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

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



Jesus Is Risen!

May the peace, joy, and love of Jesus fill your hearts this Easter season.

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed. This is the great feast of our faith. By His rising, death is no longer the final answer. We have life because of Jesus, death is now a passageway that leads the faithful to eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. We can even share in the Lord's power over the kingdom of darkness by walking in His light; that is, being obedient to His way of life. There is much darkness in the world today and we can trace it down to simply turning away from God and living in disobedience to His ways. Jesus summarized all the commandments into two simple commandments;

- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your mind, your soul and your strength.

- You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

We are called to have God as our first and primary relationship and to serve the needs of others in our life. Can you imagine what this world would be like if we lived out these two commandments? We see what it is like by not living these commandments by just turning on the news or reading the newspapers. The choice is ours. Do I live in the light and have peace and joy within or do I live in darkness and be enslaved by my sinful actions and cause pain in the lives of others?

It is also good to know that the resurrection of Jesus cannot be contained in a one day celebration. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus every Sunday at Mass. The great event of Easter overflows to all the Sundays of the year. We can use the example of birth. We were born on a specific day but we celebrate and remember that event once a year. As Christians, we remember and celebrate the event of Jesus rising from death every week because it is the event



CALEB'S CORNER

This Tuesday, I will celebrate my birthday. I will be 6 years old. I wish to thank you all for your hugs and kisses. Love, Caleb that gave us new life. So let us make Sunday a day that we come as family to worship God, listen to His word as He speaks to us in Scripture and receive His Body and Blood in communion as food for the journey. Let us take care of our spiritual life to prepare ourselves for heaven. Hell is for those who reject God and choose to not walk in His ways.

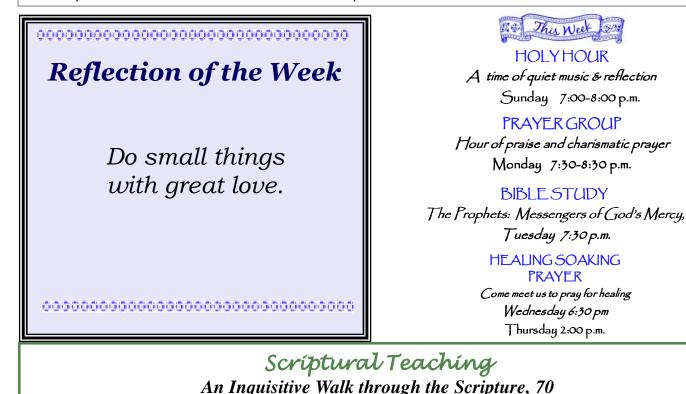
Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy devotions schedule can be found on page 6.

I wish you all a blessed Easter and may the peace, joy, and love of Jesus fill your hearts this Easter season.

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

God love you,

Vr. Rom



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.

Moses was one of the "types" revealed by God so that humans would be able to recognize the true Messiah when He appeared. As Moses led God's people Israel out of bondage in Egypt through the Red Sea and desert into the Promised Land so the Lord Jesus leads us from bondage through the waters of Baptism through life's journey to Heaven. We have looked at some elements of this journey in past weeks and now we look at the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai.

God called Moses to the top of the Mountain and spoke to him from the Burning Bush. (Ex. 19:1-31:18) Along with the Ten Commandments other items dealing with the Ark, the Tabernacle and the Priests were related to Moses. Moses received the Law from the Word of God. Orthodox iconography of this event portrays the Virgin Mary as the Burning Bush with Jesus in her lap speaking to Moses. St. Ignatius of Antioch referred to Jesus as "the Word of God proceeding from the silence of the Father." The Son of God is the Communicator of God's revelation. St. John's Gospel proclaims: "The Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known." (Jn. 1:17, 18)

The Law was needful to set standards and guidelines for the people to follow so as to enter into the Promised Land. It was also important so that people could understand that the Law would prove difficult and that no one could be saved by simply following the Law. "Grace and Truth" (Jesus) had to come to mercifully set us free and then send the Spirit to empower us to live by the Spirit. St. Paul in his Letter to the Galatians (chaps. 3-5) portrays the contrast between the Law and the Spirit. Well worth the time to read in full. As a symbol of this, when God punished the people for the Golden Calf (Acts 32:28), 3000 people died; when the Spirit came at Pentecost, 3000 came to life in the faith. (Acts 2:41)

Moses ratified the people's agreement to the law by sprinkling blood upon them and said: "Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." (Ex. 24:8) With the New Covenant, it is the Blood of the Son of God which ratifies our relationship with the Father and it is sealed by the Holy Spirit. As always, the Lord is kind to provide for us criteria to recognize the Messiah so that our faith in Him is not blind but reasonable.



