Saint Joseph Parish
173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880
Fifth Sunday Of Easter

April 29, 2018

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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.

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 Joseph The Worker ~ May 1
Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, we celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This is the second feast honoring Saint Joseph, the first being on March 19. Joseph, is known as both the carpenter of Nazareth and the foster father of Jesus. He was the provider for the Holy Family. This feast day celebrates the value of work. Work is beneficial to one’s human dignity because it allows us to contribute to society. We pray that all may find rightful employment to support their basic human needs.

As Christians, we have the privilege of sharing in the Lord’s work of building up the kingdom. We might feel that we are not qualified to do this work. I came across this article from a spiritual publication which gives us a different perspective.

Here is a list of some of the great people in the Bible. Every one of them had a reason for thinking God could not use them. So the next time you feel like God can’t use you, remember:

“Noah was a drunk. Abraham was too old. Isaac was a daydreamer. Jacob was a liar. Leah was ugly. Joseph was abused by his brothers. Moses had a stuttering problem. Gideon was afraid. Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer. Rahab was a prostitute. Jeremiah and Timothy thought they were too young. David had an extra-marital affair and was a murderer. Elijah was suicidal. Isaiah thought himself unworthy. Jonah ran away from God’s call. Naomi was a widow. Job went bankrupt. Martha was a perpetual worrier. The Samaritan woman who spoke with Jesus at the well was five-times divorced. Zacchaeus was too small. Peter denied Christ. The disciples fell asleep while praying. At Jesus’ arrest, they all forsook him and fled. Paul was too religious. Timothy had an ulcer. And Lazarus was dead!”

So what’s your excuse? Whatever it may be, God can still use you to your full potential. Besides you aren’t the message. You’re only the messenger.

A simple reflection;
When you were born, you were crying, and everyone around you was smiling. Start today (if you haven't started already) living your life so that when you die, you're the only one smiling, and everyone around you is crying.

I will be available for confession this week on Tuesday, May 1, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

God love you,
Reflection of the Week

We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves.

Spiritual Teaching

First Things First

When you travel by air, before the flight takes off an airline employee presents a safety briefing, which explains what to do if there is a loss of cabin pressure. Passengers are told that oxygen masks will drop from the compartment above and they are to put one on themselves before helping others. Why? Because before you can help anyone else, you need to be physically alert yourself.

When Paul wrote to Timothy, he stressed the importance of maintaining his own spiritual health before helping and serving others. He reminded Timothy of his many responsibilities as a pastor: There were false teachings to contend with (1 Tim. 4:1–5) and wrong doctrines to correct (vv. 6–8). But to discharge his duties well, what was most important was to “watch [his] life and doctrine closely [and] persevere in them” (v. 16). He needed to take care of his own relationship with the Lord first before he could attend to others.

What Paul told Timothy applies to us too. Each day we encounter people who do not know the Lord. When we tank up on our spiritual oxygen first through time in God’s Word, prayer, and the enabling of the Holy Spirit, we keep our relationship right with God. Then we will be spiritually alert to help others.

~ C.P. Hia
**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, May 1.

**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

**Support Group ~ Separated/Divorced, Annulled or those living with any broken relationship**
Next meeting will be on 2nd Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, May 8 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 or call 781-665-8172 to volunteer with the dinner or for information on our programs listed above.

**Mens’s Group**
Men of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a group of ordinary men, seeking an extraordinary encounter with Jesus Christ. Please join us every Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m., for 1 hour of fellowship, spiritual growth, and encouragement. Please contact Bill Hicks: (billhicks@ymail.com) for more information.

**Saint Joseph Music Ministry**
The Saint Joseph Music Ministry CD is on sale for $20 each. Stop by our table in the church foyer after weekend Masses until the weekend of May 5/6! You may also purchase the CD in the front office of the rectory during the week.

**Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests**
The next monthly Cenacle will be held on the 2nd Saturday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please contact: Sharon Keith (781) 245-5770.

