

Saint Joseph Parish  
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880  
Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14**

**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*

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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**

Sophia Griffin, *Grade 1 , 2*

Elizabeth Collins, *Grade 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*

Alayne Flynn, *Administrator*

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**September 10, 2017**



Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross. As a tree in the garden was the downfall of our human race, the tree of the cross is the means of our salvation. As the blood on the wood of the door post saved the first born of the Hebrew boys from the angel of death, the blood of Jesus on the cross saves us from eternal death. The obedience of Jesus in dying on the cross destroys the power of death and is the ransom price for our salvation. The cross is the sign of God's eternal love and His mercy to us. We adore You O Christ and we bless You for by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world. I would encourage all to have a crucifix in your homes as a reminder as to the cost of our salvation, the love of God for us and how our own sins contribute to the reason of Jesus dying on the cross.

I bring to your attention that the co-chairman of our Parish Finance Committee, Michael Profenno, will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend. You can see Michael's notice on page 5 in this week's bulletin.

I also wish to inform you that the parish is welcoming Kate Chandler as one who will be available for Spiritual Direction. You may read her notice on page 5 in this week's bulletin.

Next weekend, there will be a special collection to benefit the health and retirement needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

For your information, the fruit tree near the entrance to the rectory had some work done to remove dead branches that were a potential safety hazard. This tree has been here since the construction of the new Church 37 years ago.

In our CCD program, we welcome Mrs. Sophia Griffin who will be leading our 1st Grade program and coordinating the adult portion of our First Communion program. Mrs. Elizabeth Collins will continue to teach the 2nd Grade First Communion students.

I will be available for confession this week on Monday, September 11, from 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 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 worry walks in,  
strength runs out.  
But strength returns  
when we run to God.*



### 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

### Cradled in Comfort

**My friend entrusted me** with the privilege of holding her precious, four-day-old daughter. Not long after I took the baby into my arms, she started to fuss. I hugged her closer, my cheek pressed against her head, and began to sway and hum in a gentle rhythm to soothe her. Despite these earnest attempts, and my decade and a half of parenting experience, I couldn't pacify her. She became increasingly upset until I placed her back into the crook of her mother's eager arm. Peace washed over her almost instantaneously; her cries subsided and her newborn frame relaxed into the safety she already trusted. My friend knew precisely how to hold and pat her daughter to alleviate her distress.

God extends comfort to His children like a mother: tender, trustworthy, and diligent in her efforts to calm her child. When we are weary or upset, He carries us affectionately in His arms. As our Father and Creator, He knows us intimately. He "will keep in perfect peace all who trust in [Him], all whose thoughts are fixed on [Him]" (Isa. 26:3 NLT).

When the troubles of this world weigh heavy on our hearts, we can find comfort in the knowledge that He protects and fights for us, His children, as a loving parent.

~Kirsten Holmberg



## 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, October 3.**

### 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.

**New date! Wednesday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. ~ Our Lady's Room.**

**\*No November meeting due to Craft Fair.**

### Separated/Divorced Support Group

Next meeting will be on 2nd Tuesday of the month,

**Tuesday, September 12,** at 6:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Room. **Please note: all future meetings have been changed to Tuesdays.**

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



## OUR LADY'S SODALITY OF ST. FLORENCE & ST. JOSEPH

It's time to welcome everyone back and welcome new members to join us ! Our first meeting will be held here at St. Joseph's Church hall on **Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.** We will begin with the recitation of the rosary and are very happy to announce our guest speaker will be Karen Faler of The Friends of Lake Quannapowitt.

### Affirming Life Community News

- ◆ The Affirming Life Committee of St. Joseph Parish has forwarded a donation of \$800 to Catholic Charities for the Houston Relief Fund earmarked for baby formula and diapers.



### 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](mailto:seraphim173@gmail.com).  
*Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:seraphim173@gmail.com).



