



## ST. JOSEPH'S NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

73 Main Street Westfield, Massachusetts  
413-562-4403

New parish website: [stjosephsncc.org](http://stjosephsncc.org)



Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, Pastor  
Weekly Celebrant: Deacon Justin Daviault  
In case of emergency please contact:  
Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski Phone # 1-860-628-0736

All are welcome at St. Joseph's.

### *Greetings from Deacon Justin:*

*The second Sunday of Pre-Lent "Sexagesima" this year falls on February 4<sup>th</sup>. One day after the feast of St. Blaise and two days after the Solemnity of the Presentation. I will be available to bless candles and throats right after the service of Worship and Holy Communion.*

*As February begins we find ourselves in the middle of Pre-Lent and about to enter the "Great Lent". Pre-Lent dates back to at least Gregory the Great in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. The intention is to provide a suitable period of time for all members of the church to adequately prepare for the Great Lent. We are transitioning from the great joy of Christmas and Epiphany to the repentance and fasting of Lent. We should all be employing Pre-Lent to begin to chart the courses for our own Lenten journeys into the desert of our souls with Jesus. I will have Pre-Lent booklets available for those that want them.*

*The ultimate hope is that the ashes with which we are marked exteriorly at the beginning of Great Lent might accurately signify our interior preparedness to undertake the Lenten journey of transformation, so that we arrive at our celebration of our Lord's Resurrection we – with faith strengthened, hope fortified, and divine charity fully ablaze within us, with cleansed hearts and self-control regained by the aid of God's grace – may stand unashamed and proclaim with the whole Church:*

*Christ is risen; He is risen, indeed!*

Portions taken from "The Season of Pre-Lent" by Rev. Dr. Scott J. Lill.

**Sunday Services 9am Social hour will be held after the 9am service**  
**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> NOTE TIME CHANGE 11AM mass with Fr. Koerber**

### Lenten Services

**Service times are subject to change. Please check website for updates.**

Ash Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Palm Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 9am

Holy Thursday (March 28) 6pm

Good Friday (March 29) 6pm

Holy Saturday (March 30) 9am

Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 9am

### **NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR CHURCH RELATED BUSINESS**

**St. Joseph's Church**

**P.O. Box 1283**

**Westfield, Ma 01086**

## **EASTERN DIOCESAN WEDNESDAY WEEKLY PRAYER AT 12:00 NOON**

**Our Eastern Diocese through the Mission and Evangelism Commission asks all to remember Wednesdays at noon as a special time for prayer. So, at noon, let's all say the Lord's prayer together along with any personal prayer intentions we may have.**

### **PARISH FINANCES**

***Parish financial obligations for the year 2024 are as follows:***

- ***Working Family of 2: Annual obligation \$1,352.00 (equivalent to \$26.00 weekly)***
- ***Working Family of 1: Annual obligation \$780.00 (\$15.00 weekly)***
- ***Retired Family of 2: Annual obligation \$1,144.00 (\$22.00 weekly)***
- ***Retired Family of 1: Annual obligation \$624.00 (\$12.00 weekly)***

**2024 ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE. Contact Chris O'Connell or Kathy Taylor. THANK YOU!**

### **"Community Table - Soup Kitchen"**

St. Joseph's continues to feed those in need at the "Community Table-Soup Kitchen" on the fourth Monday of each month. Monetary donations and volunteers are always welcome.

### **Last Fall St. Joseph's Continued its Commitment to Community Service**

**School supplies:** Parishioners donated school supplies which were given to the Westfield Public Schools.

**Socktober:** Socks collected were distributed to both the Westfield Shelter and the Westfield school system.

**Food Pantry:** Non-perishable food items were donated to the Food Pantry which services the Westfield area.

**Salvation Army:** St. Joseph's provided gifts for two families at Christmas time.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**ANS Memorial Easter Lilies** may be purchased for \$10.00 each. Please make your check out to "St. Joseph's Adoration Society" and send your request with payment to:

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Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. **Winter Picnic** sponsored by the Men's Club. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 & under. Contact Cliff at 413-977-2007. Delivery available for parishioners.

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. **Italian Dinner** sponsored by the parish. Menu: cheese lasagna, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$18 for adults and \$8 for children 12 & under. Tickets are available after Sunday mass or may be purchased by contacting Kathy at 413-562-3067 by Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Take out and delivery available for parishioners.

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>- **St. Joseph's Annual meeting** held after the 9am service.

***Greetings from Father Joe:***

***Thank you everyone for your gifts, thoughts and prayers. I hope to see you soon.***