

*Do not work for food
that perishes but for
the food that endures
for eternal life, which
the Son of Man will
give you. For on him
the Father, God, has
set his seal.*

John 6:27

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018

St. Joseph

The Worker Shrine

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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

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Mass Intentions

August 4 - August 12

- Saturday August 4, 2018**
 - 8:00 Peter Augustus Dirubbo
 - 12:00 Bill Kerins
 - 4:00 Raymond Berard
- Sunday August 5, 2018**
 - 8:00 Albert Scott Stamp
 - 10:00 Gerard Bedard
 - 12:00 Tom & Frank Noonan
- Monday August 6, 2018**
 - 8:00 Joseph Donlon
 - 12:00 Pauline Soucy
 - 5:30 Thanksgiving to St. Jude
- Tuesday August 7, 2018**
 - 8:00 James Miceli
 - 12:00 John M. Naughton
 - 5:30 Michael Sannicandro
- Wednesday August 8, 2018**
 - 8:00 Valerie D'Amore
 - 12:00 Shrine Benefactors
 - 5:30 Gertrude Savard Vail
- Thursday August 9, 2018**
 - 8:00 Emily Doucette
 - 12:00 George W. Lowe
 - 5:30 Mary Fanton - for healing
- Friday August 10, 2018**
 - 8:00 MAMI Missionary Association
 - 12:00 Raymond Gagne - 39th Ann.
 - 5:30 All Souls SBI
- Saturday August 11, 2018**
 - 8:00 Stephen Moore & Colleen Miller -
Wedding Day
 - 12:00 Rita Burk
 - 4:00 Rita & Gerard Ricard
- Sunday August 12, 2018**
 - 8:00 Joseph Doherty
 - 10:00 Helen & Judy - 5th Ann.
 - 12:00 Norman Sayer - Birthday
remembrance - deceased

<i>FINANCIAL REPORTS</i>	
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	June 22, 2018
Weekend Total:	\$2,451.89
Weekday Total:	\$842.69
Total Offertory:	\$3,294.58

Music For Sunday, August 5, 2018

CHOIR 8AM

Not Available at time of publishing

4pm/10am/12pm
Entrance #601 Rain Down
Offertory #324 Gift of Finest Wheat
Communion #359 Miracle of Grace & #612 In God Alone
Sending Forth #364 I Am the Bread of Life

<i>Scripture for the week of August 5, 2018</i>	
5	SUN Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
6	Mon Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
7	Tue Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14
8	Wed Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
9	Thu Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
10	Fri 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
11	Sat Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20
12	SUN 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

What are the first Saturday devotions and what do they promise?



The **First Saturday Devotion** is derived from the apparitions of Our Lady in 1917, to the children (Lucia, Bl. Francisco, and Bl. Jacinta) at Fatima, in Portugal. "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."

From: ewtn.com

The Transfiguration of Christ

August 6th

Is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (17:1-6), St. Mark (9:1-8), and St. Luke (9:28-36), while St. Peter (2 Peter 1:16-18) and St. John (1:14), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it.



About a week after His sojourn in Cæsarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before their ravished eyes. St. Matthew and St. Mark express this phenomenon by the word *metemorphothe*, which the Vulgate renders *transfiguratus est*. The Synoptics explain the true meaning of the word by adding "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow," according to the Vulgate, or "as light," according to the Greek text. The Transfiguration is also the Patronal Feast Day of El Salvador. In these times, let us pray this nation finds peace through Christ.

From: newadvent.org



The **First Friday Devotion** is derived from the apparitions of Our Lord to St Margaret Mary in France, in 1673-75. "I promise you in the excessive mercy of my heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the first Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

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?

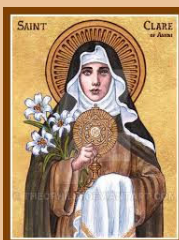
Nomination forms and the full description are available in the Shrine lobby.

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.

Last Chance for nominations!!!

St Clare of Assisi - August 11



"Our labor here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamor of the world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let false delights of a deceptive world deceive you."

Please pray for the Poor Clare Nuns of Andover who bless us with their prayers for our community and the world!

Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, August 15th
Assumption of Mary



Our Mass Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 14th

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 15th Masses @

8:00am and

12 Noon & 5:30 pm

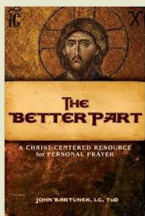
The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay--a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts. We share this day with our brother and sister Orthodox Christians, who call this day The Dormition of The Mother of God.

from: catholic.org

Gospel - John 6:24-35**Christ the Teacher**

“The Jewish Rabbis had long predicted that the Prophet who would come to carry on Moses’ work of salvation would prove himself through a miracle similar to that of manna, the bread which God miraculously sent his people each morning during their forty years of wandering through the desert - bread “from heaven” as they called it, meaning from the sky.

Such a sign is what the people are asking for here. Christ responds by explaining that the miraculous bread they are talking about - the promised Messianic sign - is much more than an abundance of bread that will feed the body; it is bread that actually comes from heaven (not just from then sky) and imbues the world with divine life. The people’s eager response, “Give us that bread always,” shows us that they have understood the elevated nature of this new manna, and they desire it.”



