

Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
Twenty - First 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.

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Fr. Ron Barker, *Pastor*

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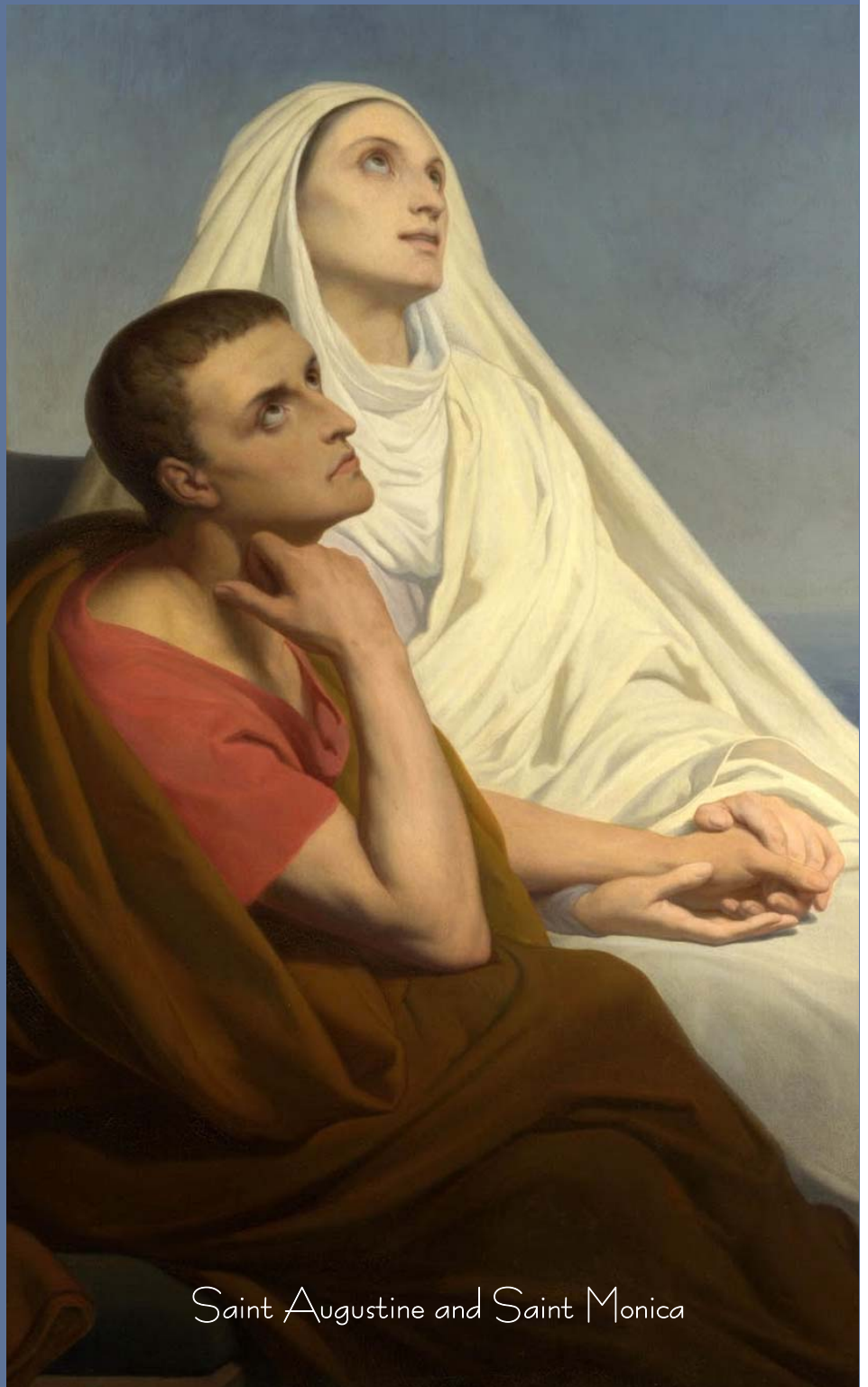
www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org

Chapel Hours 7:00 AM - Midnight

Adoration (M-F)-10:00AM - 12 AM

Weds 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

No Adoration on Holidays



Saint Augustine and Saint Monica

August 27, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

I encourage you to attend Mass as frequently as you can. This is a great way to nourish your relationship with Jesus. We hear His Word in Scripture and receive His body and blood in communion. As we eat physically each day to keep the body healthy, the food of His Word, body and blood will keep the spirit healthy. One benefit of going to daily Mass is that we celebrate the lives of the great saints in the Church.

