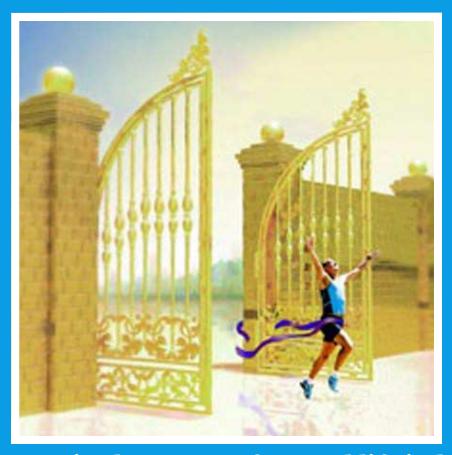
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Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:00 PM
Sunday Mass
7:30 AM
9:00 AM (Family Liturgy)
11:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass Schedule Monday - Friday Mass 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM Saturday Mass 9:00 AM

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April 19, 2015



Dear Parishioners,

On Monday we celebrate Patriot's Day, the day of the Boston Marathon. The marathon is a great spiritual teaching in two ways. Spiritual life is not a dash, but a marathon. We grow spiritually day by day. Faithfulness to daily prayer, Scripture and the reception of the sacraments is the means of growth in the spiritual life. But this is where we encounter the major problem. We have a tendency to drop out of the race by safeguarding our daily prayer time. We can always find things to do that can cause us to neglect or to put off our praying. I need to make this phone call, to run this errand, to clean up a space, to check an email, and other such reasons. To finish the marathon is to run step by step and not to stop and drop out. It is the same with our spiritual life, to pray day by day, not to stop and give up. The big question is why not spend time with the God of unconditional love, our Good Shepherd, our Friend? Time spent with the Lord is time well spent. One can never run the marathon as though it were a 100 yard dash. We do not grow in an intimate relationship with Jesus in a week. We do it like any relationship, gradually.

The second lesson is that the prize of the marathon is a wreath and monetary prize. Our prize is a crown that is imperishable, everlasting life with Jesus. We read in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25; "Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize?" So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." Let us be faithful in caring for our spirits. As Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:7; I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

I remind you of the seminar on Monday evening from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*. It is part of the Praise & Worship prayer time for the next six weeks.

I will be available to hear confessions on Wednesday, April 22, from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

God love you,

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Reflection of the Week

You can never get enough of what you don't really need.



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 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, 72

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.

It is very important for people of faith to understand what they believe and why they believe it. "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Pet. 3:15) We need to understand that we cannot simply make up things to believe and then merrily go our own little way. Such ways of belief could easily lead to anarchy. There is also the problem of believing things that are not true. We see the results of such faith in the horrors of daily news broadcasts.

What we need is to come to understand the truth for "Truth will set you free." (Jn. 8:32) Truth is something "solid" and eternal; it is a reality upon which one can build his life without fear of the world's storms destroying it. Truth ultimately comes from God as the only One who can confirm it. It behooves us to study our Christian faith to see the Truth that is manifest in a variety of ways. It is a wonderful journey of serendipity to see how God makes it possible for us to see that Jesus fulfills the "types," symbols, prophecies of the Hebrew Scripture. We have already considered the Hebrew Scripture as logically subsequent and fulfilling of humankind's early religions. God moved from general revelations to very specific so we could follow His "logic" and come to accept His Logos. (Word)

One of the beautiful "types" of the Messiah is the Ark of the Covenant, which symbolized God's presence among His people. The ark (cf. Ex. 25:10-22) had two compartments, one with the Word and one with the Bread. Upon it was the Throne of Mercy. The Letter to the Hebrews recounts that the ark "contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the Mercy Seat, (Hebs. 9:4, 5) Mary can be seen as the ark in light of the Book of Revelation: "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within His temple... And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun..." (Rev. 11:19-12:1) Mary can be seen as the ark for she is the one who brought forth in her person the Word of God, the Bread of Life, the eternal High Priest. This is done in her role as Mediatrix. Jesus fulfills the "type" of the Ark for He Himself is the Word of God, the Bread of Life, the eternal High Priest. From His throne, the mercy of God is proclaimed for He was enthroned upon the cross so as to be enthroned in glory at the right hand of the Father. Also, consider that every day at Mass we have the Liturgy of the Word followed by the Liturgy of Bread which becomes the Body of Christ, all this done by Jesus the High Priest who reigns from His Throne of Mercy. Every day we celebrate the Ark of the Covenant.



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, May 5, 2015.

Faith Sharing

Join us for insights and fellowship.

Mondays at 9:30 am in Our Lady's Room*
(*Please note: No Meeting on 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, May 13, 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, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Room.

