St. Joseph the Worker Shrine

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018

"for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." ~ Mark 6:34

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Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine is a place of prayer, reflection, and social action undertaken in the spirit of Jesus Christ and Saint Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Our mission is based on Matthew 11:28, *"Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."* St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is a ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, United States Province.

Shrine Resources

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Masses

Weekdays: 8 AM, 12 Noon & 5:30 PM Saturday: 8 AM, 12 Noon, & 4 PM Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

Confessions (Summer Hours)

Weekdays: 10:30AM - 11:45PM & 4:30PM - 5:15 Saturday: 10 AM- 1 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM

First Fridays: 8:30 AM – 5:15 PM

Holy Days, Holidays & Special Masses are announced **Oblate Associate Mission Office** (978) 458-6346 X 215

Oblate Historical Museum

Every Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00PM Please visit the Museum after the Saturday noon Mass. Tours Given 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM **Gift Shop & Bookstore** Monday-Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM (978) 459-9522 or **Toll Free (800) 287-9522 Fax: (978) 323-0763**

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July 21 - July 29

Saturday	July 21, 2018	
8:00	Sharon Goyette	
	Terry Kadir	
4:00		
Sunday	July 22, 2018	
	John T. Locke Elaine Salvas	
	Norman J. Dandenault	
Monday	July 23, 2018	
8:00		
	Pauline Soucy	
	Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	July 24, 2018	
	William Brathwaite	
	Doris Geoffroy Pauline Soucy	
weanesaay 8:00	July 25, 2018 Joseph J. Stanewicz	
	Shrine Benefactors	
5:30	Jeannette Painchaud	
Thursday	July 26, 2018	
8:00	& Sr. Therese Andre	
12:00	Elaine Consalvo	
5:30	Lucie Champagne - living	
Friday	July 27, 2018	
	Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Champagne	
	Warren Schmitter	
5:30	James & Catherine Fallon - 65th Wedding Ann.	
Saturday	July 28, 2018	
•	Uncles Andy & Bob - living	
	Souls in Purgatory	
4:00	Albert Boudreau	
Sunday	July 29, 2018	
8:00	Margarita Huertas, Julia, Jovino & Hipolito Santiago	
10:00		
	Frank & Bella Rocha & Celeste Joncas	

FINANCIAL REPORTS **THANK YOU** for all Contributions! We thank you for your generous support of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Remember that our future is in your hands. Please remember St. Joseph the Worker

Shrine in your will.

Week Ending	July 8, 2018
Weekend Total:	\$2,304.36
Weekday Total:	\$1,193.89
Total Offertory:	\$3,498.25

Scripture for the week of July 22, 2018

22 SUN Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34 23 MonMi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

24 Tue Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

25 Wed 2 Cor 4:7015/Mt 20:20-28

26 Thu Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

27 Fri Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

- 28 Sat Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
- 29 SUN 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

To Those Who Devotedly Pray the Chaplet of the Precious Blood

1. I promise to protect any person who devoutly prays this Chaplet against evil attacks.

2. I will guard his five senses.

 I will protect him from sudden death.
 Twelve hours before his death, he will drink My Precious Blood and eat My Body.

- 5. Twenty-four hours before his death, I will show him my five wounds that he may feel a deep contrition for
- all his sins and have a perfect knowledge of them. 6. Any person who makes a novena with it will get their
- intentions. His prayer will be answered.
- 7. I will perform many wonderful miracles through it.
- 8. Through it, I will destroy many secret societies and set free many souls in bondage, by My mercy.
- 9. Through it, I will save many souls from Purgatory.
 10. I will teach him My way, he who honors My Precious Blood through this Chaplet.
- 11. I will have mercy on them who have mercy on My Precious Wounds and Blood.
- 12. Whoever teaches this prayer to another person will have an indulgence of four years.

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<u>St. Joseph the Worker Shrine Gift Shop</u> <u>& Bookstore</u>

For more information on the Precious Blood and the many devotions surrounding it please visit the shrine gift shop/bookstore!



This small but powerful book gives a whole new appreciation for the Precious Blood of Christ. Readers will see why the Precious Blood is a treasure of infinite value. They will learn how to offer the Precious Blood to the Father to atone for sins and obtain all graces and blessings for themselves and others. Included here are inspiring promises of Our Lord; intriguing stories from lives of Saints;

poignant revelations of Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich on the scourging of Christ - plus many classic Catholic prayers. This booklet opens up hearts to love Jesus and puts souls in touch with the spiritual riches of His Precious Blood.



