

# Saint Joseph Parish, Wakefield MA

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Remember  
when!*

### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil Mass  
4:00 PM

Sunday Mass  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
(Family Liturgy)  
11:00 AM, 5:30 PM

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

Monday - Friday Mass  
6:45 AM, 9:00 AM  
Saturday Mass 9:00 AM

**Parish Holy Hour** Every Sunday:  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### **Confessions**

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 PM  
or in the rectory by appointment

### **Pastoral Team**

Fr. Ron Barker, *Pastor*  
Fr. Jim Wenzel, OSA, *Visitor*  
Merry Nordeen, *Administrative Assistant*  
Rose Dittmer, *Faith Formation*  
Angelique Bolduc, *Music Dir.*  
Anne Grant, *Adult Choir Dir.*  
Maureen Miller, *Bulletin Editor*  
Caleb: *Parish Dog*  
[www.stjosephwakefield.org](http://www.stjosephwakefield.org)

### **Chapel Hours**

7:00 AM - Midnight  
Adoration-10:00AM -  
Midnight  
(Weds 10:00 AM-6:00 PM)

### **Religious Education**

Elizabeth Collins, *Grade 2*  
Sharon Keith, *Grades 3-8*  
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Fr. Ron Barker, *Grade 10*  
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### **St. Joseph School**

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February 5, 2012



Dear Parishioners,

It is February already. Can you believe it? We are on a good trend if you don't like snow, ice and snow piles that you can't see around. If you are like Caleb, however, you may be a little depressed.

This week I received an announcement from the Boston Archdiocese that I would like to share with you:

Next week, February 11, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Every year since 1992, the Catholic Church celebrates World Day of the Sick on this feast of Our Lady. Pope John Paul II wanted this day to be an occasion to reflect upon the mystery of suffering, to become more aware of our sick brothers and sisters, and to honor doctors, nurses and all who practice the healing arts. This year, World Day of the Sick is especially challenging for us in Massachusetts. This coming November, people in Massachusetts will be faced with a ballot initiative that, if passed, will decriminalize doctor-prescribed suicide in our Commonwealth. Those who support the petition say that it will provide compassionate care for the terminally and incurably ill. Intentionally causing a person to die, or providing a person the means to take his own life, is not compassion nor is it an expression of care and concern, even if they ask us to do it.

Next week, we will view a pre-recorded homily from His Eminence, Cardinal Sean O'Malley on assisted suicide and the dangers that it poses should it become legal in our state. He will talk about the fact that, as Catholics, we have the responsibility to defend the principle that each of us has the right to live each day until the time we are called to eternal life. We will receive prayer cards, brochures and other materials to help us to evangelize ourselves and others about end-of-life care. Many of these materials may be viewed at [www.SuicideisAlwaysATragedy.org](http://www.SuicideisAlwaysATragedy.org). Please do all you can to pray and work for the success of this education initiative.

### CALEB'S CORNER

*If you think  
dogs can't  
count, try  
putting three  
dog biscuits  
in your pocket  
and then give  
him only two  
of them!*



Lent begins on February 22. It is never too early to reflect on what you plan to do this Lent to grow in your personal relationship with Jesus.

We are still looking for a few more parishioners to be part of our Social Committee. If you are interested, please call Merry at the Rectory!

I will be available for confession on Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:30 pm.

May Jesus continue to shepherd you in all of your needs.

God love you,

*Fr. Ron*

## Reflection of the Week

Though it is hard to understand, our heavenly Father allows pain because of His great love. Just as a parent hates for his child to hurt, God takes no pleasure in our difficulty, but He so desires that we experience fullness of life in Christ that He allows hardship to shape us.



### HOLY HOUR

*A time of quiet music & reflection*

Sunday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

### PRAYER GROUP

*Hour of praise and charismatic prayer*

Monday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### Bible Study

*Scripture Reading & Discussion*

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

### HEALING SOAKING PRAYER

*Come meet us to pray for healing*

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 2:00 p.m.

## Scriptural Teaching

*[Recommended: an open Bible in your home and a three-ring binder for your Scripture notes]*



**Please read Matthew 8:18-22.** Jesus prepares to leave the territory and we have two reactions. The first is a scribe who had a respectable place in the community because of his profession - he dealt with the Torah (Law). He professes his readiness to follow Jesus but Jesus is quite frank about what conditions the scribe can expect. He will have to leave behind his good position, income, prestige for the sake of living an austere life, trusting in the Providence of God.

