

Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
Twenty - Fourth 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*

Merry Nordeen, *Admin. Assistant*

Rose Dittmer, *Faith Formation*

Anne Grant, *Music Director*

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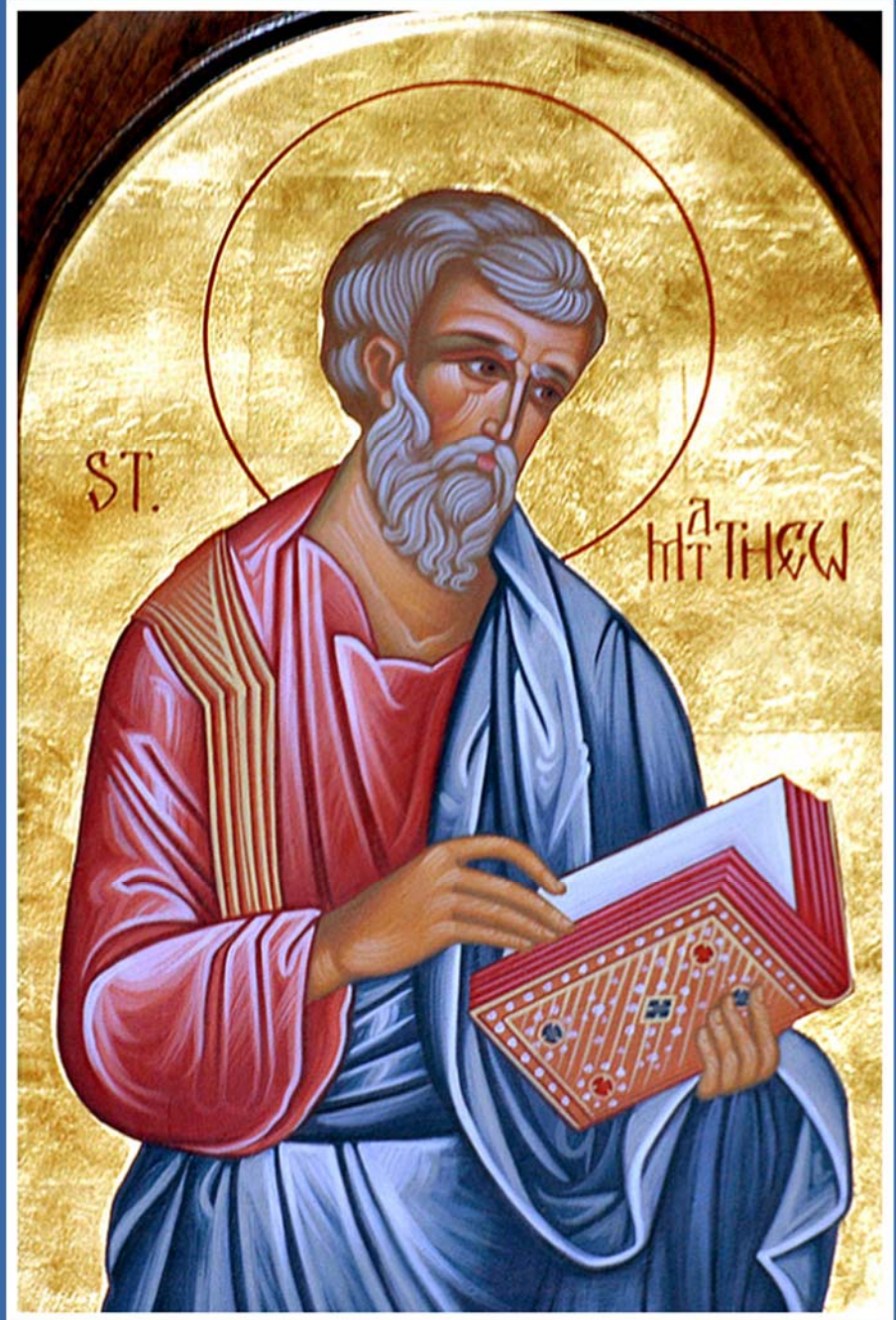
www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org

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 Matthew ~ September 21

September 17, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

Daily prayer is an activity that helps our relationship with the Lord grow stronger and nourishes our spirit. I came across this article and found it may be helpful for some to implement it to one's prayer.

Prayer is a conversation with God, not a formula. Yet sometimes we might need to use a "method" to freshen up our prayer time. We can pray the Psalms or other Scriptures (such as The Lord's Prayer), or use the ACTS method (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). I recently came across this "Five-Finger Prayer" to use as a guide when praying for others:

- ♦ When you fold your hands, the thumb is nearest you. So begin by praying for those closest to you - your loved ones (Phil. 1:3-5).
- ♦ The index finger is the pointer. Pray for those who teach - Bible teachers and preachers, and those who teach children (1 Thess. 5:25).
- ♦ The next finger is the tallest. It reminds you to pray for those in authority over you - national and local leaders, and your supervisor at work (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
- ♦ The fourth finger is usually the weakest. Pray for those who are in trouble or who are suffering (James 5:13-16).
- ♦ Then comes your little finger. It reminds you of your smallness in relation to God's greatness. Ask Him to supply your needs (Phil. 4:6, 19).

Whatever method you use, just talk with your Father. He wants to hear what's on your heart. ~ Anne Cetas, *Our Daily Bread*.

