

Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
Twentieth 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*

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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 20, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

Today, we see a world in which many are neglecting their spiritual lives. This article by Charles Stanley is a good example for reflection.

There are also many saved individuals who walk with the heavenly Father for a time but then get off track. This happens for a variety of reasons. If you discover your heart is loyal to something besides Christ, it's vital to acknowledge that this has happened. Identify which attitudes or activities are drawing you away from Him. Some become fainthearted and lose the desire to persevere through challenging circumstances. For others, worldly ideas and goals become distractions —or perhaps certain people influence them to lose focus. Sports, hobbies, or simply busyness can also cause a believer's heart to stray from Christ. If this is something that has happened to you, then repent and get whatever help is necessary to set aside diversions, insecurity, worldly desires, or anything else that draws your attention away from the Lord. Once the distraction is gone, refocus on Jesus by reading the Word, praying, learning from biblical messages, and spending time with godly friends who will encourage you. After living outside of God's best for a while, it can be hard to discipline yourself to function as the Lord desires. No matter what the cause, any life separated from the only true anchor – Jesus – is in danger. God offers believers a full life in Him. But the Bible teaches that Christians will not thrive if they live apart from God's Word, His principles, and an ever-deepening relationship with Him. Following His plan - in His strength - is the way to peace, joy, and contentment in life.

I will be available for confession this week on Tuesday, August 22, 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, appearing to read "Fr. Ron".

Reflection of the Week

*Never sacrifice
the permanent
on the altar
of the immediate.*



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

Sweet Scent

Author Rita Snowden tells a delightful story about visiting a small village in Dover, England. Sitting outside a café one afternoon enjoying a cup of tea, she became aware of a beautiful scent. Rita asked a waiter where it was coming from, and was told it was the people she could see passing by. Most of the villagers were employed at a nearby perfume factory. As they walked home, they carried the fragrance that permeated their clothes out into the street.

What a beautiful image of the Christian life! As the apostle Paul says, we are the aroma of Christ, spreading His fragrance everywhere (2 Cor. 2:15). Paul uses the image of a king returning from battle, his soldiers and captives in tow, wafting the smell of celebratory incense in the air, declaring the king's greatness (v. 14).

We spread the aroma of Christ in two ways. First, through our words: telling others about the One who is beautiful. Second, through our lives: doing deeds of Christlike sacrifice (Eph. 5:1-2). While not everyone will appreciate the divine fragrance we share, it will bring life to many.

Rita Snowden caught a scent and was driven to seek its source. As we follow Jesus we too become permeated with His fragrance, and we carry His aroma into the streets through our words and deeds. ~ Sheridan Voysey

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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 held on Tuesday, 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

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 on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. ~ 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*

Interested in taking a First Aid & CPR/AED class?

Saturday, September 30, 2017 9am-3pm

Fr. Gillis Hall ~ Presented by: Action Ambulance Company. **Class size is limited - first registration & checks received will be honored To register: please bring a check for \$65.00 made out to St. Joseph Parish to the rectory office.** Cost includes lunch & CPR certificate. *Questions?* Call Janet Rivers @ 781-910-5011 or Terry Grady @ 781-864-5908

- ◆ Saturday, October 21 Pot Luck Dinner

DETAILS are posted on bulletin board in foyer.

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.



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/>

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!

Please visit: www.HopeConferences.com for more information and to register.



Thank you from the Affirming Life Committee to all those who contributed and volunteered at the *Summer Fun* activities event held this month for families who are in temporary housing in the local area.

Children's Choir



Please come and join our Children's choir this year! We are welcoming new members from grade 2 and up. We rehearse every Thursday from 3:45 - 5:00, and sing twice a month at the 9:00 Mass. We have a lot of fun singing and praying together, and learning about music, teamwork, and our faith. We also have other fun activities and parties throughout the year. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please see Anne in the music area after Mass, or send an email to seraphim173@gmail.com. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 21st.

Adult Choir

Please come and join the St. Joseph Adult Choir this year! Rehearsals are every Thursday night from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm, and the choir sings at the 11:00 am Mass every other Sunday. If you are interested in joining, or would like more information about the choir, please see Anne Grant in the music area after Mass, or send an email to seraphim173@gmail.com. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 14th.

Youth Choir

We are welcoming new members in grades 8-12 to our Youth Choir this year! The group will sing at two 5:30 Sunday night Masses per month, following a rehearsal earlier in the day from 3:00 - 5:15. If you are interested in joining, or if you would like more information about the group, please see Anne in the music area after Mass, or send an email to seraphim173@gmail.com.



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.

OFFERTORY AUGUST 12-13 \$ 11,531

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

Pray For Your prayers are requested for the benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our community especially Mary Paone. 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:

Teresa Rose Anzalone

child of Theodore & MaryBeth

Chase Nelson Last

child of Bryan & Nicole

James Michael Papaluca, Jr.

child of James & Jessica

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 19

9:00 Marianne Venezia,
Birthday Remembrance
4:00 Special Intentions

Sunday, August 20

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

Monday, August 21

6:45 Kathleen Anacito, Memorial Mass
9:00 Anna Lucey, 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, August 22

6:45 Bernard Marcotte,
Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Bill & Billy Bryson, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, August 23

6:45 Charles Von Rhee,
Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Sr. Paula Merrill & Sr. Margaret Held,
1st Anniversary

Thursday, August 24

6:45 Carlyn Garlit, Birthday Celebration
9:00 Nicholas Diranian, 1st Anniversary

Friday, August 25

6:45 Francis White, 1st Anniversary
9:00 Special Intention

Saturday, August 26

9:00 Mr. Ligotti, Memorial Mass
4:00 Robert Mastrocola,
Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 27

7:30 Benito Bottaro, Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Mary Sullivan, 14th Anniversary
11:00 Paul Murphy, 2nd Anniversary
5:30 Manuel & Linda Martone,
Memorial Mass



Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Rosary

A monthly outdoor rosary prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will meet on **Wednesday, September 13 at Noon** in front of the statue of Our Lady.

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 20, 2017

SUN Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Mon Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tue Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wed Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thu Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Fri Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Sat Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
SUN Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20