Taken from: The Better Part A Christ-Centered Resource for Personal Prayer

The Better Part is available now in the Shrine Gift shop

Further Reflection:

Catechism of The Catholic Church

1333 At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: "He took bread. . . ." "He took the cup filled with wine. . . ." The signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the Body and Blood of Christ; they continue also to signify the goodness of creation. Thus in the Offertory we give thanks to the Creator for bread and wine,¹⁵⁴ fruit of the "work of human hands," but above all as "fruit of the earth" and "of the vine" - gifts of the Creator.

The Church sees in the gesture of the king-priest Melchizedek, who "brought out bread and wine," a prefiguring of her own offering.¹⁵⁵

August 6, 1945 - Hiroshima

The United States becomes the first and only nation to use atomic weaponry during wartime when it drops an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Though the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan marked the end of World War II, many historians argue that it also ignited the Cold War.

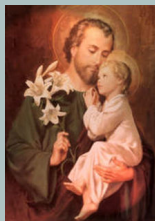
**Prayer for Peace**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Your Apostles: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you," regard not my sins but the faith of Your Church, and deign to give her peace and unity according to Your Will: Who live and reign, God, world without end. Amen.

From: www.catholic.org

Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph in the Greater Lowell area meet on the second Saturday of every month. Each monthly meeting includes prayer, food, and faith-building fellowship.



Our next meeting is:
Saturday, 11 August from 7 - 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary Magdalen Church
95 Lakeview Ave., Tyngsboro MA 01879
(978-957-0322)

Mass followed by the meeting downstairs

Folk Festival Thank You's

A word of thanks to the 16 folks who volunteered to assist as the Shrine participated in last weekend's annual Lowell Folk Festival and to the "special teams" who did the heavy lifting needed to set-up and take-down our sidewalk equipment.

Thanks too to our underwriters who help defray the costs of our promotional give-aways: McKenna, Ouellette, D'Amato Funeral Home; Sam's Club of Hudson, NH and Beatrice Hunt. Thanks especially to those individuals who prepared and donated some precious religious items for distribution to our visitors. Finally, thanks to Bro. Richard and Oblate Associates from near and far who assisted in welcoming our visitors.

We were able to draw quite a few festival-goers to our doors – for some it was a great discovery - the first time they realized that the Shrine even existed; for others, it was a nostalgic return to a place of fond memories from yesteryear; for all, it was a great way to make our continuing presence known in this sesquicentennial anniversary year of the establishment of St. Joe's.

Also we would like to thank Fr. Gene Tremblay, OMI for all his hard work and dedication in preparing a place for festival-goers to have a rest, get some shade and have a place to enjoy all the festival food!

Thanks Fr. Gene!

**St. Joseph,
Guardian of virgins ~ Pray for us.
~ Litany of St. Joseph**



After your ordination you returned to Aix en Provence and became aware of the cry of the poor. The Saviour responded to their suffering through your preaching and service to the poorest classes, to the youth and prisoners. - 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. Lawrence - August 10



Saint Lawrence was one of seven deacons who were in charge of giving help to the poor and the needy. When a persecution broke out, Pope St. Sixtus was condemned to death. As he was led to execution, Lawrence followed him weeping, "Father, where are you going without your deacon?" he said. "I am not leaving you, my son," answered the Pope. "in three days you will follow me." Full of joy, Lawrence gave to the poor the rest of the money he had on hand and even sold expensive vessels to have more to give away.

The Prefect of Rome, a greedy pagan, thought the Church had a great fortune hidden away. So he ordered Lawrence to bring the Church's treasure to him. The Saint said he would, in three days. Then he went through the city and gathered together all the poor and sick people supported by the Church. When he showed them to the Prefect, he said: "This is the Church's treasure!"

In great anger, the Prefect condemned Lawrence to a slow, cruel death. The Saint was tied on top of an iron grill over a slow fire that roasted his flesh little by little, but Lawrence was burning with so much love of God that he almost did not feel the flames. In fact, God gave him so much strength and joy that he even joked. "Turn me over," he said to the judge. "I'm done on this side!" And just before he died, he said, "It's cooked enough now." Then he prayed that the city of Rome might be converted to Jesus and that the Catholic Faith might spread all over the world. After that, he went to receive the martyr's reward. Saint Lawrence's feast day is August 10th.

From: catholic.org



Knights of Columbus

At this time the Lowell Knights of Columbus are actively recruiting new members.

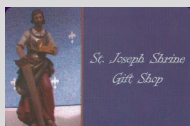
For more information please contact:

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!

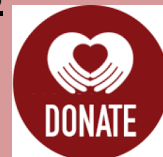


RING the SHRINE BELLS for Your LOVED ONE
Arrange in the Gift Shop at the Mass Counter.



"We-Share" on-line donations

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 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 stjosephshrine.org 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!

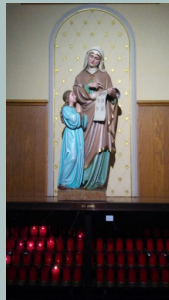


"We-Share"

On-line weekly

Total: \$95.94

Masses for the Holy Souls



Having a Mass said for a loved one, deceased or living is a wonderful blessing for their soul. Remembering them brings their past to our present, and reminds us that their present is our future! Please visit our gift shop to have a Mass said for your loved ones!



You may also donate in the shrine to the Masses for Souls (deceased).
donation drop is between the statues of St. Anne and St. Anthony!

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2018

Universal: *The Treasure of Families*

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity



Our future is in your hands. Please remember St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in your will. We appreciate your consideration.