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

**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.

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Chapel Hours 7:00 AM - Midnight Adoration (M-F)-10:00AM - 12 AM Weds 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM No Adoration on Holidays



The Annunciation of the Lord - March 25

March 22, 2015



Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation. The Archangel Gabriel was sent to Mary to ask if she would be the Mother of God. She responded, "May it be done to me according to Your Word." The Holy Spirit came upon her and she conceived Jesus. In nine months, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th.

Mary said "yes" to God's invitation. This is a good example of what our spiritual life is to be, a "yes" to God. Sin is when we say "no" to God and this is a special time to identify those areas of our lives and make the changes to say "yes" to God, no matter what the situation, is ultimately for our good. Jesus said "yes" to us by taking on our human nature and giving up His life for us. May we daily grow in saying 'yes" to Him.

We are pleased to announce our new enhanced parish website. This website is viewable on your PC, tablet or smart phone at http://www.stjosephwakefield.org. You can subscribe to our news and events which will be sent directly to your email. These events will also appear on our new Facebook page; https://www.facebook.com/stjosephwakefield. Be sure to "like" us!

We are coming quickly to the end of our Lenten season. I encourage all to go to the Sacrament of Penance to receive the mercy of God in forgiving our sins and washing our souls clean to begin anew on our journey to heaven.

I shall be available for confession on Tuesday, March 24, from 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 25, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee was discussing the possibility of replacing the church pews which are 35 years old (the original pews) and the carpeting. The cost would be about \$ 175,000. We will see what the future brings.

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

God love you,

Vn. Rom

## Reflection of the Week

If we don't think
about God,
everything ends up flat,
everything ends up
being about "me"
and my own comfort.



A time of quiet music & reflection Sunday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP

Hour of praise and charismatic prayer
Monday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**BIBLE STUDY** 

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy, Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

> HEALING SOAKING PRAYER

Come meet us to pray for healing
Wednesday 6:30 pm
Thursday 2:00 p.m.

# Scriptural Teaching An Inquisitive Walk through the Scripture, 68

We recommend keeping these reflections in a three-ring binder for the sake of pondering, challenging, questioning what is offered. Please consider that this is a series and some things may not be as clear if all individual reflections are not read.

After the death of the first-born, the Egyptians were ready to let God's people go to worship the Lord on Mount Sinai. "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night." (Ex. 13:21) Pharaoh changed his mind and pursued the Israelites to the Red Sea. Three more elements are important here to understand Moses as a type of Jesus – Moses' experiences to be fulfilled in a more spiritual manner by the Passover of the Lord.

The Red Sea came to be understood by the early Church as a symbol of Baptism. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit would come in tongues, fire and wind. Here at the crossing of the Red Sea, we see symbolized the Lord's (God's first-born) death for the sake of delivering us from bondage to sin. Clouds signify wind and with the pillar of fire, the Holy Spirit is alluded to. Jesus' deliverance of us from sin is the prelude to the giving of the Holy Spirit. (Remember in commenting on Gen. 11, the Tower of Babel, the third element of tongues was associated with the Spirit in Acts 2:1-4.)

St. Paul understood that the deliverance from sin was met with the same type of hardness of heart that Moses witnessed in his people.

"I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same supernatural food and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness." (1 Cors. 10:1-5)

Numbers 20:7-11 speaks of the Lord providing water from the Rock. A Bible footnote records: "A later legend told of the Rock following the people in the desert. Paul sees the Rock as a symbol of Christ, perhaps as the very work of the pre-existing Christ." (Oxford Annotated Bible (1 Cors. 10) Jesus spoke of water symbolizing the Spirit coming up from the hearts of believers (Jn. 7:37-39).

