

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



**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*

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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

**Religious Education**

Elizabeth Collins, *Grade 1 - 2*

Sharon Keith, *Grades 3-8*

Fr. Ron Barker, *Grade 10*

Carissa Scudieri, *Grade 9, Youth Minister*

Diane Murphy, *Administration*

**Saint Joseph School**

**& Early Childhood Center**

Dr. Joseph Sullivan, *Principal*

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**July 30, 2017**



Dear Parishioners,

There are times when you read an article that it makes you stop and think.

*The universe is astonishingly grand. Right now the moon is spinning around us at nearly 2,300 miles an hour. Our Earth is spinning around the sun at 66,000 miles an hour. Our sun is one of 200 billion other stars and trillions more planets in our galaxy, and that galaxy is just one of 100 billion others hurtling through space. Astounding!*

*In comparison to this vast cosmos, our little Earth is no bigger than a pebble, and our individual lives no greater than a grain of sand. Yet according to Scripture, the God of the galaxies attends to each microscopic one of us in intimate detail. He saw us before we existed (Ps. 139:13–16); He watches us as we go about our days and listens for our every thought (vv. 1–6). (Sheridan Voysey, *Our Daily Bread*®, © 2017)*

This means that Jesus, who is the Creator of all that is, has me in mind. He is involved in my little world and that gives me comfort. If He can be in charge of this vast universe, He can surely handle my problems.

As I mentioned last week, we 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*.

The monthly Healing Mass will be this Wednesday, August 2, starting with the rosary at 7:00 p.m.

I will be available for confession this week on Monday, July 31, 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

*When we put our cares  
into His hands,  
He puts His peace  
into our hearts.*



### 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 MASS

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### HEALING SOAKING PRAYER

Thursday 2:00 p.m.

## Spiritual Teaching

### The Burden of Waiting

**Over the last few years**, two members of my family have faced life-threatening diagnoses. For me, the hardest part of supporting them through their treatments has been the constant uncertainty. I am always desperate for a definitive word from a doctor, but things are rarely that straightforward. Instead of being given clarity, we are often asked to wait.

It's hard to bear the burden of uncertainty, always wondering what the next test will reveal. Will we have weeks, months, years, or decades before death separates us? But regardless of disease and diagnosis, each of us will die one day—things like cancer just bring our mortality to the forefront instead of letting it hide in the recesses of our minds.

Faced with sobering reminders of our mortality, I find myself praying words that Moses once prayed. Psalm 90 tells us that though our lives are like grass that withers and fades (vv. 5–6), we have an eternal home with God (v. 1). Like Moses, we can ask God to teach us to number our days so we can make wise decisions (v. 12), and to make our brief lives fruitful by making what we do for Him count (v. 17). Ultimately, the psalm reminds us that our hope is not in a doctor's diagnosis, but in a God who is "from everlasting to everlasting." ~Amy Peterson

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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. **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](mailto: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](mailto:billhicks@ymail.com).



## St Vincent de Paul Food Drive Weekend of August 19/20



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding a food drive on Sat./Sun., August 19/20 to benefit Wakefield's Interfaith Food Pantry. Donated items will be distributed to the needy in our community via the food pantry. **The food pantry is especially in need of: Adult cereals, jars of pasta sauce, Progresso Chunky Soups, instant or ground coffee, canned white tuna or chicken and toiletries.** *The St. Vincent de Paul members will be in the church hall at all the weekend Masses August 19/20 to accept your donations.*

### 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](http://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

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>



**THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE**

Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lowell Memorial Auditorium



A Catholic Conference for all adults, ages 20 through 120, focused on the gift of Holy Hope!

Come and join 2000+ other Catholic men and women for a full day filled with five powerful talks, incredible Christian Music, and the fellowship of thousands who unite their hearts in Holy Hope. The Holy Mass, Confessions and Adoration will all be included in this amazing day of grace.

Please visit: [www.HopeConferences.com](http://www.HopeConferences.com) for more information and to register.



**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](mailto:dmurphy@stjosephwakefield.org) for more information.

**St. Joseph Parish Expenses Paid  
July 8, 2017 - July 21, 2017**

Altar Supplies	954
Audio Visual	534
Building Maintenance & Supplies	521
Charitable Works	100
Dues & Subscriptions	90
Offertory Envelopes	277
Office Supplies & Expense	994
Payroll & Taxes	15,751
Rectory Food & Supplies	997
Religious Education	484
Software	57
Utilities	3,111
Wakefield Food Pantry	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,370</b>

**Next Week Special Collection**

Next week's Special Collection (August 5-6) supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC communicates the Gospel through various formats, including social media, podcasts, TV, radio, and print media.

**OFFERTORY JULY 22-23 \$ 9,904**

**Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.**

**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 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. 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. 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:*

**Natalia Catherine Imbruglia**  
child of Frank & Kristen

### Mass Intentions

#### 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

#### Monday, July 31

- 6:45 Glenn Preston, Healing Intention  
9:00 Mary Kate Callahan, Healing Intention

#### Tuesday, August 1

- 6:45 Daniel Lovett, 1st Anniversary

#### Wednesday, August 2

- 6:45 Healing Intention  
9:00 Verna Brandl, Memorial Mass

#### Thursday, August 3

- 6:45 Ed Paris, Healing Intention

#### Friday, August 4

- 9:00 Doris DiGiammarino,  
Memorial Mass

#### Saturday, August 5

- 9:00 Mary Theresa Fisher,  
1st Anniversary  
4:00 David Eldridge, 1st Anniversary

#### Sunday, August 6

- 7:30 Healing Intentions  
9:00 Fredrick A. Wheaton, Jr.,  
20th Anniversary  
11:00 Paul Leavitt,  
20th Anniversary  
5:30 Janice Wenc, 1st Anniversary



### SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their **25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at Holy Name Parish in West Roxbury.** The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 19, at 3:00 p.m. and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. Please visit [bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass](http://bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass). Please register by November 5 to have your name included. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple.

Please contact Liz Cotrupi ([cotrup\\_e@rcab.org](mailto:cotrup_e@rcab.org), or 617-746-5756) for more information.

### Scripture for the week of July 30, 2017

<b>SUN</b>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
<b>Mon</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tue</b>	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wed</b>	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
<b>Thu</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
<b>Fri</b>	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16, 27,34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
<b>Sat</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
<b>SUN</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9