Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

St. Joseph The Worker ~ May 1

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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

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.

Saint Joseph School & Early Childhood Center
Dr. Joseph Sullivan, Principal
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Dear Parishioners,

We are in the Easter season where we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Because of this great event, we now have the hope of eternal life. As we experienced during Divine Mercy last Sunday, it is out of God’s mercy that we have been redeemed. We are on a journey to our heavenly homeland. What a glorious day it will be to see Jesus face to face. Death is no longer to be feared for it is a passage way to eternal life due to the resurrection of Jesus.

This part of a sermon by St. Augustine is good for reflection:

\[\text{We see the lovers of this present transitory life strive so hard for it, that when the fear of death looms up they do everything they can, not to eliminate death but simply to put it off. The pains a person will take, the trouble he will endure when death looms ahead, running away, going into hiding, giving everything he has and paying his ransom, struggling, enduring all sorts of torments and afflictions, bringing in doctors and whatever else a person can do! But notice how one can take endless pains and spend all of his means in order to live a little longer; but when it comes to living forever, he can do nothing. If so much care and labor then is spent on gaining a little additional length of life, how ought we to strive after life eternal? And if those people who try in every possible way to put off death are thought to be wise, even though they can only live a few days longer, how foolish are they who live in such a way that they lose the eternal day?}\]

Please keep our second grade class in prayer as they will be receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

As a reminder, we will be having our monthly Healing Mass this Wednesday, May 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the rosary.

I will be available for confession this week on Monday, May 1, from 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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

God love you,
Reflection of the Week

God is at work to make us who He intends us to be.

Holy Hour
A time of quiet music & reflection
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Prayer Group
Hour of praise and charismatic prayer
Monday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Bible Study
DVD Series The Eucharist
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Healing Mass
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Healing Soaking Prayer
Thursday 2:00 p.m.

Spiritual Teaching

Growing in the Wind

Imagine a world without wind. Lakes would be calm. Falling leaves wouldn’t blow in the streets. But in still air, who would expect trees to suddenly fall over? That’s what happened in a three-acre glass dome built in the Arizona desert. Trees growing inside a huge windless bubble called Biosphere 2 grew faster than normal until suddenly collapsing under their own weight. Project researchers eventually came up with an explanation. These trees needed wind stress to grow strong.

Jesus let His disciples experience gale-force winds to strengthen their faith (Mark 4:36–41). During a night crossing of familiar waters, a sudden storm proved too much even for these seasoned fishermen. Wind and waves were swamping their boat while an exhausted Jesus slept in the stern. In a panic they woke Him. Didn’t it bother their Teacher that they were about to die? What was He thinking? Then they began to find out. Jesus told the wind and waves to be quiet—and asked His friends why they still had no faith in Him.

If the wind had not blown, these disciples would never have asked, “Who is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!” (Mark 4:41).

Today, life in a protective bubble might sound good. But how strong would our faith be if we couldn’t discover for ourselves His reassuring “be still” when the winds of circumstance howl? ~ Mart Dehaan.

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**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, May 2.**

**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.
**Thursdays** at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room.

**Affirming Life Community**
The next Affirming Life Meeting will be on **Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m.** in the rectory.
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

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

**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 is on Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room.**

**Separated/Divorced Support Group**
Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. in Our Lady’s Room. **Please note new time is 6 p.m.** Please email Rose at rmdittom@aol.com for more information or call 781-665-8172 for more details.

**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.

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**Join us for the 1st Annual Leonard Duggan Memorial Golf Tournament**

**Monday, May 22, 2017**
Bear Hill Golf Club

**Only a few golfing spots left but there are many opportunities to join us for a lovely buffet dinner! Also, we are looking for more sponsors. Sponsors are what make a Golf Tournament successful. Please consider sponsoring through your business, through your family, or in memory of a loved one. Sponsorships start as low as $100.**

Organized by our parish, all proceeds will benefit our school! Lenny was a long time member of Bear Hill Golf Club, a devoted friend of Saint Joseph School, and a fixture at Saint Joseph Parish, especially the 9 a.m. daily Mass. It was his fondest wish to see a golf tournament as a school fundraiser, and we are delighted to honor his memory through this special event!

For more information, visit: www.stjosephwakefield.org or contact Merry Nordeen at the rectory.

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**Adoration Coverage Needed**

We are especially in need of coverage on **Mondays from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., & 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., & 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., & 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. & Fridays 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., & 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Please call the rectory to sign up.

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**Men’s Group**

Please join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Ministry Room. Men of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a ministry that reaches out to all Christian men (18+). For more information please contact Bill Hicks: billhicks@ymail.com. On May 13th, Fr. Jurgen Llias will be our guest speaker.
Our Lady’s Sodality Meeting

Our Lady’s Sodality Meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, at St. Joseph Church Hall. Our guest for this evening will be Jaymie Stuart Wolfe. Jaymie is a wife and mother of eight, Catholic convert and she echoes God’s universal call to holiness through her work as an author, Pilot columnist, speaker, musician and full-time Acquisitions Editor of Our Sunday Visitor. May's agenda also includes make your own sundae; so refrain from dessert at home and come and enjoy! Paula Whittemore will be taking reservations for our June 14th banquet which will be catered by Laurie's 909 in the church hall (cost $25.00).

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program:

- Prayer and fasting
- Constant vigil
- Community outreach

For more information about our Affirming Life Community, please call Rose at 781-665-8172 or email: rmdittom@aol.com.

Box Tops for Education

The Students at Saint Joseph’s School thank you for your continued support of our Box Tops for Education Program. The Box Tops for Education Program is a great way to help the school earn money by clipping Box Tops from products you already use! Please continue to clip Box Tops from participating products and deposit them in the Saint Joseph School Box Tops collection box located in the Church Foyer.

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests

The regional monthly Cenacle will be held on May 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the church 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.

OFFERTORY APRIL 22-23 $ 12,396
Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.
Your prayers are requested for the benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our community. 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 to add a name.

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

- William Patrick Edmonds
  child of Brian & Sally

- Melanie - Belle Jeanty
  child of Fred & Evelyne

- Troy Michael Kozlowski
  child of Michael & Sarah

- Charlotte Karen Plant
  child of Robert & Karen

- Evelyn Bobby Skillings
  child of Jason & Gina

- Abigail Genevieve Warner
  child of Timothy & Alicia

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 baked beans, beef stew, chili, jars of pasta sauce. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Scripture for the week of April 30, 2017

- **SUN**: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- **Mon**: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- **Tue**: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- **Wed**: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- **Thu**: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- **Fri**: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- **Sat**: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
- **SUN**: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10