

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

Morning Session



July 2017 ~ Saint Joseph Vacation Bible School

Afternoon Session



July 23, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

This past week we had our Summer Vacation Bible School, *Passport to Peru*. There were a total of 100 campers in both the morning and afternoon program with 40 facilitators, including many high school students completing community service. Each day one memorable Bible point was reinforced through games, songs, imagination station and Bible theater. The five Bible points were that God gives us comfort, patience, peace, love and joy. I wish to thank Sharon Keith who has directed our Bible camps and all her helpers. I remind parents that the Bible camp continues now each day in their homes with daily family prayer and Scripture.

We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday - Friday beginning after the 9 a.m. Mass up until midnight except on Wednesday when Adoration comes to an end at 6:30 p.m. and on Friday ending at 10:30 p.m. The bulletin lists the times that we are in need of coverage for our Eucharistic Adoration on page 5. There is a gradual turnover due to sickness, death, or other reasons. We need to have at least two people committed to one half hour. If you are able to fill one of the vacant time slots, please call the rectory so you may be put on the schedule. Again, this is showing hospitality to the presence of the Eucharistic Lord who is in our community, dwelling among us in our tabernacles. It is our desire that each family be represented once a week in Adoration before the Lord. I thank all who are faithfully committed to Eucharistic Adoration. It is a blessing to our parish community.

We will begin a new DVD series on Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. It is a series on *The Catholic Faith Explained*. We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic faith. But how does it all fit together? This series opens up the “big picture” of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it, and articulate it to others. In it, Edward Sri leads a team of teachers. You can also see the series online through our parish subscription to *Formed.org*.

I will be available for confession this week on Tuesday, July 25, from 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

God love you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Ron".

Reflection of the Week

*You take the time
to do the things
that are important
to you.*



HOLY HOUR

A time of quiet music & reflection

Sunday 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

Scripture Reading and 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.

Spiritual Teaching

Too Good Not to Share

During court proceedings, witnesses are more than onlookers or spectators. They are active participants who help determine the outcome of a case. The same is true of our witness for Christ. We are to be active participants in a matter of absolute importance—the truth of Jesus’s death and resurrection.

When John the Baptist came to tell people about Jesus, the light of the world, he did so by declaring his knowledge of Jesus. And John the disciple, who recorded the events, testified of his experience with Jesus: “We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). The apostle Paul would elaborate on this idea as he told young Timothy, “The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others” (2 Tim. 2:2).

All Christians have been summoned before the courtroom of the world. The Bible says we are not mere spectators but active participants. We testify to the truth about Jesus’s death and resurrection. John the Baptist was the voice of one calling in the desert. Our voices can be heard in our workplace, neighborhood, church, and among our family and friends. We can be active witnesses, telling them about the reality of Jesus in our lives. ~Lawrence Darmani.



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. **Next Meeting will be August 1.**

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.

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 held on Wednesday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady's Room.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16, 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.

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.



Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Rosary



A monthly outdoor rosary prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will meet next month on **Sunday, August 13** at noon in front of the statue of Our Lady. For information on the messages of Fatima visit www.santuario-fatima.pt.

On this site, you can also view live broadcasts of services conducted in Fatima, Portugal, directly from the apparitions chapel.

PARENTING CORNER

As you know, our Religious Education program schedules meetings with both children and parents throughout the year. Through their discussion, parents have shared ideas that have carried them through their talks with their children on spiritual matters.

The following are some of the suggestions parents from Grade 1 and 2 offered for "keeping the faith" especially during the summer months. This column will run periodically with a variety of themes...

- When travelling some families pointed out that they tried to visit at least one new church pointing out the similarities between that one and their home parish of St. Joseph. This opened discussion on the importance of continuing to attend Mass during their vacation and why it was especially important to recognize that Jesus should, and can be, included in our vacation plans.

- Along the lines of connecting children to the wonders of creation, one can point out the beauty of whatever area one is in at home or on vacation and having a quick discussion on God's powers and goodness in light of his creation.

- One way to keep God centered while on vacation is to open the day with a prayer thanking God for the new day, and then again thanking God for the events of another beautiful day. Of course other prayers can be utilized during the day. One way to deepen this practice is to incorporate the condensed form of Ignatian Spirituality -- (St. Ignatius found God everywhere - in work, play, nature, etc.)

If you have a special "God" oriented practice, and would like to include it here, contact Rose Dittmer (rmdittom@aol.com).




The Affirming Life Committee



The Affirming Life Committee would like to thank you for all of your very generous donations to our Baby Bottle Drive. Proceeds are divided between *Heartbeat Pregnancy* in Burlington and *A Woman's Concern* in Revere and will be used for food, clothing supplies among other things. The total gratefully received is \$5,525. The next project for our committee will be providing a summertime activity for guests in several area shelters for the homeless. If interested in joining us, please contact Rose Dittmer: rmdittom@aol.com.

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. 

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box Offering: June 2017 \$ 1,730.49
Thank You

Distributions for Month of June 2017

Utilities	\$ 1,699.74
Hotel	852.25
Rent	1,820.00
SVDP District Meeting	200.00
Food gift cards	379.00
Total:	\$ 4, 950.99



OFFERTORY JULY 15-16 \$ 11,999

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. JAMES: \$ 13,950

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.



Religious Education

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year is underway for students going into Grade 1 through Grade 9.

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.

Adoration Coverage Needed



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



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Joseph School is now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Our Early Childhood Program serves children from ages 2.9 to 5 with flexible days and hours. Our elementary school serves children from (full day) Kindergarten through Grade 8.

For more information and to arrange a private tour, call Alayne Flynn at 781-245-2081.

Your prayers are requested for the **Pray For** benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our community especially Thomas Rosa, Doris DiGiammarino & Mary Mastrocola. 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.



Please pray for all those currently serving in the military and for all those deployed overseas especially for Steven Doucette, Matthew Hassey, Brian LeClair, Matthew MacKay, Josh Robidoux, and Justin Whitmarsh.



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

Noah John Griffin

child of Patrick & Erin

Jules Holland Popek

child of Derek & Krista

William Francis Walsh

child of William & Mary

Jayson Parker Woodward

child of Thomas & Samantha

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22

9:00 Kathleen Keith, Birthday Celebration

4:00 Richard DeSano, 6th Anniversary

Sunday, July 23

7:30 Gerald Leone, 1st Anniversary

9:00 Peter Accardi, 34th Anniversary

11:00 Joseph Brehaut, 34th Anniversary

5:30 Rose Fougere, 11th Anniversary

Monday, July 24

9:00 Carmine Daloia,
Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 Edward DeGurski, Healing Intention

Wednesday, July 26

6:45 Special Intention

9:00 Special Intention

Thursday, July 27

9:00 Georgianne Doucette,
Birthday Remembrance

Friday, July 28

9:00 Special Intention

Saturday, July 29

9:00 Alfred Esposito,
Birthday Remembrance

4:00 Marian & Joseph Dischino,
Anniversary Mass

Sunday, July 30

7:30 Matilda & Manuel Viera,
Memorial Mass

9:00 Mary Mastrocola,
Memorial Mass

11:00 Antonio Cardone,
Memorial Mass

5:30 Doris Bushey, Memorial Mass

St. Joseph Parish Library

There is a library in the Church foyer with an abundance of excellent Catholic books. Parishioners are welcome to take home any books that interest them and just return them when they are finished. Come in and browse!



Please note! Lost and Found is also located in this area or please check in the rectory office.

Scripture for the week of July 23, 2017

SUN Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Mon Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tue 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Wed Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Thu Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Fri Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Sat Ex 24:3-8 (400)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
SUN 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46