St. Joseph Table

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(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

Registration for the 2015-16 School Year began on April 15, 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 and class information can be found on our website under Religious Ed or you may come into the Rectory and fill out the forms. Please email Diane Murphy dmurphy@stjosephwakefield.org 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.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School 2015 will be held on August 3 - 7. Registration will begin on May 4, 2015. *More details to follow.*



Grade 5 Games & Pizza Party on Saturday, April 25, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30p.m. Sign up with Julie at email: jvazquez@stjosephwakefield.org



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Student Spotlight

Tom Curran, one of our 6th graders, has raised money for the Mastocytosis Society as he tries to earn his black belt in karate. He sold colorful bracelets before and after school, as well as at recess. All money raised will go to the Mastocytosis Society as well as a current Mastocytosis fighter, Erica.

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

Fr. Wenzel's Mass Schedule

Fr. Jim will be celebrating the following Masses: 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 Schedule is available online and in the sacristy. **Please submit any June/July exceptions by May 1.** Please drop off at the rectory or email to mlaiosa@stjosephwakefield.org.

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 mayonnaise and other condiments. Thank you for your continued generosity.

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM

invites all couple celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on June 14th at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be

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LITURGY CORNER

The 50 days of Easter give us time to extend the celebration of the Good News in a thoughtful and joyful way. Pointing to the fact that Easter cannot be contained in just one Sunday, we are called to wholeheartedly embrace the Resurrection and carry the Word in a visible way to our communities.

We remember that all Sundays are "little Easters." We should carry the happiness and ecstasy of the Resurrection into all we do. The joyous nature of Easter is continuously reflected in the vibrancy of the flowers, the verdant greenery, and buoyancy in our hearts. We are called to invite those around us to share in our grace-filled experiences— it's a good time for the new evangelization— ask a friend to come to a church program with you.

PARENTING CORNER

Ways to Keep Easter Joy Alive

Not many of us are used to sustaining an "Easter Spirit" of celebration all the way to Pentecost, so here are some more suggestions this week:

- 1. Visit a lonely neighbor or some other family act of kindness to express thanks for the resurrection.
- 2. Talk about baptism. Tell stories of family members' baptisms.
- 3. Plan a family outing to a river, lake, stream or ocean.
- 4. Drape crucifixes and crosses with a strip of white cloth.
- 5. Make cookies in the shape of Easter symbols. Freeze some to serve throughout the season.
- 6. Learn how other cultures celebrate Easter. Try out some of their customs and foods.
- 7. Make greeting cards announcing the good news of the resurrection.
- 8. Use a special container for newly blessed water from Church. Show the children how to use holy water.

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

community especially Carol Adams. 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, April 18

9:00 Carolyn Wetterberg, 2nd Anniversary

4:00 James Roberto, 16th Anniversary

Sunday, April 19

7:30 Caesar & Florence Zani, **Memorial Mass**

9:00 Joseph Paul Frotten, Birthday Remembrance

11:00 Albert DePiano, 16th Anniversary

5:30 Robert Umano, Jr., Memorial Mass

Monday, April 20

6:45 Albert Joseph McGowan, **Memorial Mass**

9:00 Joseph Boghos, 11th Anniversary

Tuesday, April 21

6:45 Lisa Anne Zagarella, 4th Anniversary

9:00 Walter Cronin, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, April 22

6:45 James DeCorpo, Memorial Mass

9:00 Special Intention

Thursday, April 23

6:45 Henry Wilson,15th Anniversary

9:00 Patricia Yirrell, 7th Anniversary

Friday, April 24

6:45 Frederick Kelly, Birthday Remembrance

9:00 Walter Doherty, Memorial Mass

Saturday, April 25

9:00 Special Intention

4:00 Rev. Daniel Barrett, Sr. Mary Barrett, & Anne Barrett, Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 26

7:30 Salvatore Sacoco, Memorial Mass

9:00 Beatrice & John Szarkowski, **Memorial Mass**

11:00 Anna Scenna, 2nd Anniversary

5:30 Grace & Ralph Petraglia, Memorial Mass



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

Adoration Coverage Needed

Please consider signing up for a half hour in the presence of Jesus. We have many times needing coverage during the week. We are especially in need of coverage on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m., Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. -4:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., 2:30p.m. -3:00 p.m., and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Please call the rectory to sign up.



Volunteers needed to pick up breads and pastries in Reading to deliver to St. Patrick's in Lawrence each Monday at 12 noon to help **The Cor Unum Meal Center** which is a not-for-profit meal center located in South Lawrence, MA. Other days may be available. Please call Sonnia Maria O'Connor at 781-944-9883 for more information.

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: May monthly cenacle will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. (Time

change is due to 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 19, 2015

SUN Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Mon Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 Tue Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 Wed Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 Thu Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 Fri Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-5923

Sat 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

SUN Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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