

OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S

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SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

PHONE LISTING

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PARISH STAFF

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| Rev. John B. MacKenzie | Pastor |
| Jeannie Garcia | Religious Ed. Coord. |
| Ellen Barbasso | Secretary |

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8AM-12PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15

4:00PM Fred Okrent by Eric Barbasso OL
5:30PM No Mass

Sunday, May 16

8:00AM Intentions of Sisters of the Precious Blood by Fr. John OL
10:00AM For Our Parishioners SJ

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OL
Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 AM OL

Monday May 17 No Mass
Tuesday May 18 George MacKenzie Jr
Wednesday May 19 Intentions of Marcelle Houde
Thursday May 20 Raoul Houde
Friday May 21 Rev. George Soberick

Saturday, May 22

4:00PM For Our Parishioners OL
5:30PM No Mass

Sunday, May 23

8:00AM Intentions of Samuel Ronci by Fr. John OL
10:00AM Don Madore by Goan Family SJ

Altar Candles for the month of May at St. Joseph's Church are in memory of Warren & Mary Klingensmith.

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget Requirement: \$ 4,000
Weekend of May 9, 2021

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| Weekly Offering | \$ 2,270 |
| Rice Bowls | \$ 533 |

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242. If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

| Lay Ministries | May 15/16 | May 22/23 |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Lectors | | |
| 4 PM | Dianne Bird | Donna Brown |
| 5:30 PM | No Mass | No Mass |
| 8 AM | Anne Boisvert | Charles Hauck |
| 10 AM | Betsy Bosiak | Pauline Marston |
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Parish Ministries

Serving God, Our Parish and Our Parish Community

Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church

Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – There will be drive-thru take-out meals at 4:30pm during the month of May.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: on Mondays 4:00-5:00pm, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

READING



Seventh Sunday of Easter

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“God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him” (1John 4;16)

Question of the Week

In what sense was it better that the earthly Jesus should depart? How can we best carry on his message

HIS WORD TODAY

The feast of the Ascension commemorates the risen Jesus' departure from earth and his exaltation to his heavenly Father. Pentecost Sunday celebrated the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and their associates and the beginning of the Christian mission to the ends of the earth. Meanwhile, the questions raised and answered by the Scripture readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter include the following: How can the movement that began with the earthly Jesus continue without his physical presence? How can his followers carry on in his absence? What will keep them together and allow them to survive and even flourish?

The passage from John 17 is part of what is often called the high priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper. It is more accurately described as the prayer of the Son of God, since in it Jesus prays as God's Son in turn for himself, for his disciples and for those who will come to believe through them. In today's selection Jesus prays that his heavenly Father might protect his disciples, make them holy and empower them to carry on his mission.

This prayer is part of Jesus' farewell discourses in John 13-17, in which the main topic is how the disciples might carry on the movement begun by Jesus. The church of Jesus Christ must be a community of faith made up of persons who trust in God as a loving parent and believe in Jesus as the revealer and revelation of God. It must be a community of holiness that reflects the holiness of God as the Holy One and of Jesus. It must be incarnate in its members a perfect unity with God and with one another. It must be open to leadership by the Holy Spirit—that is, instructed, guided and protected by the Paraclete/Holy Spirit, who stands in place of the earthly Jesus.

It must also be a community of mission. As the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to humankind, so Jesus sends his followers into the world to share what they believe and to make possible a new way of relating to God and to one another. Faith, holiness, unity, the Holy Spirit, mission and love are fundamental values of the movement begun by Jesus and the principal means by which that movement can continue and flourish.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The month of May is dedicated to Mary the Mother of God. What must Mary be like? Thousands of saints perfume the garden of the Church daily. Gather together all of the holiness and beauty and elegance of these souls and compare what you have gathered to the soul of Mary. She, and her conception, had more sanctity and grace than all of the saints put together.

The soul of Mary was never stained, even in the least. In a garden, we can pick a rose. Upon examining its petals, we see that there is dust, strands, maybe some spots...the same occurs in the garden of the Church. Only Mary is a flower with white petals, without dust and without thorns.

That is why the Church says of her that, “compared with the light, She is purer and brighter”....how beautiful is Mary's soul!

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER

A course entitled Lectio Divina Prayer will be offered at Holy Rosary in Hooksett starting June 2nd and run for 6 consecutive Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 AM. Narrated by Dr. Tim Gray, noted Theologian on Bible Studies and President of the Augustine Institute in Colorado, who will lead us each week through the 5 steps that will bring us to a new understanding of the Bible and an improved prayer life. Some reading will be required. Cost for the workbook is \$12.00 per registrant. To join, please call Nate Chapman at 485-9086 before May 20th. Come join us as we learn how to let the Bible speak to us and bring us closer to God and His Son Jesus.

