

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025



THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 15



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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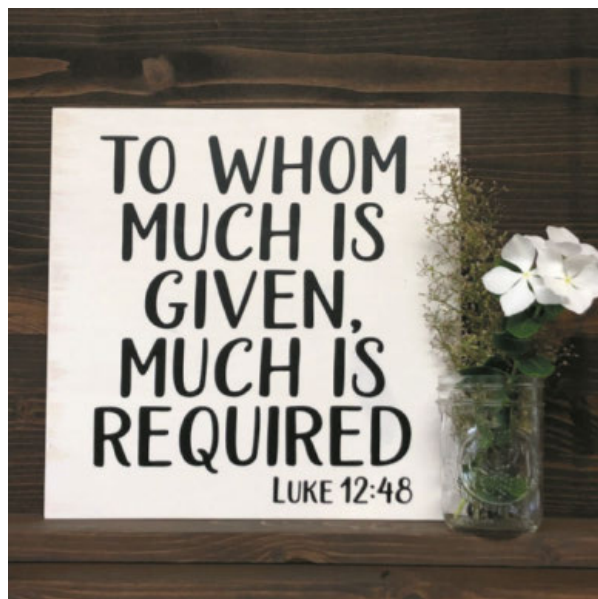
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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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

Monday, August 11, 2025

8:00AM **Louis Sargentelli, Jr.**
26th Anniversary Remembrance
by Joan Going

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

8:00AM **Bea Bukoski**
by a friend

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

8:00AM **Joanne Kilsheimer**
Anniversary Remembrance
by her brother

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:30PM **Fr. Thomas Egan**

Friday, August 15, 2025

8:00AM **All Souls Day Remembrances**
Noon **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:00PM **Alice Larue**
by friends

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:30AM **Arthur Wood**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

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

Saturday, August 16, 2025

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

Sunday, August 17, 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 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

Prophecy Through the Ages Seminar in Uxbridge
"St. Mary University" will hold a seminar on Prophecy
Through the Ages," presented by Brian James,
seminarian, 6:30-8:00pm, Monday, August 11
in St. Mary's Good Shepherd Center,
77 Mendon St., Uxbridge.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

I read Father Joseph Cisetti's article in *The Priest* titled, *A Spirituality of Interruption*. I was amused by it because it reminded me of the many interruptions that punctuate the daily life of any pastor. Many priests relate stories of "Father, do you have a minute?" and an hour later the same person is still talking. I relate to the fact that the apostles were minding their own business when Jesus stepped in and interrupted them in a way that changed their lives in a very holy way.

Take for example, Peter, Andrew, James and John who were mending their nets at the sea when Jesus walked by and gave them the invitation to "Come, follow me." And they did. Saul was minding his own business when Jesus interrupted his journey to Damascus by knocking him down. "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"



Mary was interrupted by an angel in the Gospel according to Luke to receive God's message to her that would significantly change her life. The same is true for Joseph when he received the message of an angel.

Father Cisetti made immediate note, at the beginning of his article, about Saint Therese of Lisieux who was writing about the virtue of charity. She was interrupted by her sisters in the convent that hindered her effort. Therese remembered that she had to be patient with the interrupting sisters. While she was writing about charity she had to practice it.

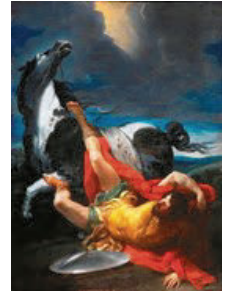
Pope Francis was aware of the part that interruptions played in the life of the Church. He said that God is a "God of surprises." "The Lord always surprises us. It is an invitation to open ourselves more generously to God's plans, both on a personal and community level."

I mentioned the Rule of Saint Benedict in a homily recently. Along with the basic rule of prayer and work, Benedict instructed the brothers and sisters to offer sincere hospitality to travelers, especially pilgrims, as if they were welcoming Christ, himself. The monastery or convent was not interrupted by that pilgrim, they welcomed that interruption.