<u>St. Joseph the</u> <u>Worker Shrine is</u> <u>pleased to welcome</u> <u>Fr. Steve Conserva,</u> <u>O.M.I.</u>

Stephen M. Conserva,

O.M.I., is a priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was raised in Tewksbury, the eldest of eight children. He attended Tewksbury Public Schools, Keith Academy in Lowell and Our Lady of Hope Seminary in Newburgh, NY. Professed in 1968 and ordained in 1974, he studied at the Gregorian University in Rome and St. Paul's University in Ottawa. He has been assigned to formation ministry as a Professor of Theology and Novice Director for the Oblates, as Pastor in multi-cultural communities of Florida, California and Massachusetts and as Coordinator of the Oblate mission on the Pacific coast of the U.S., residing in Los Angeles and Tijuana, Mexico. Fr. Steve comes to the Shrine from his most recent assignment as Associate Pastor of St. Patrick's in Lowell.

Christian Worker Recognition Award – 2018

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is pleased to announce an award to recognize a worker who demonstrates the commitment to Christian values through his or her actions

> in the workplace. The nominee:

- May be management or labor
 - Should be a Lowell area resident or employed in the Lowell area



• Should embody the values of love, faith, and service in the workplace outside of the regular church structure.

Do you know someone like this? Nomination forms and the full description are available in the Shrine lobby. Nominations must be submitted by Monday, August 6, 2018

The winners will be announced in the bulletin on Labor Day weekend and the award will be given out the following weekend, Saturday, September 8th at the 4:00 Mass. All are encouraged to participate.



The Gospel of Life *Evangelium Vitae*

In our service of charity, we must be inspired and distinguished by a specific attitude: we must care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to become neighbors to

everyone (cf. Lk 10:29-37), and to show special favor to those who are poorest, most alone and most in need.

<u>Gospel - Mark 6:30 - 34</u> <u>Christ the Friend</u>

"His heart was moved..." Jesus has a human heart; he took one on purpose - so that he could be close to us. He truly cares for us; he feels our needs and our struggles even more deeply than we feel them ourselves. And he continually reaches out to be our light and our strength. When we accept these offerings of his love, he is pleased, truly gratified; and when we reject them, he is hurt, truly stung by our ingratitude."



Taken from: <u>The Better Part A Christ-</u> <u>Centered Resource for Personal Prayer</u>

<u>The Better Part</u> is available now in the Shrine Gift shop

<u>Further Reflection:</u> <u>Catechism of The Catholic Church</u>

423 We believe and confess that Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of a daughter of Israel at Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and the emperor Caesar Augustus, a carpenter by trade, who died crucified in Jerusalem under the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of the emperor Tiberius, is the eternal Son of God made man. He 'came from God',⁴ 'descended from heaven',⁵ and 'came in the flesh'.⁶ For 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. . . And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.'⁷

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine Reaches-Out during the Lowell Folk Festival

The annual Lowell Folk Festival is the 2nd largest



such Festival in the United States – it draws an estimated 100,000 visitors to our city during the last weekend in July – this year: July 27, 28, 29.

The <u>Oblate Shrine of St. Joseph the Worker</u> participates in the festivities - our location in an area somewhat removed from heavy foot traffic provides a gathering place where folks can cool down, relax and comfortably consume the delicacies they purchase at the many nearby ethnic food booths. Our family-styled picnic tables outfitted with shade umbrellas arrayed along the area fronting the Shrine are much appreciated. Such oases are few and far between during the Festival! Shrine volunteers welcome folks and attend to keeping the tables ready for all comers.

We also open the air-conditioned Shrine itself for those who might want the opportunity to view its beauty or say a prayer or light a candle; soothing chant music enriches this uplifting experience and volunteers welcome and guide our visitors. Since city streets are closed to vehicular traffic during the Festival, our location in the heart of the city and our convenient schedule of weekend Masses further provide an opportunity for workers and Festival-goers alike to participate in Sunday worship.

