Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Come on in, the water is fine!

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 by appointment.

Pastoral Team
Fr. Ron Barker, Pastor
Merry Nordeen, Admin. Assistant
Rose Dittmer, Faith Formation
Anne Grant, Music Director
Maureen Miller, Parish Accountant
Mary Coles, Bulletin Editor
Alex Canto, Facilities Manager
Caleb, Parish Dog

Religious Education
Elizabeth Collins, Grade 1 - 2
Sharon Keith, Grades 3-8
Fr. Ron Barker, Grade 10
Carissa Scudieri, Youth Minister
Diane Murphy, Administration

Saint Joseph School
& Early Childhood Center
Dr. Joseph Sullivan, Principal
Alayne Flynn, Administrator
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Chapel Hours 7:00 AM - Midnight
Adoration (M-F) 10:00AM - 12 AM
Weds 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
No Adoration on Holidays

July 17, 2016
Dear Parishioners,

Recent past events make us wonder, “what is this country, the world coming to?” There is so much division, killing, fear, mistrust and questions. What are the solutions? Do we make new laws? Do we have more meetings to discuss the situation? Do we hide away and retreat? I would suggest that we listen to our creator and maker. He gave us directions and instructions of how to live this life. We find His teaching of loving God and loving one’s neighbor simple. Is the answer that simple? Well - yes it is. It is a simple answer but not easy to put into practice. To give time to be in relationship with Jesus, you must take time. How many people don’t take any time to pray? Basically, God is not that important. We can do without Him. We can make the laws and rules, acting as if we are now sitting in the chair of creator and maker. We can remove God from the marketplace but to do so is at our own peril. We have done so and look at the results.

To love one’s neighbor. To see the other as a brother or sister. To serve the needs of the other. Can you imagine if we all had that attitude? We devalue life today. We see the uproar of people being killed today and rightfully so. Where is the uproar of those who are killed behind the scenes, namely those innocent babies in the wombs of their mothers?

We need to recognize our sinfulness as weakness and our dependency upon God. Simply put, we are like a car on a hill. If you put it in neutral, it will roll down, do damage, and suffer damage. If a car is parked on a hill, you need to put on the brakes. The same is true with us. If left to our own desires and feelings, we cause havoc within and without. We need to discipline our lives, put on the brakes of our sinful desires and live according to the ways taught by Jesus. This is the answer to our problems today.

As we sing, “let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me,” let us cleanse ourselves of our own darkness of anger, unforgiveness, self centeredness, jealousies and other destructive behaviors and contribute to the healing of this troubled world.

We renewed our program, FORMED, through which you can access the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic faith anytime and anywhere on your computer, tablet, or smart phone. If you are not already subscribed, you can access the program by visiting www.formed.org. Scroll down to the “individual” section, enter parish code e5d163, click “submit code,” create your profile and click “submit profile.” I encourage you to take advantage of this program. We need adults to grow in their faith formation and especially for parents to hand down their faith to their children.

I will be available for confessions this week on Tuesday, July 19, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

God love you,
Reflection of the Week

Our possessions are intended to be used for the common good and shared with those in need.

Scriptural Teaching
Holy Year of Mercy
December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016
Immaculate Conception to Christ the King

Please place this page on your refrigerator for this week’s reflection:

Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. The experience of the prophet Hosea can help us see the way in which mercy surpasses justice. The era in which the prophet lived was one of the most dramatic in the history of the Jewish people. The kingdom was tottering on the edge of destruction; the people had not remained faithful to the covenant; they had wandered from God and lost the faith of their forefathers. According to human logic, it seems reasonable for God to think of rejecting an unfaithful people; they had not observed their pact with God and therefore deserved just punishment: in other words, exile. The prophet’s words attest to this: “They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me” (Hos 11:5). And yet, after this invocation of justice, the prophet radically changes his speech and reveals the true face of God: “How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel! How can I make you like Admah! How can I treat you like Zeboim! My heart recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come to destroy” (11:8-9). Saint Augustine, almost as if he were commenting on these words of the prophet, says: “It is easier for God to hold back anger than mercy.” And so it is. God’s anger lasts but a moment, His mercy forever. —Pope Francis

A translation of Hosea 11:4 from the Jerusalem Bible is magnificent: God said, “I was as one who lifts an infant close against his cheek.” We are the children of God. He has inclined Himself to us. We are in the palm of His hand and He has raised us up to His cheek. Learn to snuggle in His embrace and so learn how to be merciful to others.
ADULT FOCUS

Bereavement Community
Hear how our members have dealt with loss and learn strategies and activities that have helped others move back into the warm peace of the Lord. Meetings are held on first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room. Please note time change to 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

Faith Sharing
Join us for insights and fellowship.
Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady’s Room
Tuesdays at noon. Call for confirmation.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph’s Room.
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room.

Knit, Purl, Pray
The Prayer Knitting Community meets on Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady’s Room. All are welcome.