The second disciple asks Jesus to let him go and first bury his father. There are a few possibilities here. Some say the father could not be already dead because the son would not have been out in public. He would have already been fulfilling his responsibilities of mourning. So the son would be waiting an unlimited time to follow Jesus. Others theorize that the son had just gotten word that his father died and now asks Jesus permission to go fulfill his filial duties. Others conjecture that the son had an elderly father who is close to death and wants to be there to care for him and then bury him. This would be expected of any good son. Still others say that this refers to a "second burial," which occurred the year after the original burial. In this scenario, the disciple could have been asking for almost a year to fulfill his filial duties.

Jesus' seemingly harsh or uncaring response may be shocking to some. It would have seemed to Jesus' audience contrary to God's Law. Caring for parents and burying the dead were highly emphasized - and still are! The key is that just as Jesus told the scribe that he must be prepared to leave behind comfort for the sake of being a good disciple, so should disciples be ready to leave even family for the sake of the Lord. This is highlighted in other texts where Jesus talks about family relations being secondary to discipleship. This was not new. Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, had to do the same. Consult Genesis 12:1-4. Jesus is going to the roots of the Jewish faith and urging His disciples to become like Abraham, their father - completely giving themselves over to faith in Jesus and trusting in God's Providence. He can command this since He is the Son of Man, probably a reference to His being the Messiah.

**An Application:** To be a Christian means to have Jesus as center of our lives. He must be the Measure by which we measure and understand life. He is the One for Whom we must be prepared to give our lives. This reading urges us to look where Jesus "places" in relation to our goods and to our families. The best way to handle this is to use our goods for the sake of assisting those in need, and to bring our family into deeper union with Jesus by our words and example.



## ADULT FOCUS



### Bereavement Community

Post holiday seasons can often lead to sadness as we remember lost loved ones, whether a loss through death or relationships. Come share your experiences in confidence. **Next meeting: February 7 at 7:30 p.m.** Please call Rose for availability.

### Knit, Purl, Pray

The knitting prayer group meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Bring your yarn, needles and a current project! Or, help us with the many service projects we have! We are now working on scarves to be brought by our youth group to the homeless. Baby layettes are still being accepted. Separate bonnets and booties are also welcome.

### Upcoming Days of Reflection

#### **Go and Tell: The Journey Begins Campion Center, Weston**

Date: April 14, 2012

Director: [Cynthia Giardina](#)

The Tomb is empty and we are sent forth. On this day we will explore the readings of Easter Week and examine our own invitation to discipleship.

Cost: \$35 per program

Deposit: \$10 per program to **Rose Dittmer** 10 days before the program (617-697-0888). Unless otherwise indicated, all day programs begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. Transportation may be available.

*Please call Rose at 617-697-0888 or email [rmdittom@aol.com](mailto:rmdittom@aol.com) for further information.*



## PARENTS' CORNER



From time to time we will be running mini profiles of children as they mature in their faith development.

This week we share some observations about 5 and 6 year olds. **Each child is unique, as we know, and not all will develop each skill at the same time.** We present here a synopsis of some things that these age groups like to do, and how these skills can be applied to faith building. You will be able to add many more characteristics to the list as you observe and participate with your child in their faith learning.

### **Five and Six Year olds...**

- Like to be able to put words with the pictures  
*Share a bible story from a children's Bible and match the text to the action.*
- Have very curious minds and like to know the "why" with many things  
*The "why" of many of the miracles in the Bible can be explained by showing that Jesus loved the persons he met and wanted to help them.*
- Enjoy rituals like learning prayers, reciting lesson concepts, singing.  
*Setting the mood with a candle in a quiet space will enhance the importance of the ritual for these children and the repetition of returning to this "prayer corner" will embed in them the "specialness" of prayer.*

### **In Need of Military Addresses**

We are looking for contact or address information for the following servicemen listed in our bulletin:

Daniel Craven	Shawn Johanson
Kenny Hickey	Spencer Meehan
Joey Hopkins	

We realize some of these men have returned . We have many cards, notes and well wishes that we would like to send to them. Please contact Maureen in the Rectory with any contact information.



**Re-Usable Bag Drive to benefit  
The Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**

Wakefield Girl Scout Troop #77315 is collecting reusable shopping bags, a desperately needed item, for the Wakefield Food Pantry. Please drop off any clean, reusable grocery bags in the designated box in the foyer between Feb. 4th - Feb. 26th.

**Special Collection Schedule**

Dates for the **2012 Special Collections** are now available by clicking on the right side of our Home Page at [www.stjosephwakefield.org](http://www.stjosephwakefield.org). Direct link: <http://www.stjosephwakefield.org/SpecialCollectionsSchedule.pdf>

**St. Joseph Parish Expenses Paid  
January 16 - January 27**

Altar Supplies	60
Building & Grounds	393
Charitable Works	888
Hospitality	255
Household	467
Office Supplies	1,768
Payroll and Taxes	14,320
Religious Education	96
The Pilot	330
Water	469
Youth Ministry	339
	\$ 19,385

**January Offertory**

Offertory for December	\$64,754.50
Electronic Giving	10,868.00
	75,622.50

Needed to meet expenses without  
Grand Annual Collection: \$65,000

**OFFERTORY: JANUARY 28/29: \$12,662.50**

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.



