

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

OCTOBER 3, 2021

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## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"  
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce  
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of  
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning  
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

4:00PM Saturday  
8:00AM, 10:00AM Sunday

## Weekday Masses

7:30AM Monday thru Thursday

## Holy Days of Obligation

Please consult parish bulletin

## Confessions

Saturday 3PM to 3:30PM or by  
appointment

## Sacraments

Please call the office

## Cemetery

Please call the office

## New Parishioners

If you have just moved to the area, we welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish. If you have any question, please call the office. To register please visit our website: [stjosepheppingnh.com](http://stjosepheppingnh.com)



## Monday, October 4TH

7:30 AM Mana Catineau

## Tuesday, October 5TH

7:30 AM Bob Stackpole, Requested by Knight of Columbus

## Wednesday, October 6TH

7:30 AM Ruby Catrineau

## Thursday, October 7TH

7:30 AM Bishop McCormack

## Saturday, October 9TH

4:00 PM Judith Blaisdell, Requested by Bob Beilman

## Sunday, October 10TH

8:00 AM Joseph Bernier, Requested by Family

10:00 AM Maria Rankin, Requested by Emma Rankin

## Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

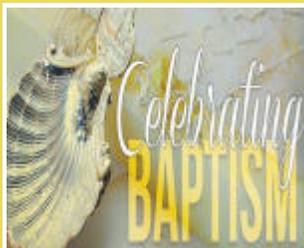
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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Has Something Changed?? Have you moved, or changed your phone number, email address? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 679-8805 or email [nh337@comcast.net](mailto:nh337@comcast.net) to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records! Thanks



## BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

We welcome all Parents and expecting Parents to our Baptismal Preparation Class here at St. Joseph Parish.

Classes will be held the third Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30PM. And is a requirement Prior to scheduling a date for your child's baptism.

The class will help answer many of your questions and help prepare you for your child's reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. You will find it very informative and interactive. Please contact Deacon Terry Sullivan at [saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net](mailto:saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net).



*From the Desk of  
Deacon Terry  
October 3, 2021  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"*

*The Pharisees approach Jesus with a question but the narrator of Mark's Gospel comments that they are not truly curious about Jesus's answer, but instead are "testing him." Jesus's answer to their query about divorce goes back to the foundations of creation when God ordained the unity of husband and wife.*

*Jesus ends with the retort, "What God has joined together, / no human being must separate." Jesus upholds the hierarchy of through, placing God's law above human commandments that have been fashioned due to "hardness of heart."*

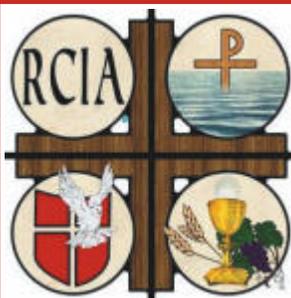
*In our lives, we know we are called to perfection and yet, as human beings, we often fall short. Though we might not carry out the ideal of God's dreams for us, he never ceases to call us back to covenant relationship with him.*

*God Bless your Heart!!  
Dc. Terry*



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

We warmly welcome Olivia Eleanor Gallant, Margaret Natalie Brewitt and Kiara Ernst who were given new life through Water and the Holy Spirit in our Parish Community. To their parents and Godparents, we extend our congratulations and prayerful support as they live out the commitment they made to be "the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith".



**R.C.I.A ( Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

News: We are now offering an ongoing (year round) R.C.I.A. process to accommodate individual situations and needs. Our team also offers adult faith formation for those adults baptized in another faith seeking full communion into the Catholic Church and for those adults already baptized Catholic in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All inquirers are encouraged to contact the church office so your questions can be answered and we can help get you started on your journey.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION  
September 26, 2021**

105 Envelopes \$4,727.00  
Loose Cash \$ 188.00  
\$4,915.00

Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated!

Collection Baskets

Out of concern for hygiene during the pandemic; we remind everyone that we no longer "pass the basket" at Mass to support the parish staff, programs and expenses. A new drop box in the Narthex collects the weekly support and second collection as well as any other special collections.



**Brady's Corner**

Hi Kids Brady. The unity and love of a happy marriage is a gift from God. Unfortunately, however, many married people, for various reasons, have been unable to live this gift fully.