Affirming Life Community
Heartbeat Pregnancy Center (781) 229-7887
A Women’s Concern Toll Free (866) 435-7292
Rachel’s Vineyard 877 HOPE 4 ME (877) 467-3463

Living With Chronic Illness Support Group
Support ministry for those experiencing chronic illness, cancer, or long-term medical conditions from both visible or invisible illnesses. Caretakers of anyone who has a chronic illness are welcome. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room.

Separated/Divorced Support Group
New Introductory Session starting on Wednesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room.

St. Joseph Table
Serving healthful meals to those in need on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday each month. Schedules may change to accommodate certain holy days and holidays.

For more information on any of these programs, please call Rose at 781-665-8172 or email: rmdittom@aol.com.

Religious Education

Registration Update

Registration for the 2016-2017 School Year is underway for students going into Grade 1 through Grade 9. Students are required to attend and complete programs in Grades 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 & 10. All other grades may register for home-schooling or to attend parish supplementary program.

Incoming Grade 9: Confirmation is a two-year program starting with Grade 9. Even if your child attends Catholic School, they must register for Grade 9 Religious Ed.

Incoming Grade 10 students must meet with Fr. Ron prior to being accepted into the Grade 10 program. Students can see Fr. Ron after any Mass.

Please call Diane Murphy at 781-245-5770 or email her at dmurphy@stjosephwakefield.org for more information. Books are available in the rectory for PS, K, 1, 3-8.

St. Joseph Parish Library
In the church foyer there is a library with an abundance of excellent Catholic books. Parishioners are welcome to take home any books that interest them and just return them when they finished. Come in and browse!

PARENTING CORNER

Loyola Press 3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. After each screen, a Continue button will appear. Click it when you are ready to move on. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience.

http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm
Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests
Please join us as we hold our monthly cenacle, on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact: Sharon Keith (781) 245-5770.

Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry
There are drop off baskets located in the foyer by the library for your donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the needy of our community. This month the pantry is especially in need of juice, instant coffee and reusable grocery bags. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Thank you from Heartbeat
Thank you to all who donated funds through the Baby Bottle Fundraiser and for the funds from the St. Joseph Social Committee to help families assisted through Heartbeat Pregnancy Help. Two hundred thirty-five babies were born during 2015 to families we are assisting, along with ninety-five since the first of this year. We also continue to provide help for many families from previous years. Your help makes a difference to the needy families we serve! God Bless all of you!

Volunteers needed! Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center in Burlington needs help weekday mornings, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. For more information, please call Rose Dittmer (617) 697-0888 or E-mail to rmdittom@aol.com.

Come Join Us for Our Support Groups on Divorce and Chronic Illness
Helping You Find Hope and Healing After Your Divorce
- Discover how to work through the emotions of separation and divorce.
- Experience personal healing and hope.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from others who share your experiences.
- Address questions of forgiveness and new family dynamics.

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2016
Time & Location: 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room.
For more information, please call Rose Dittmer at (617) 697-0888 or E-mail to rmdittom@aol.com.

OFFERTORY JULY 9-10 $ 11,177
Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O’Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on September 25th at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by September 2 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in September.

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS
Saint Joseph Elementary School in Wakefield is currently accepting registration for our Early Childhood 3/4 day and full day programs and our full day Kindergarten and grades one through grade 8 classes. Saint Joseph School is accredited by the NEASC and has a long tradition of academic excellence rooted in the Catholic faith. Our students are provided with a well rounded education that promotes individual responsibility, hard work, honesty, discipline, and commitment to the service of others in the spirit of the Gospel. Saint Joseph School provides our children with a safe environment where they can develop their faith, learn to use their minds well, make good decisions, and develop their unique skills and talents as they journey towards young adulthood. Registration forms are located in the front lobby or contact Alayne Flynn or Dr. Joseph Sullivan for further information at 781-245-2081 or Early Childhood Program at 781-245-0796.
Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 16
9:00  John Hayes,  
      Birthday Remembrance
4:00  Domenico & Filomena Scenna,  
      Memorial Mass

Sunday, July 17
7:30  Christine Benoit, 3rd Anniversary
9:00  Laura Gregory, 3rd Anniversary
11:00 Joseph Brehaut, 33rd Anniversary
5:30  Rose Fougere, 10th Anniversary

Monday, July 18
6:45  Special Intention
9:00  Doreen Flannery,  
      20th Anniversary

Tuesday, July 19
6:45  Lisa Barrasso, 4th Anniversary
9:00  Angelina DiGangi, Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, July 20
6:45  Lucy Desmond, 3rd Anniversary
9:00  Rose Napoli, Memorial Mass

Thursday, July 21
6:45  Domenico Staffieri,  
      Birthday Remembrance
9:00  Patricia Baril, 3rd Anniversary

Friday, July 22
6:45  Sophie Struzinski, 3rd Anniversary
9:00  Fannie & Thomas Ciulla, Sr.,  
      Memorial Mass

Saturday, July 23
9:00  Paul Comerford,  
      Memorial Mass
4:00  Doris Wells,  Memorial Mass

Sunday, July 24
7:30  Keith Reynolds, 2nd Anniversary
9:00  Peter Accardi, 33rd Anniversary
11:00 Carmine Daloia, Birthday Remembrance
5:30  John Anzuoni, Birthday Remembrance