While Father Cisetti wrote for priests, his "Spirituality of Interruption" is significant for all Christians. People struggle with the interruptions that plague them in prayer. They wonder why they cannot keep their minds and hearts on the prayers they want to say. It begs the question that God wants a part of the conversation and is interrupting the monologue. Like Therese, we can meditate upon charity, but only when we put it into practice our meditation becomes fruitful.

Father Cisetti acknowledged that many of the interruptions that come into a priest's day are messages from God. Sales calls, advertisements, requests for information, product promotions do not usually fall into this category. However, God's interruptions can seem, at first, to be a disruption, but it can turn around to be "an invitation to see, serve, and love Christ. Those interruptions may be part of a plan, part of a divine plan."

Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba



Stewardship!!!

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For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34)

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

Fall Mini-Retreat for Women

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women with Kitty Cleveland on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury. Kitty is a singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, and artist from New Orleans. Kitty leads hundreds of people in praying the rosary each weekday morning at 5:45 a.m. (CT).



Visit www.kittycleveland.com.

For more information, please email worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 10, 2025



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AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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Monday, August 11, 2025

CMSC Driver Education	7:30AM-2:00PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, August 16, 2025

Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
Private Event	11:00AM-6:00PM	Parish Center

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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

Fatima Days – Holliston

The Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 101 Summer St., Holliston, continues its 2025 Fatima Days **August 13** with the intention: "Mary, Star of Hope, help us to embrace those seeking healing in mind, body and spirit," 6 p.m. Mass and a 7 p.m. outdoor rosary procession.

Contact holliston@xverianmissionaries.org or 508-429-2144



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 \$46,432 from 133 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	\$6,362
Shortfall	(\$1,138)
Maintenance	\$1,421

Year to Date	
Budget	\$232,500
Collections	\$114,829
Electronic Payment	\$11,545
Shortfall	(\$106,126)

The second collection this weekend is for
The Church in Central and Eastern Europe.
There will not be a second collection next weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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The Assumption **of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **Friday, August 15**



We will celebrate Mass on
Thursday, August 14
at 6:30 p.m. and on
Friday, August 15
at 8:00 a.m. and Noon.

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary is a
Holyday of Obligation.

There will not be a 5:00 p.m. Mass
on Thursday, August 14.

The month of August is dedicated **to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.



This devotion has received new emphasis from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by blasphemies and ingratitude. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Excerpted from The Prayer Book by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A.

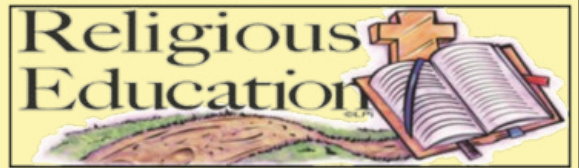
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the 2025 Worcester Catholic Women's Conference to be held Saturday, **September 27**, at St. Joseph in Webster.

Visit wcwconference.com



NEWS FROM



TEACHER MEETING

Tuesday, August 19, 2024 ~ 6:30pm
at the Parish Center - Grades K-8

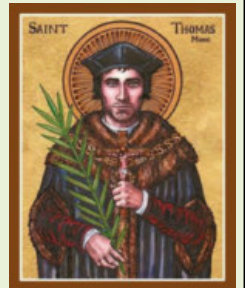
The summer months are flying by and it's time to plan for the new Religious Ed year. Thank you to all who are returning to teach and for your commitment to our kids. Sharing your time and your faith with them is a blessing. I hope you are all coming back.

A Note to Parents,

Registration continues. You may mail it, come to the office, Monday, Tuesday or Friday, 10:00AM - 3:00PM, drop it in the box at the front door of the center or place it in the basket at Mass. Thank you to the many families who have already registered for classes.

ST. THOMAS MORE **LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3000, to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies.



Applications may be obtained
by visiting the diocesan website,
www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society,
by mailing requests to:

St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office,
49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609
or by calling Mary Whitney at 508-929-4345.

Applications are due on or before **October 1, 2025**. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated; you can contact us at the above address or phone number.

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