This Thursday, September 21, is the feast of St. Matthew, one of the apostles and author of the Gospel. It brings to mind the importance of reading the Scriptures. We need to spend time listening to the Word of God and putting it into practice. If we are to have any deep relationship with the Lord, Scripture reading is a necessity. You are encouraged to spend some minutes in Scripture reading each day.

I will be available for confession this week on Tuesday, September 19, from 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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

God love you,

Reflection of the Week

*God blesses us
so that we might
bless others.*



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

Teaching our Children to Pray

Because of pressing needs and full schedules, parents sometimes neglect teaching important spiritual lessons. It can be tempting to assume that the children will learn in Sunday school to pray and read the Bible. But the truth is, God has given parents the job of training their sons and daughters in spiritual matters.

After listening to Jesus pray, His disciples recognized that they had much to learn and asked Him to teach them how to pray. In the same way, we can motivate our children and help them develop a prayer life that will endure. It's not enough to tell them to pray; they need an example. We must be willing to let them see and hear us as we talk to our heavenly Father.

When we bring our concerns to the Lord as a family, our children learn that God answers prayer. He's our provider, protector, and guide. Seeing how the Lord responds to our requests will motivate our children to take all their concerns to Him as well.

Children also need to understand that prayer is not just a list of requests but a conversation that builds a relationship with the Lord. When they hear us praise and exalt Him, they'll realize praying should be God-focused rather than self-centered. And as they observe us reading the Bible and letting it guide our requests, they'll learn to pray according to God's will.

Whether you have children or not, realizing that others learn about the Lord through your prayers may tempt you to feel inadequate. However, instead of dwelling on your shortcomings, let them motivate you to go to the Scriptures and learn from your heavenly Father how to pray.

~ intouch.org



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, October 10, 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 rmiddittom@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.** and on the **last Wednesday of every month from 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.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.

Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry

There are drop off baskets located in the foyer by the library for your donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the needy of our community. **This**



month the pantry is especially in need of baked beans, beef stew, Progresso and Chunky Soups, chili, jars of pasta sauce.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

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.



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.



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.

Social Committee Upcoming Events

♦ Saturday, September 30 First Aid/CPR Class*

Please note! There are still 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.

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.

Capital Improvement Committee

The state of the Parish Finances will be addressed at all Masses this weekend, September 16-17. An opportunity exists for any parishioner to join a Capital Improvement Committee being formed to address major projects within our Church. 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.

This 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.

OFFERTORY SEPTEMBER 9-10 \$ 12,267

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.



Religious Education

Religious Ed Information/Updates for 2017-18 School Year

Opening Parent Meeting

This year's Opening Parent Meeting will be on **Sunday, September 24, 2017 in Father Gillis Hall for families with students in Grades 1 through Grade 9** (homeschooled and supplemental students).

This meeting is for parents only and will last approximately one hour. For your convenience, we are offering two sessions and only one parent is asked to attend on **Sunday, September 24, 2017.**

Session 1: 12:15 p.m. OR Session 2: 6:45 p.m.

At this time, you may also purchase books, confirm class assignments and make a payment for Religious Education tuition. For those registered for the Grades 3-6 home school, the meeting dates for 2017-18 will also be provided.

Class Start Dates:

Grade 1: Saturday, 10/21 @ 10AM - 11:30AM

Grade 2: Thursday 9/28 @ 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 or 6:00 PM

Grade 6: Monday, 10/2 @ 3:30 PM

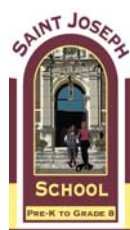
Grade 7: Monday 9/25 at 4:30 PM

Grade 8: Tuesday, 9/26 @ 3:30 PM or 4:30PM

Grade 9: Sunday, 10/15 @ 6:45 - 8:00 PM

Grade 10: Sunday, 10/1 at 4:15 PM

Please call Diane Murphy at 781-245-5770 or email her at dmurphy@stjosephwakefield.org for more information.



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 Frances Lawrence. 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.

Mass Intentions

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 & Anne Dente, Memorial Mass
5:30 Francis & Mary Scudieri, Memorial Mass

Monday, September 18

6:45 Oscar DeStefano, 10th Anniversary
9:00 Victor Finos, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, September 19

6:45 Special Intention
9:00 Jeannie Stella, 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, September 20

6:45 Clara Travia, Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Ann Deveney & Anna Healey, Memorial Mass

Thursday, September 21

6:45 Special Intention
9:00 Ernest & Shirley Smail, Memorial Mass

Friday, September 22

6:45 Diana Murphy, Month's Mind
9:00 Dorothy Fitzgerald, Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, September 23

9:00 Pat Spinosa, 9th Anniversary
4:00 John Piskadlo, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 24

7:30 Michelle Mamakos, 20th Anniversary
9:00 The Spadafora Family, Memorial Mass
11:00 The Doherty Family, Memorial Mass
5:30 Susan Surette, 6th Anniversary



*May Christ's peace, love, and joy
always enrich the marriage of*

**Lindsay (Demars)
& Matthew Giangregorio**

**Allyson (McLennan)
& Barry Gagne**



Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Rosary

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

St. Vincent de Paul



Poor Box Offering: August 2017 \$2,236.82
Thank You

Distributions for Month of August 2017

Utilities	\$ 2,003.10
Hotel	1,460.70
Restaurant gift cards	300.00
Food gift cards	<u>337.00</u>
Total:	\$ 4,100.80

Scripture for the week of September 17, 2017

SUN	Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Mon	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tue	1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wed	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thu	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Fri	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Sat	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
SUN	Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a