Being delivered from sin by the waters of Baptism and being immersed in the life of the Only-Begotten Son of God should change a lot of things but, unfortunately, many Christians think like the Israelites did: "It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians (sin) than to die in the wilderness." Sometimes, we prefer to remain in sin than to die with Christ for the sake of sharing His Risen Life. (cf. 2 Tim. 2:8-13)



## 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 held on first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Our Lady's Room. Next meeting is on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

#### Faith Sharing

Join us for insights and fellowship.

Mondays at 9:30 am in Our Lady's Room
Tuesdays at noon. Call for confirmation.

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in St. Joseph's Room.
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Our Lady's Room.

#### Knit, Purl, Pray

The Prayer Knitting Community meets on Tuesdays @ 9:30 am 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. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in Our Lady's Room at 7:30 p.m.

#### Separated/Divorced Support Group

The next meeting for our **Program on Separation and Divorce** will be on
Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.
in Our Lady's Room.

#### St. Joseph Table

Serving healthful meals to those in need. The Second Friday and Fourth Wednesday each month. Schedules may change to accommodate certain holy days and holidays. Please call Rose at 617-697-0888 or email: rmdittom@aol.com.

(Please note: if Wakefield schools are cancelled due to inclement weather - then our Adult Focus meetings will be cancelled that day. We ask that you please check local news stations.)



## **Religious Education**

#### Grade 2:

Instructional Mass has been **rescheduled for Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m.** Please meet Mrs. Collins in Father Gillis Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Grade 7 & 8 Grade 7 & 8 – Apologetics; Defending the Faith. The students have been watching the movie, "God's Not Dead" in class during the last few weeks. The movie supports an integral theme for this year; calling students to better understand their faith so they are able to defend it, particularly as they begin high school. We encourage you to ask your student what they have learned!

**Special Ed CCD Sign-up:** St Joseph is holding registrations for SPED CCD. Classes will be on Thursday from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the rectory. Sessions run March 5, 2015 - April 16, 2015. To register, contact Diane Murphy at the rectory.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Vacation Bible School 2015 will be held on August 3 - 7. *More details to follow.* 



## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

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#### **Grade 4 Donates Books to Children's Hospital**

The Fourth Grade teacher, Miss Baraby, came across a story about a local couple who lost their beautiful baby boy, Mason, to cancer almost a year ago. The family wanted to give back and started a book drive for Boston Children's Hospital in Mason's memory. Miss Baraby and her students wanted to give back too and decided to use 3,500 points in their Scholastic Book account. With all of those points, she was able to order about 65 brand new books for children ranging from ages 3-13! These books will be donated to the Boston Children's Hospital from the 4th Grade Class at Saint Joseph School. The children at St. Joseph School were willing to sacrifice new books for their classroom and help bring joy to other children.

#### Fr. Wenzel's Mass Schedule

Fr. Jim will be celebrating the following Masses: March 22 at 7:30 a.m., March 29 at 11:00 a.m.



Hunger for Justice is a 35+ hour retreat that begins with a prayer service beginning on the beach in Nahant,

continues with the carrying of the Cross to St. Thomas Parish, and concludes with the Veneration of the Cross. The retreat then continues at St. Mary's High School with a final meal (before we fast until after the Easter Vigil Mass Saturday night), group games and spiritual reflections. In addition to fasting during the retreat, the participants also build their own homes out of cardboard in the gym and cafeteria. The focus for Friday is on Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross and His healing Grace. We conclude Friday evening with a prayer service and in joyful expectation for His rising on Easter. Please contact Julie to sign up ASAP! Jvazquez@stjosephwakefield.org

#### St. Joseph Parish Expenses Paid February 28 - March 13, 2015

Alter Supplies	\$	2 1 1 2
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Audio Visual		60
Books and Pamphlets		911
Building Maintenance & Sup	plies	2,359
Coffee & Donuts		100
Auto Insurance		700
Dues & Subscriptions		56
Hospitality		323
Insurance		10,774
License Agreements		545
Office Supplies & Expenses		2,880
Payroll & Taxes		14,362
PCs		4,082
Postage		202
Rectory Food		350
Religious Education		1,408
St. Joseph's Table		460
Snow Removal/Salt		1,307
Utilities		7,310
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**OFFERTORY MARCH 14-15 \$ 12,030**Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

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#### LITURGY CORNER

This Sunday marks the beginning of Jesus' "march" to His sacrifice and our salvation.