Did you know that we have a church website? Possibly the best way to keep in touch with our church activities and is accessible online! The home page has the latest on parish news including links for the Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministry and a calendar of upcoming events. Along the top, there are more links that will take you to information on sacraments, church ministries and organizations, as well as ways to stay connected through online giving, past Sunday Bulletins, church forms and access to the Catholic News Service. You will be so glad you checked our website out and will keep it handy for any future visits! Find us at: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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**Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph's Faith
Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.**

- ◆ The Interfaith Community Kitchen is open on Mondays at 4:30 with drive thru takeout meals during the month of May.
- ◆ The Parish Clothes Closet will reopen on Mondays with a new time, from 4-5pm. Please use the side entrance. Volunteers are needed to cover this hour.

May Calendar

- ◆ May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord. VBS Registration Begins
- ◆ May 23 - Pentecost Sunday! Last Day of Faith Formation Classes
- ◆ May 29 - Summer Mass Schedule Begins
- ◆ May 29 & 30 - Welcome Back Weekend!

ST. ANDREW DINNER

If you are a young man either considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like help hearing the Lord's call in your life - you are welcome to come to St. Martin Church, 120 Maple St., Somersworth on Monday, May 17 at 6pm. Info or RSVP: Fr. Charles Pawlowski: (603) 448-1262 or cpawlowski@rcbm.org. St. Andrew was the first Apostle to hear Jesus' call to follow him.

New Online Support Group from Catholic Charities NH. Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/Separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) Register at: <https://www.cc-nh.org/events/divorce-separation-why-me-what-can-i-do> or call 603-752-1325

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *Father John would like masks to be worn by all who attend any Mass. Thank You all for your anticipated compliance.*
- ◆ *An illuminated rosary, created by the First Communion and Confirmation class, will be on display next Sunday at St. Joseph's Church. Parishioners are welcome to light a candle with their prayer intentions before Mass.*
- ◆ *"My sincerest thanks for all the prayers and donations for my son's funeral. Sincerely, Joan McGovern."*



A little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep." Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!!"

"There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf."

"No," said the little boy, "but Grandma is."

Little Blessings Preschool at St. Joseph's Church is seeking a preschool teacher for our Faith based preschool program in Northwood with a summer camp for school aged children. Year round position may include working with either age group during the summer. Grants are available for early childhood education. If you are interested but do not qualify please apply anyway! We may be able to offer you an apprentice program. Full time. Pay based on education and experience.

Please call Gina Hodgdon at 603-817-3571 for additional information

PYC Penny Drive

We need your loose change! The Parish Youth Council will be holding a "penny drive" during the month of May to purchase a 37" Sacred Heart Statue and 15" pedestal for the parish meditation garden. The total cost is \$395. The youth council hopes to dedicate this new statue on the feast day of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, on Friday, June 11. Have a blessed month of May

Sharing the Gospel

Every day when you are in school, your teachers help you learn. You get better at following directions. You get better at listening. You get better at remembering what you learned. Over the school year, your teacher gets you ready for the next grade. In today's Gospel, Jesus prayed for his friends. Jesus spent the last three years teaching his friends how to follow God and how to love others. His time to teach was almost over. Jesus prayed that his friends would stay close to God. Jesus asked God to protect them as they shared his teachings with the whole world.

Prayer

God, help me to learn all that I can from Jesus and my teachers.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of someone who teaches you about Jesus.

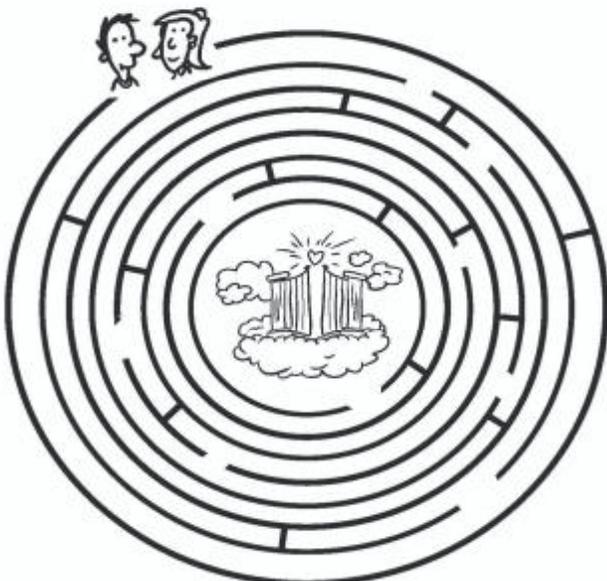
Mission for the Week

Make a card for each of your teachers. Color a picture on the cover. Write a nice message on the inside. Thank your teachers for helping you learn, and sign your name. Then deliver your cards with a smile.

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PUZZLE

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MISSION

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



7th Sunday of Easter • John 17:11b-19



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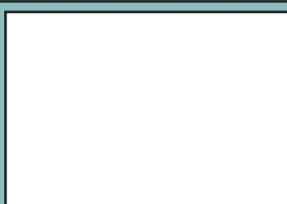
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