptied daily. Welcome letters and a September calendar will be mailed by the middle of August.

Help us spread the word about our religious education program at St. Joseph

If you know of new families, or students that have been away for a time please share the information with them. We welcome everyone and are delighted when former students return.

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
St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.



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