Saint Joseph Parish 173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880 The Most Holy Trinity



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. Pastoral Team Fr. Ron Barker, Pastor Merry Nordeen, Admin. Assistant Rose Dittmer, Faith Formation Anne Grant, Music Director Maureen Miller, Parish Accountant Mary Coles, Bulletin Editor Alex Canto, Facilities Manager Caleb, Parish Dog www.stjosephwakefield.org Phone: 781-245-5770 Fax: 781-246-2423

Chapel Hours 7:00 AM - Midnight Adoration (M-F)-10:00AM - 12 AM Weds 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM No Adoration on Holidays Religious Education Elizabeth Collins, Grade 1 - 2 Sharon Keith, Grades 3-8 Jesus Vazquez, Grade 9 Fr. Ron Barker, Grade 10 Julie Vazquez, Youth Ministry Diane Murphy, Administration

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Dear Parishioners,

The following was the front page news in last week's Boston Globe:

Dublin - Ireland has become the first nation to approve same-sex marriage by a popular vote, sweeping aside the opposition of the Roman Catholic Church in a resounding victory Saturday for the gay rights movement and placing the country at the vanguard of social change. With the final ballots counted, the vote was 62 percent in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage, and 38 percent opposed.

How discouraging, depressing, and alarming in a spiritual perspective. The blindness of people as to how they are being seduced by the evil one. This all began with Adam and Eve with God telling them that if they were to eat from the tree of knowledge, they would die. The devil told them the opposite, that they would become gods. Well, the devil lied, God spoke the truth and death came into the world. At the time of Noah, people were living sinful lives, they were having a grand old time living in opposition to the laws of God. Well, the flood came to cleanse the earth. THE SEDUCTION OF THE EVIL ONE CONTINUES.

Concerning the abortion issue, we were told the woman has a right to choose. It is her body. Yes, a woman can choose to get pregnant (except the issue of rape) but it is another body she carries and she cannot decide for the death of that person. We are told in some circles that a fetus becomes human at a certain state. Really? If the man (human) provides the seed and the woman (human) provides the egg, isn't it logical that the product of that union is human from the first moment of conception? Watch what happens when you leave it alone and let it grow. With the same sex marriage, the political correct language is that it is a civil right. The author (God) of marriage states that it is the union of man and woman and the act of intimacy is the language of oneness and open to procreation (be fruitful and multiply.)

Today many people only focus on the pleasure of the marital act and not the deeper meaning and language that it symbolizes. A vote for same sex marriage is not a vote for civil rights but a vote for sodomy and blatant rebellion against the law of God. It is not a sin to be homosexual as it is not a sin to be heterosexual. It is a sin if one engages in sexual activity outside the marriage state for both. There are many reasons one could bring forth for the condition that we are in. The following could be one of them: The Pew Research Center reported that Americans who described themselves as Christians dropped from 78 percent to 71 percent between 2007 and 2014 while the number of atheists, agnostics or those with no faith grew from 16 percent to 23 percent of those who still call themselves Christians, how many practice and know their faith? Thus, when we have voting on moral issues, who do you think will be the winners? Even though a majority pass immoral laws, God is still God and history has recorded Genesis to Revelation, a people living in darkness will suffer a consequence for their evil and are in danger if they do not repent will lose eternal life. We pray for God to have mercy on us and for us to wake up from our slumber and blindness to see that we are in a spiritual warfare and not to surrender and give up the fight. Let us stand boldly as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Since some were away last holiday weekend, I wish to again thank all who gave cards, gifts, spirituals, and your presence on the occasion of my priesthood anniversary.

As a reminder, the monthly Healing Mass this Wednesday, June 3, starting with the recitation of the rosary at 7:00 p.m.

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

God love you,

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Scriptural Teaching

An Inquisitive Walk through the Scripture, 78

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.

With the death of Moses, Joshua takes the lead in bringing the people of Israel into the Promised Land. It is good to note that the name Joshua is the same as the name Jesus and its meaning is "the Lord saves." When Moses led the people through the Red Sea, the Lord had parted the waters so that the people of Israel walked through on dry land. (Ex. 15:21) Now with Joshua, it is time for the people to get their feet wet. "And when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be stopped from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap." (Josh. 3:13) Jesus walked on water and then later invited Peter to get his feet wet in the midst of a storm. (Mt. 14:22-33)

When the people of Israel had crossed the Jordan River, the Lord commanded that they collect twelve stones out of the Jordan as a memorial for the Lord stopping the flow of the Jordan for the Ark and the people to cross over into the Promised Land. Jesus accepted Peter's willingness to walk on the water and later on, after Peter's confession of faith and his being called "rock," Jesus told him He would build His Church upon it/him (Mt. 16:18). St. Peter was able to understand the profound meaning of this and so he wrote to his fellow believers: "Come to Him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Pet. 2:4, 5) The memorial stones commemorating the crossing of the Jordan are symbols of the "living stones," the believers who have followed Jesus/Yeshua into the Promised Land of the risen life which we are to share even now.

Of course, the Book of Joshua speaks of a lot of battles. All these times of conflict and war were understood by the early Church as symbols of the spiritual warfare that the Church and individual Christian are to wage. As often quoted, God said to St. Catherine of Sienna, "I created you without your aid but I cannot save you without your cooperation." Unfortunately, we humans are remarkably superficial and so we end up fighting other humans instead of our own faults and we contend against flesh and blood instead of "against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephs. 6:12)



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, June 17, 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.

For more information on any of these programs, please call Rose at 617-697-0888 or email: rmdittom@aol.com.



Religious Education

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.

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.

Sister's Summer School Catechism _____ Stoneham Theatre.