## Social Committee Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Friday, September 15 Movie: The War Room**
- ◆ **Saturday, September 30 First Aid/CPR Class\***  
*Please note!* There are still 15 spots available for the CPR class. If you'd like to learn how to use the new defibrillator at the parish, and possibly save a life, sign up in the rectory office. Class is Sept 30. 9-3pm. Cost: \$65. *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.**  
 THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE LADIES SHOPPING NIGHT! We raised enough money to provide breakfast for the first term for 98 students in Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Uganda.

### Capital Improvement Committee

The state of the Parish Finances will be addressed at all Masses on September 16-17. An opportunity exists for any parishioner to join a Capital Improvement Committee being formed to address major projects within our Church. More details will come in the address, however if you would like to join or have further questions, please contact Michael Profenno, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee by email: [meprofbo@gmail.com](mailto:meprofbo@gmail.com).

Next week's Second Collection (Sept 16-17) is the Clergy Benefit Trust which supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

### St. Joseph Parish Expenses Paid August 16, 2017 - August 30, 2017

Audio Visual	210
Books and Pamphlets	580
Building Maintenance & Supplies	1,327
Coffee & Donuts	336
Hospitality	100
Payroll & Taxes	18,040
Religious Education	66
Saint Joseph School Support	4,000
Total	\$ 24,659

### This Week Special Collection

Cardinal Seán has authorized a special collection, to be taken this weekend of September 9-10 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, in support of the relief efforts to those areas devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

**OFFERTORY SEPTEMBER 2-3 \$ 10,141**



## 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.*

### Franciscan Spiritual Direction

Our parishioner, Kate Chandler, has completed a program of Franciscan Spiritual Direction, “an ancient practice of one-on-one accompaniment that evolves through contemplative listening, presence and reflections, to help seekers discern the sacred presence of God in his or her unique and sacred journey.” If you desire to grow in attentiveness to God’s movement in your life and are seeking a deeper, personal relationship with God, Kate is available by appointment and can be reached at [kate.chandler44@gmail.com](mailto:kate.chandler44@gmail.com).



## 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 Robert McNall. 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, Josh Robidoux, and Justin Whitmarsh.



*It is with great joy that we welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly baptized:*

**Theodore Connor Leyne**  
child of Thomas & Tiffany

*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, September 9**

9:00 Mr. Ligotti, Memorial Mass  
4:00 Dolores Allen,  
Birthday Remembrance

**Sunday, September 10**

7:30 Mass of Thanksgiving  
9:00 Oliver Henry Witkowski,  
1st Birthday Celebration  
11:00 Jim & Theresa Conway,  
Memorial Mass  
5:30 Gaetano & Maria Scanio,  
Memorial Mass

**Monday, September 11**

6:45 Special Intention  
9:00 Sophie Struzinsky,  
Birthday Remembrance

**Tuesday, September 12**

6:45 Christine Corcoran, Memorial Mass  
9:00 MaryBeth Keith, Birthday Celebration

**Wednesday, September 13**

6:45 Celestina Revilla, 6 Month Anniversary  
9:00 Joanne Iovino, Memorial Mass

**Thursday, September 14**

9:00 Herman Muise, 40th Anniversary

**Friday, September 15**

6:45 James Fahey, Month's Mind  
9:00 Edna Dorgen, Memorial Mass

**Saturday, September 16**

9:00 Eleanor Rodin, 1st Anniversary  
4:00 Boodry Family, Memorial Mass

**Sunday, September 17**

7:30 Paul Malonson, 1st Anniversary  
9:00 Rose Dominico, 1st Anniversary  
11:00 Albert & Diane Dente,  
Memorial Mass  
5:30 Francis & Mary Scudieri,  
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.

**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.

*Scripture for the week of September 10, 2017*

**SUN** Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
**Mon** Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tue** Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wed** Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26  
**Thu** Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
**Fri** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Sat** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49  
**SUN** Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35