Welcome to ...

Saint Joseph the Good Provider Parish

52 West Street, P.O. Box 284
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Blessed is the Mother, who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God.

May you have a happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

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Mass Schedule

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday, 7:30AM
Holy Day Masses: 7:30AM & 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30–5PM (or by appointment)

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Please call to arrange for date and instruction.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the rectory office at least one year prior to the marriage to make arrangements.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we might keep them in prayer and, if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might bring the Eucharist to them at home.

Your family parish

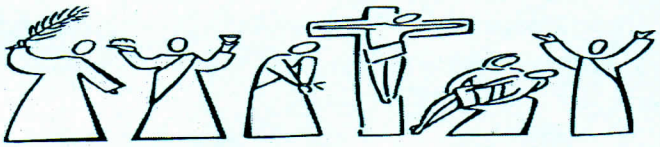
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00 AM -12:00PM

Stewardship – Time - Talent –Treasure

Sunday Collection	**$**	**1,510.00**
Back Envelopes	**$**	**-**
Children's Envelopes	**$**	**-**
Parish Repairs & Cap. Improvement	**$**	**-**
Fuel	**$**	**20.00**
Total Collection for 4/29/18	**$**	**1,530.00**

O Blessed Virgin Mary

You are all fair, O Virgin Mary,
You never knew the stain of sin;
You are the glory of Jerusalem,
You, the joy of Israel,
You, the great honor of
our people,
You, the advocate of sinners.
O Mary, Virgin most prudent,
O Mary, Mother most merciful,
Pray for us,
Intercede for us with our Lord,
Jesus Christ.
Amen



Mass Intentions

Week End Schedule

Sat May 12th– 5:30pm Mass ✝Marie Spinney, requested by Skip, Lisa, Gary and Jim
Sun May 13th–8:30am Mass ✝Rose McDonald, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald
Sun May 13th–10:45am Mass ✝Catherine Pope, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald
Sat May 19th– 5:30pm Mass ✝Anne S. Durant, requested by her husband Wesley Durant
Sun May 20th–8:30am Mass ✝Stanley Polewaczyk, requested by his wife Elsa
Sun May 20th–10:45am Mass Members of the Nugent and Wheeler Families, requested by Ruth Wheeler

Week Day Mass Schedule

Mon. May 7th– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Tues. May 8th– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Wed. May 9th – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Thurs. May 10th - 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Friday, May 11th – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners

We are in the month of May dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Let us take time out to pray the Rosary and the Litany to our Blessed Mother for peace in the world.
During the Month of May, after the morning Mass, we will recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mother. The month of May is dedicated to Mary. Let us pray for peace in the world.

Holy Saints this Week
Sun. May 12th – *Mother's Day*
Mon. May 13th – *St. Matthias*

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Join Fr. Tokarz for our weekly novena to St. Joseph our patron saint on Wednesdays, after morning Mass. St. Joseph is our patron and we must pray to him for favors and blessings.

Tabernacle Light, May 13th – May 19th
In loving memory of Marie Spinney
requested by Skip, Lisa, Gary and Jim

Intercessions for Life
For all mothers, may they continue to be blessed as fruitful participants in God's love and especially those who have lost a child, may they find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.
We pray to the Lord

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." -1 JOHN 4:15
How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

Prayers for the sick: Lucille Flynn, Cory, Luke LeSage, Marianne, Nick, Treasure, Karen Baum, Jason, Maureen, Arlene, Don, Michael Shutt, Robert Wild, Jim, Evelyn Centeno, Jaedan, Ron, Margaret, Steven Breen, Becky, Delores, James, Jennifer

Liturgical Ministers scheduled for Next Weekend

Saturday, May 19th– 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 20th- 8:30am	Sunday, May 20th– 10:45 am
Altar Servers:	**Altar Server:**	**Altar Server:**
Acolyte: Wes	**Acolyte:**	**Acolyte:**
Lector: Lucille Roux	**Lector:** Bob Rainville	**Lector:** Jim Worbel
Eucharistic Minister:	**Eucharistic Minister:**	**Eucharistic Minister:**

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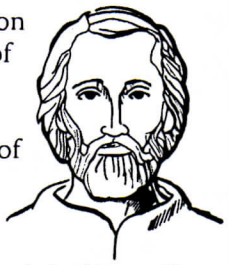
May 2018

St. Joseph the Good Provider Church

Rev. Thomas M. Tokarz, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Joseph the Worker



As Jesus' father on Earth, protector of the Holy Family, and the spouse of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph was an example of obedience. He was also a carpenter who used the work of his hands to serve his family and community.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from St. Joseph, working side-by-side in his carpentry shop. Jesus learned dedication, integrity, and the dignity of work from the example of his earthly father.