Date: Thursday, June 25, 2015 Time: 2:00 p.m Cost: \$ 30 per person Please respond by *June 8, 2015*. Tickets will be purchased in advance. Please contact **Rose at**

617-697-0888 or email: rmdittom@aol.com.

Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry There are drop off baskets located in the



library foyer for your donations of nonperishable 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 <u>www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org</u>

Fr. Wenzel's Mass Schedule

Fr. Jim will be celebrating the following Masses: June 7 at 7:30 a.m., June 21 at 11:00 a.m., July 5 at 7:30 a.m., July 12 at 11:00

The Gift of Hospitality - Pastoral Visitors

11th Annual Gathering for Pastoral Visitors on Saturday, June 13, 2015 Pastoral Center in Braintree. Breakfast Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Presenter: Sister Maryanne Ruzzo, SC. Carpools may be available. If interested in attending, please call Rose Dittmer: 617-697-0888 or rmdittom@aol.com.

Save the Date! Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life Saturday, June 13, 2015 The Pregnancy Care Center's 2015 Walk for Life is



Saturday, June 13th at 9AM in Reading starting at St. Agnes Church. This important fundraising event helps the PCC protect the precious lives of children and care for women and families in crisis. Will you help make a difference in the life of a child? Become a sponsored walker today and start fundraising for the PCC! This year there are 3 Walk locations: Andover, Haverhill and Reading. The walk route is just 2 miles - build a team from your school, church or neighborhood - families are welcome! Please visit www.PCCFriends.org/walk to register online or to print a pledge form. If you are unable to walk with us on June 13th, you can still participate and walk on your own. Receive a free 30th anniversary t-shirt by raising \$150 in pledges! Call us at 978 373 5718 with questions.



Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Rosary

A monthly outdoor rosary prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima in front of the statue of Our Lady will be held on June 13 at noon. For information on the messages of

Fatima visit www.santuario-fatima.pt. On this site, you can also view live broadcasts of services conducted in Fatima, Portugal, directly from the apparitions chapel.



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.

OFFERTORY MAY 23-24 \$ 10,444 Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will.

LITURGY CORNER

Trinity Sunday falls one week after Pentecost Sunday, and it is the day that the Catholic Church has set aside to honor the most fundamental of Christian beliefs-the Holy Trinity.

To stress the doctrine of the Trinity, other Fathers of the Church, such as St. Ephrem the Syrian, composed prayers and hymns that were recited in the Church's liturgies and on Sundays as part of the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church. Eventually, a special version of this office began to be celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, and the Church in England, at the request of St. Thomas à Becket (1118-1170), was granted permission to celebrate Trinity Sunday. The celebration of Trinity Sunday was made universal by Pope John XXII (1316-34). As Fr. John Hardon points out in his Modern Catholic Dictionary, the origins of the celebration of Trinity Sunday go all the way back to the Arian heresy of the fourth century. Arius believed that Christ was a created being, and in denying the divinity of Christ, he denied that there are three Persons in God. Arius' chief opponent, Athanasius, upheld the orthodox doctrine that there are three Persons in one God, and the orthodox view prevailed at the Council of Nicaea, from which we get the Nicene Creed, recited in most Christian churches every Sunday. (Reichert)



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

For more information or to obtain a brochure and reservation form, contact Cathy DiPirro, Group Leader at catherinedipirro@msn.com or call 781-307-2474.



Adoration Coverage Needed

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., 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please call the rectory to sign up.

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Your prayers are requested for the benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our community.

Especially Steven Harrington and Antoinette Wood. 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 30 9:00 Richard Comerford, Memorial Mass 4:00 Samuel Evangelista, 13th Anniversary Sunday, May 31 7:30 John, Doris & Kevin McNicholas, **Memorial Mass** 9:00 Russ Joyner, Memorial Mass 11:00 Kim Cresta, 4th Anniversary 5:30 George Bragalone, 3rd Anniversary Monday, June 1 6:45 Eileen Blake, Memorial Mass 9:00 Marilyn Morley, 1st Anniversary Tuesday, June 2 6:45 Myriam Amaro, Healing Intention 9:00 Mary Willwerth, Memorial Mass Wednesday, June 3 6:45 Edward Merrigan, Memorial Mass 9:00 Alfred Girolamo, 7th Anniversary Thursday, June 4 6:45 John Butler, 1st Anniversary 9:00 Louise Ricci, Memorial Mass Friday, June 5 6:45 Dorothy McGrail Hagan, Memorial Mass 9:00 Helen Bell, Memorial Mass Saturday, June 6 9:00 James Preston, 11th Anniversary 4:00 Helen Sheppard, 6th Anniversary Sunday, June 7 7:30 Grace & Ralph Petraglia, **Memorial Mass** 9:00 Patricia & John Butler, Memorial Mass 11:00 Paul Palumbo, Memorial Mass 5:30 Gerald McKenna, 3rd Anniversary



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



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

Jackson Joseph Stutto child of Joseph & Jennifer

Colin James Donovan child of Charles & Lauren



May Christ's peace, love, and joy always enrich the marriage of loseph & Natasha (Frenzo) DiCicco

St. Florence Ladies Sodality Annual Banquet

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 Bear Hill Golf Club - 5:30 p.m. \$30 p. person Cocktail Hour followed by buffet dinner Checks payable to St. Florence Church- For reservations: please call: Paula Whittemore 781-245-3471 or 781-245-9331 Donna Brehaut 781-944-2633

St. Joseph Social Committee Dinner Dance June 6th 5:30 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.

Scripture for the week of May 31, 20154

SUN	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Mon	Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
Tue	Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
Wed	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
Thu	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
Fri	Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
Sat	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
SUN	Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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