

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

OCTOBER 17, 2021

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29th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:45

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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



Monday, October 18TH

No daily Mass

Tuesday, October 19TH

No daily Mass

Wednesday, October 20TH

No daily Mass

Thursday, October 21ST

No daily Mass

Saturday, October 23RD

4:00 PM Marguerite & Joseph Jean, Requested by Family

Sunday, October 24TH

8:00 AM Roxann Ciccone, Requested by John & Judy Nester

10:00 AM Richard Spencer, Requested by Kevin & Denise Harrington

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

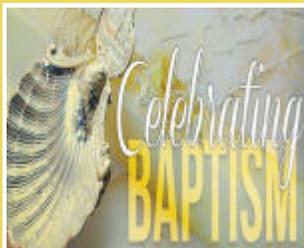
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/
Mk 10:46-52

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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 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.



*From the Desk of
Deacon Terry
October 17, 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served / but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The last line of Today's Gospel succinctly defines the mystery and the import of the incarnation. In the person of Jesus, the infinite God took on flesh and came to earth to dwell among people, to heal the ills, and give his life so that death would not be the ultimate end of human beings.

Once again, the disciples, specifically James and John in this case, are concerned about glory and prestige. Jesus tells them that true greatness does not lie in lording power over another, but instead in taking on the mantle of servanthood, just as he has done.

*God Bless your Heart!!
Dc. Terry*



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 John McCormack if you plan to attend so we have correct count for breakfast. Email: mccormack07@concast.net



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 10, 2021

116 Envelopes	\$4,293.00
Loose Cash	\$ 437.00
	<u>\$4,730.00</u>

Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated!



Brady's Corner

Hi Kids Brady. Like James and John, Jesus offers us the opportunity to drink the cup as He did. Experience will tell you that this offer has far more meaning, as it comes with significant challenges. To commit forever with your unique Yes is not easy. Much is asked, including fully spiritually joining on the Cross. We cannot think of this process as a reward but instead share Christ inside with others as a humble servant. This is not a friendly invitation to a religious dinner party. When Jesus refers to "the cup," it is the same one that he pleads with the Father to take away: "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt" (Mark 14:36). The cup Jesus will drink on Good Friday is the cup of suffering. He invites the apostles to drink from that same cup with him. Hmmm, can we??? Do we?... Will we?

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SPIRITUS SANCTUS

There will be **NO** Spiritus Sanctus prayer group meetings on October 12th and 19th. Join us Tuesday's, at 7-8ish pm, here at St. Joseph Parish, 200 Pleasant Street, Epping, (in the St. Raymond Chapel) again on October 26th.

For praise, worship, prayer and fellowship. Spread the word, and the Word. For questions, call 603-770-8904



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 or by calling (603)-679-8805.

Keep Christ in Christmas Program 2021



The Knights of Columbus annual Keep Christ in Christmas card program items will be available in the Narthex after all Masses from October 16th through December 5th to help spread the true meaning of Christmas. These beautiful religious Christmas cards reflect on the Birthday of Jesus Christ and are a reminder to Keep Christ in Christmas! Proceeds to benefit vocations and our local seminarians. Please stop by the table after Mass.

VETERANS DAY!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

VETERAN'S DINNER

Veterans Appreciation Dinner sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Sunday November 7, 2021 at 1PM, in the parish hall. Free to all Veterans & Widows of Veterans. A \$5.00 donation for all other guests. Please look for the signup sheet in the Narthex. The deadline to sign up is November 3th.

For more information call Ron 603-895-2889.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17, 2021 That the Church will be continuously blessed with wise and holy priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, chosen by Christ to lead souls to the glory of Heaven, we pray to the Lord.

FROM FR DON

As announced last weekend, I am becoming pastor of **Our Lady of Fatima Parish in New London, N.H.** effective Wednesday November 10th, 2021.

First of all, there **WILL** be a replacement pastor coming. Who and when, has yet to be named. So, we are **NOT** merging with another parish. However, the shortage of clergy, ANY opening due to someone's retirement, death or medical leave often results in a "domino effect" of moving priests. Sometimes, a merger is necessary and transfers happen quickly.

I realize the shock and sadness created by this transfer. It is not easy for the priest or the people. But changes in life often open new doors for new possibilities and growth.

I regret not having enough time to warn my wonderful staff and committees who have served me so well all these years. I want to assure them their jobs are safe and the next "guy" will serve our parish as needed. I encourage all of those working, ministering, and volunteering to please remain "on duty", and share your wonderful gifts.

While we all need time to "process" this moment, be assured of my prayers and I kindly ask you to pray for me and the poor people (ha ha) that ended up with me. My thanks to all who will be helping me with packing, moving and cleaning the rectory for the new pastor.

PRAY FOR ME O HOLY MOTHER OF GOD!

On Saturday November 6th

Open House between 11AM -2 PM will be held in the Hall with opportunity to say good-bye. The hospitality committee and some friends will serve sandwiches and desserts.

Sunday November 7th

A cake will be served between the final weekend between the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses.

Because of all the personal effects he has accumulated over the years, he hopes to declutter at this point in his life. So, monetary gifts will be appreciated for expenses Fr. Don will be incurring perhaps getting a new "sleigh" for the Northern snow country and moving into a mission parish. Most of all, your prayers, cards and letters expressing gratitude for his service or ways he touched or changed your life are all welcome. Thank you.



COLD AND FLU SEASON

It's Flu Season! The following are prevention tips from Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)

Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading the illness to others.



FALL CLEANUP

Sat., Oct. 23rd, 8:30-12:00

We will be cleaning and preparing the grounds and gardens for winter and need your help. From sweeping the walks and curbing, cutting down perennials, raking out the gardens, trimming back brush and branches especially the bittersweet to tidying the picnic and Stations of the Cross area there is plenty to do for people of all ages and abilities. You are also welcome to come at your convenience to tackle any of these or other cleanup chores.

Knights of Columbus/Squires Membership Drive weekend

October 23rd and 24th



The Knights of Columbus Epping Council 6850 and the Squires will be holding a fall membership drive the weekend of October 23rd & 24th at St. Joseph Church. We will have information table set up in the Narthex after all of the masses and Knights on hand

to answer any questions. The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. The Squires is an international fraternity of young men between the ages of 10 - 18 and the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. We are searching for the next generation of Knights and Squires to lead the cause and help serve our communities in charitable activities. Please stop at our table after the masses and learn more about our organization.



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