**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.

**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.

**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 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 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., 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 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.
St. Joseph Parish Expenses Paid  
April 7, 2018 - April 20, 2018

Altar Supplies $2,156
Books & Pamphlets $103
Building Maintenance & Supplies $686
Charitable Works $650
Coffee & Donuts $313
Computers/Printers $1,470
Flowers & Plants $2,511
Hospitality $192
Landscaping/Church Flowers $648
Music Ministry Program $1,517
Offertory Envelopes $305
Office Supplies & Expense $958
Payroll & Taxes $19,885
Gr. 9 Retreat $1,223
St. Joseph Table $432
Utilities $4,510
Wakefield Food Pantry $500

Total $38,059

Religious Education

Confirmation Students: Congratulations to the young adults who received their Confirmation this past Friday, April 27, 2018. Please keep them all in your prayers.

First Communicants: Congratulations to all the First Communicants who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time over the next several weekends. Please keep them all in your prayers.

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

Marian Procession

Please join us on Monday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m. for our annual school Marian procession and rosary. The school will honor our Mother Mary by processing to Saint Joseph Church reciting Marian prayers and singing hymns in her honor. Our route will move from Gould to Cedar to Chestnut Street, and then on to Saint Joseph Church. Upon arrival, we will say the rosary, introducing each decade with a story of a Marian apparition. We will conclude the event with a formal crowning of Mary. The procession will start at 1:00 and last for an hour.

All are welcome!

3rd Annual Saint Joseph School 5K  
Saturday, May 19, 2018,  
Wakefield Town Common

Our registration platform is now open! Please sign up now at https://www.runreg.com/saint-joseph-5k for our chip-timed 5K run ($25), our untimed stroller-friendly 5K walk ($20), or our 1 mile Kid's (under 12) Fun Run around the Common ($10)! Donate to support the event overall or a specific runner or walker at https://www.pledgereg.com/saint-joseph-5k! Join us for a fun fair on the Common from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a DJ, bounce houses, lots of fun and games, health and wellness vendors, demo fitness classes and delicious food offerings! For more information, visit www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org/sjs5k.

Thank you for your support!

This Weekend ~ Special Collection
This week’s Special Collection (April 28-29) supports the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, & Black and Native Americans.

OFFERTORY APRIL 21-22 $ 13,121

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.
Your prayers are requested for the benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our community especially Eileen Layton. 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, April 28**
- 9:00 Rosario De Alba, Memorial Mass
- 4:00 Leo Surrette, 25th Anniversary

**Sunday, April 29**
- 7:30 Antonio Arria, 1st Anniversary
- 9:00 Rosemary & Louis Mercurio, Memorial Mass
- 11:00 Special Intention
- 5:30 Edward DeGurski, Jr. & Stephen DeGurski, Healing Intentions

**Monday, April 30**
- 6:45 Nathan Fortune, Healing Intention
- 9:00 Adrienne Hession, Memorial Mass

**Tuesday, May 1**
- 6:45 Healing Intention
- 9:00 Mary Frautten, 7th Anniversary

**Wednesday, May 2**
- 6:45 Special Intention
- 9:00 June Looney, Birthday Remembrance

**Thursday, May 3**
- 6:45 Fr. Edward Doughty, 1st Anniversary
- 9:00 Fortunato & Rosa Marsalo Memorial Mass

**Friday, May 4**
- 6:45 Julie LaDuc, Birthday Celebration
- 9:00 The Rzasa - O'Brien Families, Special Intention

**Saturday, May 5**
- 9:00 Chris Papageorge, Birthday Remembrance
- 4:00 Richard DeSano, 7th Anniversary

**Sunday, May 6**
- 7:30 Alyssa Nanopoulos, 9th Anniversary
- 9:00 Special Intention
- 11:00 Rita Mandalosa, Memorial Mass
- 5:30 Margaret Faletra, Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for all those currently serving in the military and for all those deployed overseas especially for Shane Baldwin, Steven Doucette, Matthew Hassey, Brian LeClair, and Justin Whitmarsh.

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

**Matthew Xavier Chase**
- Child of Matthew & Jennifer

**John Geoffrey Hannigan**
- Child of Geossrey & Brittney

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

Edwin & Ramona (Wuabu) Puakyiene

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**Laughter, THE BEST MEDICINE**

The young couple invited their minister over for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. “Goat,” the boy replied. “Goat?” replied the startled man of cloth. “Are you sure about that?” “Yep” said the youngster. “I heard Pa say to Ma, ‘Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.’”

~Reader’s Digest

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