We can pray today for all married couples. May the compassion of Christ touch all those who are experiencing or have experienced a difficult marriage. If you are married, offer your love and your concern for your spouse to God - ask for God's help in your love. We can bring to our prayer those about to be married, giving thanks for the gifts we receive through the married love of others.

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CREATION LAW DIVIDE MOSES  
CHILDREN MAN BODY MALE  
WELCOME WIFE MOTHER UNITED



## SPIRITUS SANCTUS

Spiritus Sanctus prayer group returns! Join us Tuesday's, at 7-8ish pm, here at St. Joseph Parish, 200 Pleasant Street, Epping, (in the St. Raymond Chapel)  
For praise, worship, prayer and fellowship. Spread the word, and the Word. For questions, call 603-770-8904



# OCTOBER



Saint Joseph Parish would like to make you aware of the Saint Joseph Educational Fund. This year four scholarships will be awarded to children of Parish members. Two scholarships for \$1,000 will be presented to students pursuing a Catholic education in elementary and middle school. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a Catholic education in high school, and a \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a college degree. Scholarships will be awarded based upon various criteria including academic performance, Parish involvement, and community involvement. (Scholarships are not awarded to the same person in consecutive years, making last year's winners ineligible this year.)

We encourage all interested students to apply. Applications for the 2021/2022 school year will be accepted until October 31, 2021. Guidelines and an application are available in the narthex. Additionally, you can get them at [www.stjosepheppingnh.com](http://www.stjosepheppingnh.com) or by calling (603)-679-8805.



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

[life.com/greenland](http://life.com/greenland)

From September 22 to October 31, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Loving Health Center in Greenland, NH, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please stop by the table in the Narthex to sign-up and [40daysfor-life.com/greenland](http://40daysfor-life.com/greenland).



## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

HOLY HOUR- Oct 7th

On Thursday evening October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Church, there will be a Holy Hour to commemorate the Holy Rosary. The Hour will give us some quiet time and prayer time. With the world spinning out of our control let us support each other and pray together.

Living Rosary - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

In between the Sunday Masses on October 10<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex of the church we will have a "Living Rosary" using the extra large rosary set to pray. Children especially with their parents are asked to participate as we not only learn the Rosary but some of the most basic prayers for kids to learn.



# BEGINNING

"But from the beginning  
of creation, God made  
them male and female."

MARK 10:6

## Men of St. Joseph



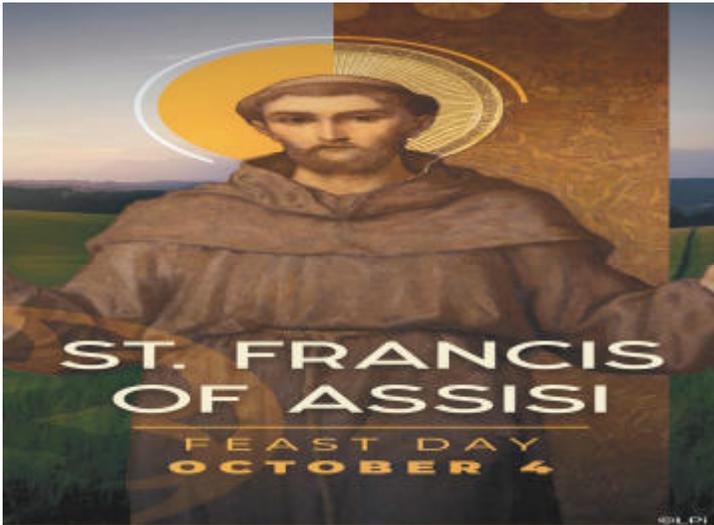
"The men of St. Joseph" builds the community of Men, by building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and leading our families to him.

The men of St. Joseph will be gathering the 3rd, Saturday of every month at 7:00AM "May St. Joseph grant us the heart of the father and the soul of a warrior."

Please email Joh McCormack if you plan to attend so we have correct count for breakfast.

Email: [mccormack07@concast.net](mailto:mccormack07@concast.net)

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3, 2021** For reverent boldness on the part of the faithful as they approach the throne of grace in prayer, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

His best known prayer, the prayer for peace, follows and is displayed in the Narthex. More of his prayers can be found at

<https://www.daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-of-saint-francis-of-assisi/>

**Peace**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
 grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;  
 to be understood, as to understand;  
 to be loved, as to love with all my soul.  
 For it is in giving that we receive;  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Therein lies the...rib**

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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