

Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
Nineteenth 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

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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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
~ August 15

August 13, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is our belief that since Mary was immaculate from the moment of her conception, her body was not subject to decay but shares in the fullness of the redemption won for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus. She was assumed body and soul into heaven. For us our bodies will be reunited with our souls at the end of time. The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a holy day of obligation and the Mass schedule can be found on page 5.

I have mentioned before how the Lord looks forward to seeing you arrive to be in His Presence. I came across this reflection by Fr. Dajczer, a Polish priest and professor of theology, that was thought provoking.

It is so important that your faith in Christ's love increase and that you believe ever more firmly in His ardent desire to come to you in the Eucharist. When you finally come to believe how greatly He loves you and awaits you, then you will realize that, if you delay, in His folly of love for you, God experiences what psychology calls the torment of looking for someone to come. When you start to believe that Jesus loves you, that in fact He waits for you, then as a consequence of your faith, the hunger for God, the desire for the Eucharist, should awaken within you a painful yearning for His coming.

The torment of looking for a loved one to come is similar to the torment of love that is rejected. The more a mother loves a child who does not return, the greater is her torment in longing to see him again; how much more so if this love is the infinite love of God that you cannot even imagine. How great, then, must His torment be in looking for you to come.

Belief in His desire to meet with you will prevent you from falling into routine behavior, which is one of the greatest threats to your faith. When you come to believe fully in the infinite love of Jesus and when you realize His torment of looking for you to come to the Eucharistic table, then you will no longer be able to live without the Eucharist. The hunger for God and the burning desire to meet the Lord will be within you, and routine cannot coexist with that hunger.

What an interesting concept of having a torment of love.

I will be available for confession this week on Monday, August 14, 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

*To forgive is to set
a prisoner free
and discover that
the prisoner
was 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

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

When Morning Comes

It was very late when we stopped for the night at a country inn outside of Munich. We were delighted to see that our cozy room had a balcony, although an oppressive fog made it impossible to see into the darkness. But when the sun rose a few hours later, the haze began to fade. Then we could see what had been grimly shrouded the night before—a completely idyllic scene—peaceful and lush green meadow, sheep grazing with tiny tinkling bells about their necks, and big white clouds in the sky that looked exactly like more sheep—*huge, fluffy sheep!*

Sometimes life can get clouded over by a heavy fog of despair. Our situation may look so dark that we begin to lose hope. But just as the sun burns away a fog, our faith in God can burn away the haze of doubt. Hebrews 11 defines faith as “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see” (v. 1). The passage goes on to remind us of the faith of Noah, who was “warned about things not yet seen,” yet obeyed God (v. 7). And Abraham who went where God directed—even though he didn’t know where that would be (v. 8).

Though we have not seen Him and cannot always feel His presence, God is always present and will help us through our darkest nights. ~Cindy Hess Kasper

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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 **Thursday, 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, September 13, 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.



Social Committee Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 24 Ladies Shopping Night!

Friday, September 15 Movie: The War Room

Saturday, September 30 First Aid/CPR Class

Saturday, October 21 Pot Luck Dinner

***DETAILS are posted on bulletin board in foyer.**



Thank you from the Affirming

Life Committee to all those who

contributed and volunteered at the

Summer Fun activities event held

last week for families who are in temporary

housing in the local area.

Opening Fall 2018!

Malden Catholic High School for Girls

Join us for our next Girls Information Night!


Wednesday, August 30th, 6:30 p.m.

Malden Catholic, 99 Crystal St., Malden, MA 02148.

Register online at: maldencatholic.org/girlsinfonight

For more information, contact Admissions at

781-475-5308 or robbinsb@maldencatholic.org



Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Rosary

A monthly outdoor rosary prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will meet this weekend on **Sunday, August 13 at Noon** in front of the statue of Our Lady.

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.

Mass Schedule
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Monday, August 14, 2017

Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

6:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.



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.

St. Vincent de Paul



Poor Box Offering: July 2017 \$ 3,309.09
Thank You

Distributions for Month of July 2017

Utilities	\$ 1,168.35
Hotel	1,141.67
Rent	386.00
Food gift cards	<u>251.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,947.02

St. Joseph Parish Expenses Paid
July 22, 2017 - August 2, 2017

Altar Supplies	410
Books & Pamphlets	797
Building Maintenance & Supplies	638
Sacristy Floor	2,845
Coffee & Donuts	584
Hospitality	304
Landscaping / Church Flowers	773
Payroll & Taxes	19,876
The Pilot	360
Religious Education Books	1,195
Saint Joseph Table	458
Saint Joseph School Support	4,000
Vacation Bible School	400
Wakefield Food Pantry	500
Total	\$ 33,140

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.

OFFERTORY AUGUST 5-6 \$ 11,374

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

Your prayers are requested for the **Pray For** benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our community especially for Mary Ann Saunders. 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.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 14

6:45 Michael Kelly, Birthday Remembrance
9:00 John Looney, Birthday Remembrance
4:00 Vigil Mass ~ The Assumption of Mary

Tuesday, August 15

6:45 The Assumption of Mary
9:00 The Assumption of Mary
6:00 The Assumption of Mary

Wednesday, August 16

6:45 Leo F. Beane, Sr., Memorial Mass
9:00 Mary Esposito, Birthday Remembrance

Thursday, August 17

6:45 Doris DiGiammarino, Month's Mind
9:00 Special Intention

Friday, August 18

6:45 Clara Travia, 11th Anniversary
9:00 Andrea Gerace,
Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, August 19

9:00 Marianne Venezia,
Birthday Remembrance
4:00 Louis Bortone, Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 20

7:30 Leo Tecce, Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Doris DiGiammarino, Memorial Mass
11:00 Jack Hamboyan, 42nd Anniversary
5:30 Theodore Roche, Jr., 7th Anniversary



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:

Edmund William Norton

child of Isaiah & Amanda



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

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding a food drive **next weekend 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.*



Save the Date!

EWTN'S FREE FAMILY CELEBRATION EVENT
September 9-10, 2017 • DCU Center • Worcester, MA

For more information:

<http://www.ewtn.com/familycelebration/>

Scripture for the week of August 13, 2017

SUN 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Mon Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tue Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wed Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thu Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Sat Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
SUN Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28