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



May 2015 Congratulations to our First Communicants!



May 17, 2015



Dear Parishioners,

Last Friday, twenty-nine of our young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This was their personal Pentecost as they received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was given to empower them to be disciples of Jesus in faithfully walking in His ways and to spread the Good News of Jesus. As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the first disciples were gun shy and fearful until they received the Holy Spirit. Our students are now given the same power to go out and speak and live the good news of Jesus. They are living in a world that is hostile to the Christian faith. We need only to look at some of the laws of our country that legalize immorality to see this. It will not be easy for them to speak the truth as taught by Jesus. They are to bring the light of Jesus into their relationships and social settings. The celebration of this sacrament challenges us. Are we living as faithful disciples of Jesus we who have been empowered by the Holy Spirit? Are we good examples to those who now are joining us as confirmed Christians? Jesus is the conqueror of sin and death and He calls us to continue His work of preaching, teaching, and healing. Next Sunday, we will celebrate Pentecost. May all of us pray this week that we receive a fresh outpouring of His Spirit to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I wish to inform the community that our youth director and her husband, Julie and Jesús Vazquez, will be leaving our community to be lay missionaries in the Caribbean. They are responding to what they feel is the Lord's calling upon their lives. I wish to thank them for the contributions that they have made to our youth ministry program. They have been a good witness to our youth of the Christian life, in loving God and caring for the needs of the poor. They have made an impact in the lives of many of our young people. They will be missed and we pray that the Lord's blessing be upon them in their future endeavors.

I will be available for confession this week on Monday, May 18, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

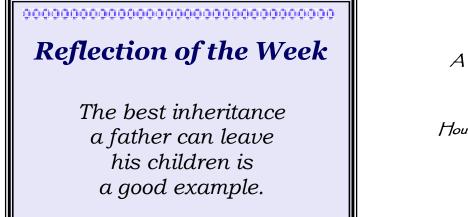
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HOLY HOUR A time of quiet music & reflection Sunday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

PRAYERGROUP

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, 76

There are several covenants that we consider as we check for the credentials of the Messiah and God's plan for our salvation. There was the promise to Adam and Eve. Then the covenant with humankind and all creation made with Noah. After this came the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with the promise of land and Messiah. After this, God made covenant with all Israel at Sinai through Moses. Later on, God covenanted with David that the Messiah would come from his line and loins – a very important distinction as we shall ponder the lineages of David relating to Joseph and Mary. There is also a new covenant spoken of in Jeremiah 31 that deals with God writing His law upon the hearts of His people.

There is another covenant which does not get much attention but may be a voice that still speaks from Ireland! The following reflection is offered not as definitive but as speculative. This covenant deals with Phinehas, a grandson of Aaron the High Priest. Phinehas was of the Tribe of Levi which was set apart by God to be the priests. These priests had no land of their own and so were dependent on the other eleven tribes for their sustenance which was afforded to them as they provided sacrifices for the community. Exodus 29 speaks of the ordination of the Levites but when the Levites rallied against those who worshipped the Golden Calf, killing three thousand, Moses said to them: "Today you have ordained yourselves for the service of the Lord, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, that He may bestow a blessing upon you this day" (Ex. 32:29). Levites are associated with blood in very concrete ways – the blood of sacrifices and the blood of sinners. Phinehas is no exception. In Numbers 25, Phinehas witnessed an Israelite man sinning with a Midianite woman. He thrust them through with a spear and a plague of chastisement was stayed. God promised Phinehas "a covenant of peace; and it shall be to him, and to his descendants after him, the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was zealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel" (NM 25:12, 13). [We must be cautious in condemning such acts of bloodshed from our perspective millennia after the fact. Such concrete examples are used by the Lord to teach us spiritual truths.]

At any rate, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, was of the division of Abijah (Lk. 1:5; 1 Chr. 24:10) and probably descended from Phinehas. This may mean that John the Baptist was rightful heir to the perpetual priesthood promised to Phinehas. John certainly took the sword (Word of God) to the evil and injustice he saw and his blood was shed as testimony to his zeal for God. Our Lady of Knock in Ireland celebrates our Lady's visit to St. John the Baptist Church. Along with her was the vision of a priest with miter. Some say this man was John the Apostle but the miter may be the miter of the Jewish High Priest, rightfully worn by John the Baptist, of the Tribe of Levi, descendent and heir to covenant with Phinehas. John the Baptist would not wear loin cloth of camel hair when greeting the Mother of God. He would be properly attired in his priestly robes. Even today, the covenant of Phinehas testifies to the Lamb of God.



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, June 2, 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, June 10, 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

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

Confirmation Students: Congratulations to the young adults who received their Confirmation this past Friday. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Registration Update

There have been some recent changes to our Religious Education program. Information and updates have been emailed to parents. If you have any questions, please see our website for the latest information or call Diane Murphy at the rectory at (781) 245-5770.

Youth Ministry News!



Save the Date! Julie & Jesús would like to invite you to drop by the Parish Hall on Saturday, May 30, at 7 pm to say farewell, as they depart to become fulltime missionaries! They will be moving June 1st.

"We are so grateful to Fr. Ron & all the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish for all the support of the Youth! We will really miss this beautiful & vibrant community. Each of you truly holds a special place in our hearts! Please keep us in your prayers as we venture out to serve God together in new ways. God Bless you!"

Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry



There are 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.



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

"21st Century Catholic Learning Community **Based on Timeless Values."** Quality, Faith-based, Personalized Instruction

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 www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org

Fr. Wenzel's Mass Schedule

Fr. Jim will be celebrating the following Masses: May 24 at 11:00 a.m., May 31 at 7:30 a.m.

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, the 1st Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. 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.



A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & SACRED SITES OF ITALY Led by Fr. Jurgen Liias November 3 – 14, 2015

Join Fr. Jurgen Liias on a holy and spiritual Pilgrimage to Italy - to visit the historical and religious sites of Rome, Assisi, Florence and Venice. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3,899.00 per person, double occupancy, with a \$400.00 deposit due by June 1, 2015. Price includes airfare, private motor coach, and hotel accommodations. Breakfast and dinner are included daily. For more information or to obtain a brochure and reservation form, contact Cathy DiPirro, Group Leader at <u>catherinedipirro@msn.com</u> or call 781-307-2474.

Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Rosary



A monthly outdoor rosary prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima started last week on May 13 in front of the statue of Our Lady. Next month it will

be held on **June 13 at noon**. For information on the messages of Fatima visit <u>www.santuariofatima.pt</u>. On this site, you can also view live broadcasts of services conducted in Fatima, Portugal, directly from the apparitions chapel.

Special Collection

Next week's special collections (May 23-24) include the Seminary Offering, which supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests.

OFFERTORY MAY 9-10 \$ 10,951 Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

LITURGY CORNER Pentecost



Next weekend celebrates Pentecost - the decent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

The gift of tongues and fire represent the mission given to the Apostles to

preach and to witness to the "ends of the earth."

Today the Spirit inspires each and every one of us to carry out this mission with different gifts such as preaching, witnessing, healing, forgiving, teaching, etc. We are to use our gifts with humility, not pride. We are all part of one Body. The Spirit gives us the wisdom to know how to serve.

This feast also coincides with Confirmation where we "accept" our adult mission and move into our faith - filled responsibilities even more deeply.

The colors of the celebration are red signifying fire, royalty, and the mission to bring the "fire" of faith to the world.

Christian Service Ministry

Would you be able to donate your time helping others in their everyday activities? Help needed with rides, errands, companionship, and short term help with meals. If interested in joining this ministry, please call Lucia Beaton at 781-820-6039.

1060 AM Catholic Radio Food for the Soul. Fuel for the Ride.

Catholic Radio bumper stickers for your car are available at St. Joseph Parish, please contact Laney at 339-927-2448.

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., 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 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 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., and 2:30p.m. -3:00 p.m. Please call the rectory to sign up. St. Joseph Parish, Wakefield, MA

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Your prayers are requested 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, May 16

- 9:00 Christine McGee, 1st Anniversary
- 4:00 Mary Manfra, 37th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, May 17

- 7:30 Catherine LaPuma, Birthday Remembrance
- 9:00 Thomas Ciulla, Sr., 45th Anniversary
- 11:00 Ralph & Grace Petraglia, Memorial Mass
- 5:30 Kathleen Hill, 6th Anniversary

Monday, May 18

- 6:45 Richard Penta, Memorial Mass
- 9:00 Eric Daigle, 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, May 19

- 6:45 Alyssa Nanopoulos, 6th Anniversary
- 9:00 John Ventura, 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday, May 20

- 6:45 Dale Jenkins, 5th Anniversary
- 9:00 Tom Demelis, 1st Anniversary

Thursday, May 21

- 6:45 Sophia Kipfer, 12th Anniversary
- 9:00 Lincoln Chinchillo, Memorial Mass

Friday, May 22

- 6:45 Special Intention
- 9:00 Rose Fougere, Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 23

- 9:00 The Rossetti Family, Memorial Mass
- 4:00 Robert Palmieri, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, May 24

- 7:30 Lorraine Tetreault, 10th Anniversary
- 9:00 Louis & Margaret Muse, Memorial Mass
- 11:00 Mary & Vincent Basile, Memorial Mass
 - 5:30 Anthony Strangie, Memorial Mass



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

MEMORIAL DAY MASS Forest Glade Cemetery

We will be celebrating a Memorial Day Mass next



Monday, May 25, at 9:00 a.m. at Forest Glade Cemetery. Please bring a chair! In the event of rain the Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church.

There will not be Adoration on Memorial Day

St. Joseph Social Committee Dinner Dance

Dinner Dance - June 6th 6 p.m. -11 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of good food, good friends and dancing! DJ Alan LaBella will have you out of your seats! Dinner catered by Laurie's 9:09. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be sold after all weekend Masses in May. Advance Ticket Sales Only. For additional information or to reserve a table of 8-10, please contact: Terry Grady @ 781-864-5908 or Janet Rivers @ 781-910-5011.

St. Florence Ladies Sodality Annual Banquet on Tuesday, June 2, 2014 Bear Hill Golf Club 5:30 p.m. \$30 per person Checks payable to St. Florence Church Cocktail Hour followed by buffet dinner For reservations: please call: Paula Whittemore 781-245-3471 or 781-245-9331 Donna Brehaut 781-944-2633

Scripture for the week of May 17, 2015

SUN	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Mon	Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
Tue	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thu	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Fri	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Sat	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
SUN	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez
	37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
	Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal
	5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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