

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018

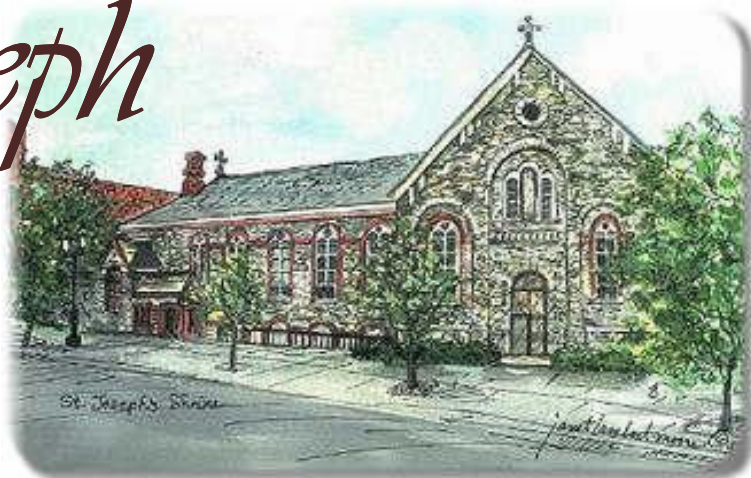
*Just as the living Father sent
me and I have life because of
the Father, so also the one who
feeds on me will have life
because of me. John 6:57 (NAB)*

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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Offering a variety of quality religious giftware, cards & books to support the practice of the Catholic faith at home and at work.

Visit us on the Web:

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Mass Intentions

August 18 - August 26

- Saturday August 18, 2018**
 - 8:00 Eric McNulty
 - 12:00 Mass For Life
 - 4:00 Joseph F. Cox Jr. - 25th Ann.
- Sunday August 19, 2018**
 - 8:00 Raymond Chandonnet
 - 10:00 Gerard Bedard
 - 12:00 Robert Berard
- Monday August 20, 2018**
 - 8:00 Francis, Susan, & Brendan Reilly
 - 12:00 Paul Beaurais - for healing
 - 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Aldred
- Tuesday August 21, 2018**
 - 8:00 Kelly Martin - for healing
 - 12:00 JoAnn Costedio
 - 5:30 Jeannette Painchaud
- Wednesday August 22, 2018**
 - 8:00 In Honor of Our Lady of Beauraing
 - 12:00 Shrine Benefactors
 - 5:30 Karen Kroeter - for healing
- Thursday August 23, 2018**
 - 8:00 Alice Grovos
 - 12:00 Laura Koziarski
 - 5:30 Edward Koza
- Friday August 24, 2018**
 - 8:00 Everett, Florence, & David Harris
 - 12:00 Maurice Simoneau - 21st Ann.
 - 5:30 Silivia Soto - for health
- Saturday August 25, 2018**
 - 8:00 Intentions of Timothy J. Bradish
 - 12:00 Raymond Chandonnet - 1st Ann.
 - 4:00 Leo Lagasse - 10th Ann.
- Sunday August 26, 2018**
 - 8:00 Jeannette Painchard
 - 10:00 Gerard Bedard
 - 12:00 Bobby Cronin - 15th Ann.

<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	August 5, 2018
Weekend Total:	\$2,225.42
Weekday Total:	\$1,105.50
Total Offertory:	\$3,330.92

Music For Sunday, August 19, 2018

CHOIR 8AM.

Entrance #732 Alleluia Sing to Jesus
 Offertory #464 Fly Like A Bird
 Communion #329 Bread Blessed and Broken
 Sending Forth #581 We Are Companions on A Journey

4pm/10am/12pm

Entrance #732 Alleluia Sing to Jesus
 Offertory #510 I Will Choose Christ
 Communion #364 I Am the Bread of Life & #600 I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light
 Sending Forth #195 Now Thank We All Our Gog

Scripture for the week of August 19, 2018

19SUNPrv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
 20MonEz 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
 21Tue Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
 22WedEz 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
 23Thu Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
 24Fri Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 25Sat Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
 26SUNJos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Holy Virgin Mother, we listen with grief to the complaints of your Immaculate Heart surrounded with the thorns placed therein at every moment by the blasphemies and ingratitude of ungrateful humanity. We are moved by the ardent desire of loving you as Our Mother and of promoting a true devotion to your Immaculate Heart.

We therefore kneel before you to manifest the sorrow we feel for the grievances that people cause you, and to atone by our prayers and sacrifices for the offenses with which they return your love. Obtain for them and for us the pardon of so many sins. Hasten the conversion of sinners that they may love Jesus and cease to offend the Lord, already so much offended. Turn your eyes of mercy toward us, that we may love God with all our heart on earth and enjoy Him forever in heaven.

Amen.

From: catholic.org

Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 22

The faithful, under the guidance of an unerring Catholic instinct, have ever recognized the queenly dignity of the Mother of "The King of kings and Lord of lords": the Fathers, the Doctors of the Church, Popes, down through the centuries, have given authoritative expression to this truth and the crowning testimony to this common belief is to be found clearly expressed in the wonders of art and in the profound teaching of the



liturgy. In their turn theologians have shown the fitting nature of this title of Queen as applied to the Mother of God, since she was so closely associated with the redemptive work of her Son and is the Mediatrix of all graces. Pius XII, by his encyclical letter of October 11, 1954, granted the unanimous desire of the faithful and their pastors and instituted the feast of the Queenship of Mary, giving sanction thus to a devotion that was already paid by the faithful throughout the world to the sovereign Mother of heaven and earth.