<u>A friendly reminder!</u> Due to the Lowell Folk Festival, and the high volume of traffic here at the shrine, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, July 28th, 2018

LOWELL OBLATE VOCATION PROFILE



Venerable Vital Grandin, O.M.I. personally received from the hands of St. Eugene de Mazenod, his first

St. Eugene de Mazenod, his first Obedience to the Canadian Northwest arriving there in

1854. Five years later he was consecrated Vicar Apostolic of St. Albert and later founding Bishop of Edmonton when the seat of the Bishop moved there. While visiting his vast flock of predominantly Cree Indians either by sled-dog or on snowshoes he had earned their trust and was given the name "Snowshoe



Priest." Bishop Grandin could say with St. Eugene "In the matter of holiness, we must never say that's enough." Because of his outstanding holiness, the Church of Rome declared Bishop Grandin Venerable in 1966. His Oblate brothers remember him yearly on June 3rd.

"For it is impossible for our human nature ever to stop moving; it has been made by its Creator ever to keep changing. Hence when we prevent it from using up its energy on trifles, and keep it on all sides from doing what it should not, it must necessarily move in a straight path towards truth."



- St. Gregory of Nyssa

St. Joseph, Model of Artisans ~ Pray for us. ~ Litany of St. Joseph





On that Good Friday, standing at the foot of the Cross, you were led to understand your vocation to give yourself to the service of your Saviour through

the gift of your whole life as a priest. - St. Eugene, guide us to the Savior in our time of need. - Litany of St. Eugene de Mazenod





The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Prayed Monday through Saturday at the Shrine at 3 pm, the hour of mercy.



St. Anthony Fund

Donations to this fund are used for the poor in our community and are given to local charities such as House of Hope, St Vincent De Paul and Catholic Charities. All donations are welcome in the collection post with that name in the shrine or you may place your offering designated for St. Anthony's fund any time in the collection. Your generosity is so important for this critical need! We at the shrine encourage donations by these

means, rather than giving to the needy on the street as we know that the donations will be used for appropriate needs. <u>This also helps reduce the pan-handling on</u> <u>our front sidewalk which can be intimidating or</u> <u>distressing to some of the visitors here at the shrine.</u> Thank you for your generosity and understanding!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

We invite you to attend on the *First Saturday of each month a Marian Devotion* which will consist of



15 decades of the rosary and other prayers to honor Our Lady. It will be held at Holy Trinity Church

340 High Street, Lowell, MA_at 6PM We hope you will consider joining us. For further information, please call 978-454-4395 (Anna or Ted)



Knights of Columbus

At this time the Lowell Knights of Columbus are actively recruiting new members. For more information please contact: **Michael Birlin** 978-770-9911 or mberlin@outlook.com

Gift Cards

Gift cards are available in the Shrine Gift Shop. This is a wonderful way to share the faith with family, friends, and loved ones!



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St. Joseph the Worker Shrine depends on your support. As you vacation this summer, please remember to be generous either before or after your travels. If you would like to learn more heart on line giving using "We Sheer" on easy



about on-line giving using "We-Share", an easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Valerie Gaudet in

the Business Office or check out our website at <u>stjosephshrine.org</u> and click on the "Donate" link today! With great success, we have been using we-share for over a year now, and those who donate to the shrine in this manner have great things to say about we-share! The amount and frequency of your donation is always your choice. This is a great way to support the shrine while you are away on vacation!

"We-Share"

On-line weekly Total: \$225.92

<u>St. Sharbel Makhluf</u> July 24th

Youssef Antoun Makhlouf was born in 1828, in Bekaa Kafra (North Lebanon). He had a true Christian upbringing, which had given him a passion for prayer. Then he followed his two hermit uncles in the hermitage of the St Antonious Kozhaya monastery and was

converted to monastic and hermetical life.



In 1851, he left his family village and headed for the Our Lady of Maifouk monastery to spend his first monastic year, and then he went to the St Maron monastery in Annaya, where he entered the Maronite Order, carrying the name Charbel, a name

of one of the Antioch church martyrs of the second century. On November 1st. 1853, he exposed his ceremonial vows in St Maron's monastery - Annaya. Then he completed his theological studies in the St Kobrianous and Justina monastery in Kfifan, Batroun. He was ordained a priest in Bkerky, the Maronite Patriarchate, on July

23rd, 1859. He lived 16 years in the St Maron's monastery -Annaya. From there, he entered, on February 15th, 1875, the St Peter & Paul hermitage, which belongs to the monastery. He was a typical saint and hermit, who spent his time praying and worshipping. Rarely had he left the hermitage where he followed the way of the saintly hermits in prayers, life and practice.

St. Sharbel is the only Maronite Saint on the Roman Calendar!

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