The saints are examples for us of living the Christian life. This week's bulletin cover features St. Monica and St. Augustine. We usually celebrate the feast of St. Monica on August 27 however this year the Sunday liturgy takes precedence. On Monday, August 28, we celebrate the feast of her son, St. Augustine. St. Monica teaches us the power of intercessory prayer. She, by her prayer and example, won her husband, who had a violent temper and other difficult traits and her mother-in-law to Christianity. She is known for praying for her son Augustine who was living an immoral life and had turned away from the faith. There may be some parents reading this who find themselves in a similar situation. A child has wandered away from the faith and is living a life that is contrary to Christian life. Monica persistently prayed for Augustine and was rewarded when he eventually left his way of life and was baptized by St. Ambrose.

St. Augustine turned away from his sinful path and turned to a life of love. Much of his teachings are in his writing called "Confessions." There is a line in it that has always touched me. He wrote, "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all." This is a very good teaching; we foolishly look for joy and love in the things of this world and don't realize that what we truly need is in us, God's very spirit. It is only having an intimate relationship with God that will suffice. Unfortunately, too many have forgotten God; too many live each day without one single thought about God. Too many are living like Augustine before his conversion, before he came to his senses. That is why he bemoaned, "too late have I loved thee." He foolishly wasted many years of his life chasing after things that brought him misery. But he found his God or God found him. That is our hope for ourselves and our loved ones. Let us be persistent in prayer that we all may love God in the now of our lives and not wait for tomorrow.

This past week, we installed an AED (automated external defibrillator) in the foyer next to the welcome table. For those that have CPR/AED training, this location provides ready access to both the church and the hall.

I will be available for confession this week on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lastly, for all of the young people returning to college, we ask the Lord to bless them and keep them safe and healthy during their school year.

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 the hands of the Lord,
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

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

Enjoy the View

Sunsets. People tend to stop what they are doing to watch them . . . snap pictures of them . . . enjoy the beautiful view.

My wife and I watched the sun setting over the Gulf of Mexico recently. A crowd of people surrounded us, mostly strangers who had gathered at the beach to watch this nightly phenomenon. At the moment the sun fully slipped below the horizon, the crowd broke out with applause.

Why do people respond like that? The book of Psalms offers a clue. The psalmist wrote of God ordering the sun to praise its Creator (Ps. 148:3). And wherever the rays of the sun shine across the earth, people are moved to praise along with them.

The beauty that comes to us through nature speaks to our souls like few things do. It not only has the capacity to stop us in our tracks and captivate our attention, it also has the power to turn our focus to the Maker of beauty itself.

The wonder of God's vast creation can cause us to pause and remember what's truly important. Ultimately, it reminds us that there is a Creator behind the stunning entrance and exit of the day, One who so loved the world He made that He entered it in order to redeem and restore it.

~ Jeff Olson

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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, September 20, 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.



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.

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.

Social Committee Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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 Expenses Paid August 3, 2017 - August 15, 2017

Altar Supplies	1,351
Building Maintenance & Supplies	2,473
Charitable Works	100
Dues & Subscriptions	1,147
Insurance & Benefits	10,711
Offertory Envelopes	508
Office Supplies & Expense	2,151
Payroll & Taxes	15,438
Rectory Food & Supplies	199
Saint Joseph Table	459
Utilities	2,666
Vacation Bible School	4,239
Wakefield Food Pantry	500
Total	\$ 41,942

Next week Special Collection

Next week's Special Collection (September 2-3) supports The Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu.

OFFERTORY AUGUST 19-20 \$ 12,558.00
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 Catholic Elementary School, our parish school, is 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 or to arrange a private tour, call Alayne Flynn at 781-245-2081.

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



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:

Anthony Cardone-Gray

child of

John Gray and Alisa Cardone



The St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support and generosity. This past week parishioners donated over 50 boxes of food and \$48 to help feed those in our community that are in need.



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.

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 August 27, 2017

SUN	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Mon	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tue	1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Mk 6:17-29
Wed	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thu	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Fri	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Sat	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
SUN	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 28

6:45 Pauline Berggren, Month's Mind
9:00 Tracy D'Attilio, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, August 29

6:45 Special Intentions
9:00 Emilio Joseph Santos, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, August 30

6:45 Leo Tecce, Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Jack Hardy, 96th Birthday Celebration

Thursday, August 31

6:45 Connie Von Rhee, 53rd Anniversary
9:00 Paul Fobert & Doris Blaho, Memorial Mass

Friday, September 1

6:45 Mass of Thanksgiving
9:00 Special Intention

Saturday, September 2

9:00 Jeanne Hudd, 3rd Anniversary
4:00 Richard Myers, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 3

7:30 Theodore Anzalone, 1st Anniversary
9:00 Deborah Kepler, Memorial Mass
11:00 Roger Turingan, Memorial Mass
5:30 Edward DeGurski, Healing Intention