**Religious Education**

Congratulations to all the Second Graders who made their First Penance over the last few weeks.

**Please help**

**The Special Needs Confirmation Group collect  
Gluten Free food For the Food Pantry**

The Special Needs Confirmation Group has set up a basket that will be left in the hall for parishioners to donate Gluten Free food. The Special Needs Confirmation Group will be responsible for picking up and delivering that food each week to the pantry.

**Adoration Coverage**

Please consider spending a half hour in Eucharistic Adoration. **At this time we especially need coverage on Monday nights from 9:00 pm to 9:30 pm.**

If you are already signed up for a specific time each week and find that you often are alone, please let the rectory know.

**SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL  
NEWS**



*“AN EDUCATION THAT MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE” Quality, Faith-based,  
Personalized Instruction  
Educating Children from  
Pre-School through Grade 8.*

**Capital Campaign Fundraiser  
Boston College Eagles vs. Duke Blue Devils**

Please Support the Saint Joseph School Capital Campaign and purchase a raffle ticket to win a chance to see the Boston College Eagles tip-off against the Duke Blue Devils on Sunday, February 19 at Boston College's Conte Forum. Win ten (10) tickets - eight (8) in a luxury suite and two (2) courtside seats, food and parking included. Stop by the raffle table after Mass in the church foyer to purchase your ticket (s). Thank you for supporting Saint Joseph School!

For additional information please call 781-245-2081 or send an e-mail to [www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org/contact.cfm](http://www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org/contact.cfm).

**Pray For** Your prayers are requested for the benefactors of our parish, and the deceased of our community especially Peter MacKinnon & Eleanor Adams. Also, please pray for the sick among us and all those who have asked us to pray for them this week. Their names have been inscribed in our parish Book of Intentions in the Chapel. Please contact the rectory if you wish to add a name.



Please pray for those currently serving in the war against terrorism: especially Jennifer Coale, Daniel Craven, Michael Crean, Grace Drewes, James Fallon, Shane Harrington, Thomas Hathaway, Kenny Hickey, Joey Hopkins, Jamie Horgan, Ryan Jenks, Shawn Johanson, Will King, Dan McDonald, Daniel McNeill, Spencer Meehan, Stephen Rowe, Rick Sleeper, & Larry Tully.

## mass intentions

### Saturday, February 4

9:00 Catherine Cadigan, 7th Anniversary  
4:00 Joseph Mahoney, Memorial Mass

### Sunday, February 5

7:30 Benito Bottaro, 3rd Anniversary  
9:00 Albert McMenimen, 5th Anniversary  
11:00 Marceline Frotten, Memorial Mass  
5:30 Irving Muise, 1st Anniversary

### Monday, February 6

6:45 Erica Faro, 6th Anniversary  
9:00 Gloria O'Brien, 8th Anniversary

### Tuesday, February 7

6:45 Jose Lucas, Memorial Mass  
9:00 Margaret & Joseph Copeman,  
Memorial Mass

### Wednesday, February 8

6:45 Ruth Boudreau, Memorial Mass  
9:00 Special Intention

### Thursday, February 9

9:00 Caroline Morton, Month's Mind

### Friday, February 10

9:00 Special Intention

### Saturday, February 11

9:00 Special Intention  
4:00 Arlene Murphy, Memorial Mass

### Sunday, February 12

7:30 Special Intention  
9:00 Manuel Viana, Memorial Mass  
11:00 Christopher Rollins,  
4th Anniversary  
5:30 Mary Whelan, 8th Anniversary

## Scripture for the week of February 5

**SUN** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1:29-39  
**Mon** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
**Tue** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
**Wed** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
**Thu** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
**Fri** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
**Sat** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

## Fr. Jim Wenzel's Schedule for February

*Fr. Jim will be celebrating the following February Mass:*  
February 26 at 11:00 am



### My Brother's Table Reminder

Next weekend, (Feb11/12), we will be collecting individually wrapped snacks for My Brother's Table. Please bring donations to Father Gillis Hall and mark them "Soup Kitchen."



*It is with great joy that we welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly baptized:*

**Michael Edward Noddin Jr.,** child of Sarah & Michael

*"Our best friends are those who love us as we are but never cease to challenge us to be better for the Lord."*

Tax letters for 2011 donations have been mailed to those whose contribution totaled \$250 or more. Please contact the rectory with any questions.