COLLECT PRAYER

O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

From: Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Christian Worker Recognition Award 2018



The Christian Worker Recognition Award will be announced

Labor Day weekend, and will be presented the following weekend on Saturday, September 8th, 2018 at the 4:00pm Mass.

We are most grateful to all who support the mission of the Church in their day-to-day lives. The award recognizes those who give witness to their faith in their civil employment. The Christian Worker Recognition Award exhibits many ways in which our faith can be made evident outside of recognized church ministries and activities.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM **OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**

The Joy of the Gospel

"Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries" in need of the light of the Gospel."



St. Rose of Lima

August 23

Historians remember St. Rose of Lima for her piety and chastity. Born in 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, and named Isabel Flores de Olivia, she was exceptionally beautiful. Her beauty was so great that she was nicknamed "Rose," a name that remains with her to this day. According to legend, a servant

had a vision where her face turned into a rose. At her confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose. From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. She performed secret penances, some of which were painful and severe. She performed daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and took daily communion. As a young woman, her beauty began to attract suitors. To deter these men, St. Rose marred her face, rubbing it with pepper to make it blister. She cropped her hair short. Her parents opposed her plan to take a vow of chastity. This resulted in a clash of wills, because her parents wanted her to marry. Her father eventually relented and gave her a room to herself. St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer.

From: catholic.org

Gospel - John 6:51-58

Christ the Lord

“History is replete with kings and emperors who put up with no opposition. If the subjects of Ivan the Terrible had ever been caught “arguing with one another” about the veracity or wisdom of one of his declarations, they would have met with a quick and speedy death. But Jesus leaves each one free to accept or reject him, to trust him or abandon him. Our Lord is all-powerful, but he refuses to abuse his power; he called the Jews to believe in him and follow him - just as he calls each one of us - but he never forces us. His is a Kingdom of justice, but also one of love.”

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

1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."¹³⁶ "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."¹³⁷

1325 "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."¹³⁸

The Communion of Saints???

Fundamentalists often challenge the Catholic practice of asking saints and angels to pray on our behalf. But the Bible directs us to invoke those in heaven and ask them to pray with us.

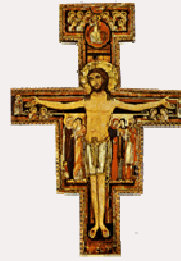


Thus, in Psalm 103 we pray, "Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will!" (Ps. 103:20–21). And in the opening verses of Psalms 148 we pray, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host!"

Not only do those in heaven pray *with* us, they also pray *for* us. In the book of Revelation, John sees that "the twenty-four elders [the leaders of the people of God in heaven] fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints" (Rev. 5:8). Thus the saints in heaven offer to God the prayers of the saints on earth.

from: catholic.org

Holy Objects



Some Protestants believe that using statues and other holy objects is idol worship. Catholics contend that God is not condemning the statues or images, but rather the worship of these objects. Taken too literally, Exodus 20:4-5 would condemn all images, including wedding photos, baby pictures, and even the motion picture classic, Jesus of Nazareth!

Scripture supporting the Catholic position:

Ex 25:18-22 - "Make two cherubim of beaten gold"
 Num 21:9 - "made a bronze serpent...anyone who had been bitten...recovered"
 1 Kings 6:23-29 - (walls of the temple covered with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees and open flowers)

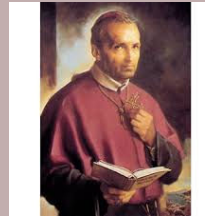
From: The Bible Thumper - Volume 1

Praying with the Blessed Sacrament



Every Saturday and First Friday we have adoration all day inside our beautiful Shrine. Please take the time to come in and say a prayer at your convenience.

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."



-St Alphonsus Ligouri

**St. Joseph,
 Solace of the wretched ~ Pray
 for us.
 ~ Litany of St. Joseph**



Impelled by your passionate love for the Saviour you invited others to join you in your ministry of preaching to the most abandoned. The Saviour used you to bring to birth the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. - 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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF BEAURAING

Please join us on August 22, 2018 at:

St. Mary Magdalene Church
93 Lakeview Ave.
Tyngsboro, MA



Mass at 6:30 pm as we honor Our Lady of Beauraing on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. The theme is "Mary Speaks to Children." Come and hear the re-enactment of the apparitions as told by the five visionaries, their first impressions, the people's reactions, interrogations and Mary's message to young people today.

Info contact Irene Tremblay (978) 649-1813



Flower memorial envelopes are available throughout the Shrine. Your generous contributions are very much appreciated and are what help make the Shrine look beautiful. Thanks to those who remember loved ones with a gift of flowers!!

SHRINE BELLS

In Loving Memory of **Laura Koziarski**

Thursday, August 23, 2018
After the 12pm Mass
"Ave Maria"



Knights of Columbus

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

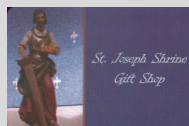
For more information please contact:

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: \$173.04

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. This also helps reduce the pan-handling on our front sidewalk which can be intimidating or distressing to some of the visitors here at the shrine Thank you for your generosity and understanding!

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