Following His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted His suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared His disciples to believe in the salvation that His death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that His dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be His disciples must follow His example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

Love and service are keynotes of Jesus' mission on earth and His desire for our well being.

-Sunday Connection

#### The Light is On For You



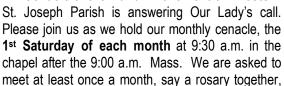
St. Joseph Parish (except for April 1, for our Healing Mass) and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of

Boston will be open for individual confession all the Wednesday evenings of Lent from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please visit: <a href="www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org">www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org</a> to help you prepare.

#### **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**

Just a reminder that we have drop off baskets located in the library foyer for your donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the needy of our community. This month the pantry is especially in need of brand cereals. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### **Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests**



pray special prayers for our Pope and read one or more of our Lady's messages given to Fr. Gobbi. We also make an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact: Sharon Keith (781) 245-5770.

\$ 51,331



Your prayers are requested for Pray For the benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our

community. 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, March 21

9:00 Thomas Foley, 25th Anniversary

4:00 Patricia Curran, 3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, March 22

7:30 Ralph Petraglia, Birthday Memorial

9:00 Rocco Rinaldi, Memorial Mass

11:00 Dominic DiGiammarino, **Memorial Mass** 

5:30 Sean Connerty, Memorial Mass

#### Monday, March 23

6:45 Lisa Barrasso, Birthday Remembrance

9:00 Kenneth Fahey, Month's Mind

#### Tuesday, March 24

6:45 Helen Luciano, Memorial Mass

9:00 Margaret & Cornelius Sullivan, & Frank Melanson, Sr., Memorial Mass

#### Wednesday, March 25

6:45 Special Intention

9:00 Dorothy Cadogan, Memorial Mass

#### Thursday, March 26

6:45 Mass of Thanksgiving

9:00 Esther Redmond, Birthday Remembrance

#### Friday, March 27

6:45 Special Intention

9:00 Margaret Doherty, Memorial Mass

#### Saturday, March 28

9:00 Peter, Elizabeth & Josephine Sullivan, Birthday Memorial

4:00 Rita Ferreira, 9th Anniversary

#### Sunday, March 29

7:30 Grace Petraglia, Memorial Mass

9:00 Joseph Longo, 10th Anniversary

11:00 Jean DePiano, Birthday Remembrance

5:30 Robert Umano, Jr., Memorial Mass



Please pray for all those currently serving in the military, especially those deployed overseas: Debra Martinez, Scott McDonough, & Matthew Redmond.



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

#### Antonina Linda Casoli child of Michael & Kourtney

Parker James Mason child of Brian & Danielle

#### Hunter Rose Merrill child of Brian & Kathryn



#### **RCIA Program**

Please keep the following candidates in your prayers: Dawn Swain and Bianca Bacigalupo, who will be receiving Adult Confirmation and RCIA Candidates: Eugene DelGaizo and

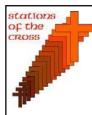
Christina Indorato who will be receiving Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil this year.



#### St. Florence Lady's Sodality

The April Meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in McCauley Hall for a Bingo Night. There will also be an

Installation of New Officers for the 2015-2016 season will also be held. New members are always welcome!



Students of St. Joseph School will be presenting the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 1:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome.

#### Scripture for the week of March 22, 2015

**SUN** Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-Mon

62/Jn 8:1-11

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 Tue

Wed Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thu Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 Fri Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 Sat Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

SUN Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-

11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



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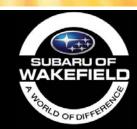


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