

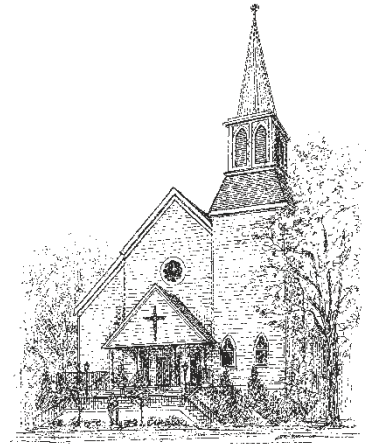


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**Our Parish Mission**

The parishioners of Saint Joseph Catholic Church yearn to joyfully:

- Deepen our love for Jesus Christ through prayer, sacrament and worship
- Enrich our knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church teachings
- Share our Christian faith daily with others
- Reach out and care for others as Jesus has taught us!

**Please Join Us!**

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Thomas C. Boudreau, **Pastor**

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*Please submit information for the bulletin to the parish office or by email*

**[SJPHolbrookOffice@comcast.net](mailto:SJPHolbrookOffice@comcast.net)** by Monday for the following weekend.

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***Welcome To New Parishioners.*** *If you are not registered, please fill out this form and bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

**Sacramental Life**

**Baptisms**

*Congratulations!* Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Please call the Parish office in advance to schedule.

**Confirmation**

Please contact a priest if you are an adult or Director of Religious Education if you are a youth.

**Confessions**

*Welcome!* By appointment only. Please contact the Parish office for an appointment.

**Eucharist**

*Join us Weekends:*

Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 & 11:00 AM

*Join us Weekdays:*

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM

**Marriage**

*Congratulations!* Please make arrangements with a parish priest six months prior to wedding.

**Holy Orders**

*Great!* If you or someone you know is thinking about priesthood (*or religious life*) please contact a priest or religious sister.

**Anointing of the Sick**

*Anytime!* Please call the rectory if you or someone you know is sick, homebound, preparing for surgery, unable to participate in Sunday Eucharist, or would like a visit by a priest.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, HOLBROOK**



**Saturday, September 19th**

4:00PM George Regele 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, September 20th**

7:30AM John & Joseph Odenweller Memorial Mass

11:00AM Leo Fuller 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Elizabeth Fuller 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Monday, September 21st**

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

**Tuesday, September 22nd**

9:00AM No Mass either Church

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

9:00AM Ira Charles Memorial Mass

**Thursday, September 24th**

9:00AM Catherine Boucher Jacob Memorial Mass

**Friday, September 25th**

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

**Saturday, September 26th**

4:00PM Available – please call the parish office

**Sunday, September 27th**

7:30AM Ryan John Ivas Memorial Mass

11:00AM William Ellis 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**LIVE THE LITURGY** - Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.

**PARISH GIVING**

For the weekend of **9/6/2020** the Offertory Collection was \$1,544 and the Second Collection for Catholic School Tax was \$344. For the weekend of **9/13/2020** the Offertory Collection was \$1,583 and the Second Collection for Catholic School Tax was \$613. *Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2020**


**September 20<sup>th</sup> – Clergy Benefit Trust**

**Clergy Health & Retirement Trust**

This week's special collection supports the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities, or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. By supporting the special collection this weekend, you are helping to ensure that our priests receive the care they need to continue their important work.



**September 2020**

 The Altar Bread and Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp have been donated in memory of **William R. Sargent** by Phyllis Sargent for the month of September.

Memorial Offerings in memory of a deceased relative or friend are available monthly for the Altar Bread, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp. Please call the Parish Office for further information.



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 20, 2020 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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- Registration form is on-line. Please go to [stjosephholbrook.org](http://stjosephholbrook.org) and click on Religious Education on the right. Religious Education will be starting in October.
- Movie night will be rescheduled as soon as we get the go ahead. Feature presentation will be "E.T."
- International Worldwide Rosary is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4PM at the Statue of Mary at Saint Joseph Parish. October is the month of the Rosary.
- Catechist meeting is Sunday, September 20 at 12PM. We will be meeting outside by the school. Please bring a lawn chair.
- Parent Meetings – all meetings will be outside at the school by the playground. Please bring a lawn chair. If you have children in multiple grades, you will need to attend only 1 of the meetings. We will be discussing both remote and in person programs. Schedules and materials can be picked up during the meeting.
  - Eucharist 1 (Grade 1) – Sun. 9/27 @ 9:30AM
  - Grades 3-6 – Sun.9/27 @ 10:30AM
  - Grades 7 & 8 – Sun.9/27 @ 12PM
  - Eucharist 2 – will be meeting separately on October 4 at 10AM. Parent/ Guardian must attend.

### ONLINE GIVING

- **Safety** - In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, Online Giving is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Whether you are attending weekly mass at the parish or worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are.
- **Forget your envelope?** - Use Online Giving to keep up on offertory. Go to [WWW.STJOSEPHHOLBROOK.ORG](http://WWW.STJOSEPHHOLBROOK.ORG) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support throughout the year helps sustain our church.
- **Make giving easier** - Visit your church website on your mobile device, click the Online Giving link, and begin giving. Your support throughout the year helps sustain our church.
- **Manage gifts** - Another easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift- right from your phone. Visit our church website and click the Online Giving link and register with our church. Your support during the year helps sustain our church.





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