

Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
The Transfiguration of the Lord

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.

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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



August 6, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned before, we will be replacing the Mary statue in the church plaza. When you look at the statue you might wonder why we are replacing it since it looks fine at this moment. The reason is that due to excessive decomposition of the fiberglass structure and damage from UV sunlight, the paint has peeled and the mounting brackets have cracked. We have completed a cosmetic restoration which is not a lasting repair because of the extensive damage. It would cost more to fully repair the statue than to replace it.

In the interim, we have scraped off the loose material, sanded the surface smooth, applied a new coat of paint, and replaced the mounting brackets. This allows us a window of opportunity to obtain a quality replacement that the statue of Mary rightfully deserves.

We begin a new DVD series this week 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 discusses the “big picture” of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us to know it, live it, and articulate it to others. In it, Edward Sri leads a team of teachers. For those who cannot come to the Church, you can also see this same series online through our parish subscription to *Formed.org*. Contact the rectory for information on how to access *Formed.org*.

CALEB'S CORNER



*May our perfect
happiness be found
in heaven, where
dogs and humans
shall reside together
in eternity.*

~ A Dog's Prayer

Just a reminder, we have different spiritual activities during the week. One is our Sunday evening Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m. We gather to spend time with the Lord with reflective music and meditation. It is a good way to close our Sabbath day.

I will be available for confession this week on Wednesday, August 9, from 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

God love you,

Reflection of the Week

*To show His love,
Jesus died for us;
to show our love,
we live for Him.*



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

DVD Series, The Catholic Faith Explained
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

HEALING SOAKING PRAYER

Come meet us to pray for healing
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m.

Spiritual Teaching

Five-Minute Rule

I read about a five-minute rule that a mother had for her children. They had to be ready for school and gather together five minutes before it was time to leave each day.

They would gather around Mom, and she would pray for each one by name, asking for the Lord's blessing on their day. Then she'd give them a kiss and off they'd run. Even neighborhood kids would be included in the prayer circle if they happened to stop by. One of the children said many years later that she learned from this experience how crucial prayer is to her day.

The writer of Psalm 102 knew the importance of prayer. This psalm is labeled, "A prayer of an afflicted person who has grown weak and pours out a lament before the Lord." He cried out, "Hear my prayer, Lord; . . . when I call, answer me quickly" (vv. 1-2). God looks down "from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he [views] the earth" (v. 19).

God cares for you and wants to hear from you. Whether you follow the five-minute rule asking for blessings on the day, or need to spend more time crying out to Him in deep distress, talk to the Lord each day. Your example may have a big impact on your family or someone close to you. ~Anne Cetas

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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 September 5.**

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

Next meeting will be on **August 17, at 6:00 p.m.** in the rectory.

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.

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.

Please email Rose at rmdittom@aol.com for more information on any of the above programs or call 781-665-8172 for more details.

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.



LITURGY CORNER

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is), and stands as a testament of Mary's love for her divine Son and for all her children. We are called to express a similar love and live a life of virtue as declared by Pope Paul VI, when he renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart.



The veneration of Mary grew through the early centuries of the church with special devotions emerging such as special fasts, prayers and other customs traditionally scheduled on Marian Saturdays.

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

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 for more information and to register.

**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.

This Week Special Collection

This 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.

July Offertory

Weekly Offertory	\$ 57,754.00
Electronic Giving	<u>19,162.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$ 76,916.00

Needed to make expenses \$ 75,000.00
Without Grand Annual Collection

OFFERTORY JULY 29-30 \$ 12,255

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 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.
 Especially John Fitzpatrick & Kelly Ledoux-Walsh. 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:

James Patrick McWilliam
 child of James & Jill

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

Monday, August 7

6:45 Walter Maloney, Jr.
 & Susan Maloney – Dennett,
 Memorial Mass
 9:00 Thomas Deveney & Tommy Deveney,
 Memorial Mass

Tuesday, August 8

6:45 Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Mary Sullivan,
 Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 Muriel de Zylva, Memorial Mass

Thursday, August 10

9:00 Mary Bentz, 9th Anniversary

Friday, August 11

9:00 Alice Griffin, Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 12

9:00 Andrea Gerace, 6th Anniversary
 4:00 Maria & Charles Trainito,
 Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 13

7:30 Raymond Dubé, 33rd Anniversary
 9:00 John Ferreira, 36th Anniversary
 11:00 Manuel & Linda Martone,
 Memorial Mass
 5:30 Ralph Petraglia, Memorial Mass

**Need a little help with your everyday activities?
 Contact Our Christian Service Ministry.**



If you are experiencing a difficult time and in need of some help or are interested in joining this ministry, please call: Lucia Beaton at 781-820-6039.

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.

Scripture for the week of August 6, 2017

SUN Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Mon Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tue Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
Thu 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Fri Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Sat Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
SUN 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33