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* (*Please note:

No Meetings on April 6th - Easter Monday or Monday, April 20 – Patriot's Day) **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

We wish everyone a blessed Easter!

Registration for the 2015-16 School Year starts in April 2015 for students going into Grade 1 through Grade 9. We encourage you to register preschool and kindergarten too so that we have your contact information for events and mailings. The forms can be found on our website under Religious Ed or you may come into the Rectory and fill out the forms. Please call Diane Murphy at 781-245-5770 or email <u>dmurphy@stjosephwakefield.org</u> if you have any questions. Books are available in the rectory for PS, K, 1, 3-8.

First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

<u>Confirmation</u> will take place on Friday, May 15, at 7:00 pm.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School 2015 will be held on August 3 - 7. Registration will begin on May 1, 2015. *More details to follow.*



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Thank you for your support of the Saint Joseph School recent Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair!

2015/2016 Registration

Saint Joseph School is currently accepting registration for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact Alayne Flynn at 781-245-2081 for more information.

For additional information on our school please call 781-245-2081 or visit <u>www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org</u>

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Easter Sunday



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

Fr. Wenzel's Mass Schedule

Fr. Jim will be celebrating the following Masses: April 19 at 7:30 a.m., April 26 at 11:00 a.m., May 10 at 7:30 a.m., May 17 at 11:00 a.m., & May 31 at 7:30 a.m.

April /May Ministry Schedules

The April/May Ministry Schedules will be available online and in the sacristy this weekend. **Please submit any June/July exceptions by May 1.** Please drop off at the rectory or email to mlaiosa@stjosephwakefield.org.

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 preceded by Mass celebrated by Fr. Gianni. There will also be a short meeting, Election of New Officers and Bingo. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served. New members are enthusiastically welcomed!

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests



St. Joseph Parish is answering Our Lady's call. Please join us as we hold our monthly cenacle. Please note: April and May monthly cenacle will be held on the <u>2nd Saturday of the month</u> at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. (*Time*

change is due to Holy Week and First Communions.) We are asked to meet at least once a month, say a rosary together, 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.

Scripture for the week of April 5, 2015

SUN	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor
	5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tue	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wed	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thu	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Fri	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Sat	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
SUN	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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

Bryce Kenneth Murphy Child of Kevin & Rachel

Elena Ann Murphy child of Kevin & Rachel

Maeve Claire Winters child of Evan & Kathryn

My Brother's Table REMINDER

Next weekend, (April 11/12) we will be collecting individually wrapped snacks for My Brother's Table. Please bring donations to the foyer library and mark them **"Soup Kitchen."**

RCIA

Congratulations to Dawn Swain and Bianca Bacigalupo, Eugene DelGaizo and Christina



b, Eugene DelGaizo and Christina Indorato who were received into the Catholic faith through the RCIA program at the Easter Vigil this year. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Easter Collection

The diocesan-wide Easter collection is for our active and senior diocesan priests. These men have been there when we needed them. Now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises we make as Catholics to care for them when they need us. All are welcome to make a gift online at www.clergyfunds.org or use the in-pew envelopes provided. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this important collection.

March Offertory

Weekly Offertory	\$	66,226.00	
Electronic Giving		16,747.50	
Total Offertory	\$	82,973.50	
Needed to make expenses		75,000.00	
Without Grand Annual Collection			
Weekly amount needed:	\$	15,000.00	

OFFERTORY MARCH 28-29 \$ 14,901 Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.



Divine Mercy Schedule Sunday, April 12, 2015

Adoration 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Confessions 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary 2:00 p.m. Chaplet 3:00 p.m. Benediction 3:45 p.m.

LITURGY CORNER

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!



How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?

Pope John Paul II said that the image of the Risen Jesus Christ portrays Jesus bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said, "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate

this image will not perish". (Diary 341, 48)

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You." (Diary 327) "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)





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