Turn to Mary

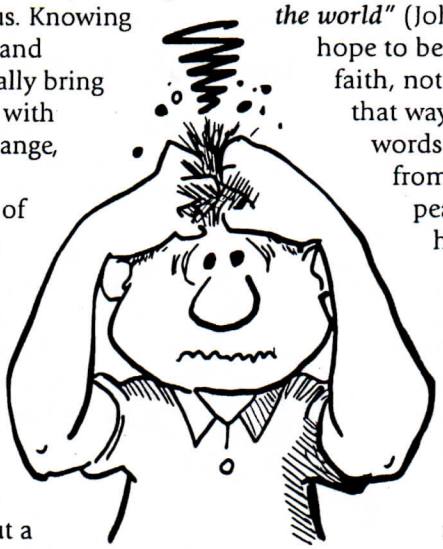
This month, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Trust her for guidance and protection: "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."

"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9)

"Lord, grant me serenity."

Stress can result from feeling powerless in difficulties, yet change isn't always up to us. Knowing when to step back and surrender can actually bring peace. When faced with what we cannot change, try these tips for increasing feelings of serenity and peace.

"My peace I give you" (John 14:27). Remember, Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns. When you feel yourself starting to worry or stew about a difficult situation (or person), act out your belief that your prayer for resolution will be answered. Substitute positive, cheerful thoughts for negative ones. God is in control. *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!"* (Philippians 4:4).



"... Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). While we hope to be strong witnesses of our faith, not everyone will see us that way. Sometimes sharp words or critical comments from others can disturb our peace. Feedback can be helpful, but if anyone gets to you for more than day or two, consult a fellow Christian whom you trust for a better perspective.

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Take every opportunity to appreciate your place in God's kingdom. Relish the tasks you have been given, for a job well done brings satisfaction and increased contentment.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we ask the saints to pray for us?

The saints' prayers for us are called "intercessory prayers." Asking the saints to pray for us is "good and pleasing to God" and is encouraged in Scripture: *"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered"* (1 Timothy 2:1).

Intercessory prayer is powerful: by it, the saints help us on earth and we help those in Purgatory. Our prayers are joined to the prayers of Christ, who "never ceases to intercede for us" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2741).

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Three ways to share God's love

Christians know that our most important task is to share God's love with others. Finding ways to communicate love in a fallen world can be tricky, however. Try these strategies:

"And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, forbearing," (2 Timothy 2:24). Does someone have a need you can meet? Can others benefit from your knowledge or talents? Show love by cheerfully jumping to help those around you.

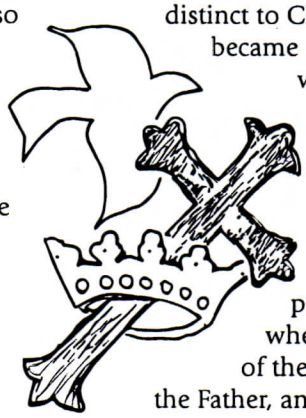
"The ill-tempered stir up strife, but the patient settle disputes" (Proverbs 15:18). It's hard to show love for others if we are fighting with them. When tempted to get involved in a spat, ask if winning will strengthen a relationship, lead to a better outcome, and if the issue is meaningful or important. If not, try to compromise or walk away.

"Bless the Lord, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts" (Psalm 103:2). When we are constantly aware of God's love, our natural response is to offer up our voices to praise him.

from Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain top in Galilee, so they could receive their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, and make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught. These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience his love for us, we can't keep him to ourselves. We must share him.



Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity —Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to Christianity. When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power. We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 3 – Saints Philip and James (1st Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve apostles. He is often confused with St. James, Brother of the Lord, who helped St. Peter in leading the early Church.

May 10 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note:* In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice (1587). Born to poor, pious parents in Italy, St. Felix was called "Brother Deogratias" because he was always thanking God. As a young man, he joined the Capuchins, who sent him to Rome to be the friary's official beggar. He was also friends with Saints Philip Neri and Charles Borromeo.

Q & A Why are Christians asked to evangelize?

Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, he instructed his disciples, *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15). The Gospel, or "good news," to which Jesus referred is his Resurrection and victory over death. God became man and died for our sins, then rose from the dead. Thanks to Jesus, we have hope for a new life on Earth and eternal life in Heaven if we follow him. *"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

Think of it another way: If you discovered a way to eliminate hunger in the world or found a medicine to cure all diseases, you would want to share what you know with everyone who will listen. Jesus' death and Resurrection offers something more amazing: eternal life. Once we have heard and believed the Good News, we can't keep it to ourselves. We must tell everyone about it.

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Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider,

As we begin the last week of this holiest of seasons, we hear how important it is that the church be unified in its mission. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples to be witnesses to the whole world. The last important matter for the disciples was to choose a replacement for Judas. They chose a man named Matthias. They were to be missionaries and preach the gospel to all people. John's Gospel does not include what we know as the Lord's Prayer; however, an entire chapter is devoted to the prayer Jesus said to his Father at the last Supper. This prayer is John's "Lord's Prayer." Jesus is praying to his Father, but he is praying for his disciples, both the apostles who are there with him & also all "who will believe in me through their word," which means that even *we* are included! Jesus was praying that his body may remain unified, just as he and his Father are unified. How do you picture God? John gives us a way to see God in his Gospel. "No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us." The love described in his letter is generous and selfless, love that is faithful and merciful, love that is active and truthful, love that imitates the love that God has for us. When we love one another in this way, we can see God. For many of us, appropriately on this Mother's Day, our first example of this kind of self-sacrificing love was from our mothers. In loving our neighbor, whom we can see, we love God whom we cannot

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Fr. Tom's Cucumber Sale – the weekend of Memorial Day!

Plants will be on sale for $2.00 per pot – only straight 8's and pickling. First come first served.

Religious Ed Classes – A final classes in May 2018
Grade 1 – 8 will meet May 13 for our final class
Beginning with 8:30 Mass followed by a Living Rosary
Confirmation will meet Sun. May 13
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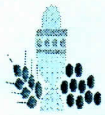

First Eucharist Celebration

Congratulations to all the children who received our Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Jacob Alberts
Noelle Arsenault
Jayden Atkinson
Taylor Duffy
Matthew Gleason
Joseph Rodgers
Patrick Sheehan

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God
We give you thanks and praise
For mothers young and old.
We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes
and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience andtenderness to care for their
families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers
who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guidein strong and gentle ways.
We remember mothers who are separated
from their children because of war, poverty or conflict;
May they feel the loving embrace of
our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers
but still love and shape us
with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers
& great-grandmothers who are no longer with us
But who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.
Amen

Partners in Charity

Loving God by Serving Others!

May the life of Dorothy Day, our Appeal patroness, inspire us

2018 Partners in Charity Appeal

Thank you to those who have made a gift. So far 37 families have given $12,140 to partners. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. We need the support of all members.

For those who have not given, please look into your hearts & help us in our appeal. Envelopes will be available in the pews for you to take.

Special Mother's Day CCD Celebration – May 13th

All Grades will participate in a Celebration of the Blessed Mother

101st Anniversary of the Blessed Mother's appearance at Fatima

After 8:30 Mass, Parishioners are invited to join us on the back knoll for the devotion for Mary during her month of May.

Refreshments will be served following the rosary!

Mother's Day Rose Sale – May 13

The Youth Group will be selling roses after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend to support Problem Pregnancy, an organization which helps pregnant women & their babies.

Buy a rose for Mom for $2.00 Help support families in need!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

- Help sell roses after Mass this weekend to raise money for pregnant women and their babies in need
- Sun. May 27, help serve breakfast to veterans after 8:30 Mass

New kids always welcome! Contact us by email for more info:
Saint.Joe.Youth.Group@gmail.com

St. Joseph Parish follows the guidelines of the **National Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People**, approved by the US Bishops & Diocese of Worcester. Contact Judith Audette, Victims Service Coordinator at 508-726-2882 (direct & confidential) or Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cindy Long

Berlin Family Food Pantry will be collecting items May 27, the 4th Sun. of the month. Food Donation Box is at the Church entrance. *Thank you for your continued support & generosity!*

REMINDER Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

The May signup sheet is posted in the Sacristy. There are many open Masses where we need servers.

PLEASE if you have not signed up check the sheets and see if there are any open spots where you can serve.

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