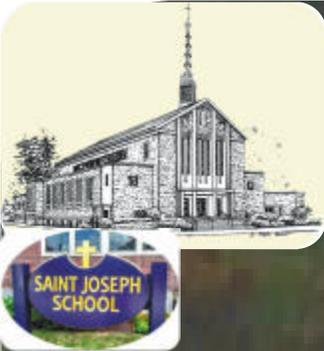


Saint Joseph Parish- Needham, MA



September 5, 2021

Healing the Deaf and Dumb Man 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ephphatha!"-- that is, "Be opened!"

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Lauren Solomon- Principal*

*Christ healing a deaf and dumb man
Domenico Maggiotto
(Italian, 1713-1794)*

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

The first time I entered our beautiful church, I was struck by the beauty of the stained-glass windows, depicting scenes from the life of Saint Joseph. At a certain time of day, with the sun pouring in, the colors of the windows are stunning. So too is the faith of the man depicted in those windows.

One of my favorites is the 3rd window from the front left (near the organ), depicting the angel of the Lord speaking to Joseph in a dream. In fact, in Mathew's gospel, the angel comes to Joseph three times in dreams: to take Mary as his wife, to flee into Egypt, and to return home by another route after the birth of Jesus. During this Year of Saint Joseph, as we continue reflecting on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, the third characteristic of Saint Joseph highlighted for us is "an obedient father." As Pope Francis states: "As he has done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known." Understandably, Joseph was troubled by all that the Lord was asking of him, particularly to take the expectant Mary as his wife, but "obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary." Indeed, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat', like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane." Through obedience to God's will, Saint Joseph exercised his fatherhood and cooperated in God's plan of salvation.

What about you and I? If we are honest, we can often be willful; not Thy will be done but my will be done. When things do not go our way or according to our plans, we can be resentful of God. Rather, may we be inspired by the obedient faith of Saint Joseph, who trusted when he did not understand and who said yes to God without knowing all the answers. Saint Joseph, pray for us!



St. Joseph's Dream

God bless,

Father Bryan



September 5 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading from Isaiah, we hear: "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... He comes to save us." As

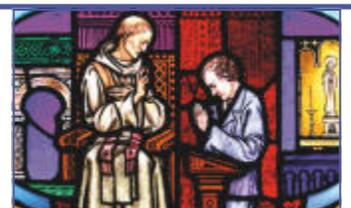
Disciples of Christ, it is our task to express this message to family, friends and co-workers. Impressed by the action of Jesus, the crowd in today's gospel could not keep what they saw to themselves. They proclaimed the wonderful deeds Jesus had done. Can the same be said of us – that we want to share how Jesus has worked in our lives? Pray for courage to tell someone how Jesus has strengthened and saved you. Your words and gestures of care and compassion may be the reassurance that person needs to turn to Jesus for help.

Prayer to Saint Joseph- Pope Francis

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment and
on Saturdays from 2:30- 3:30 pm
in the former baptistry, in the upper church.



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



Faith Formation

781-449-3744

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY is September 19. We invite all who will teach or assist in the Faith Formation program to join us for the 11:00 a.m. Mass, during which they will receive a blessing and commissioning. **The theme this year is "Say the word and my soul shall be healed."**

CLASSES BEGIN

Sunday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the church - Meeting for all grade 9 & 10 parents with their teens

Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 20 & 21 - classes begin for grades 7 & 8 in the middle school classrooms of St. Joseph School

Sunday, Sept. 26 - classes begin for grades 1-6 in Saint Joseph School

Sunday, Oct. 3 - classes begin for kindergarten in Saint Joseph School

More details will be emailed to all registered families.

Registration is still ongoing for the 2021-2022 year!

All classes in grades K-10 will be held in person as in past years.

Ways to Register-

Go to www.stjosephparishneedham.com, click on the "Religious Education" tab and select "Registration" from the drop-down menu.

Ways to Pay the Registration Fee-

Through the online giving section of the parish website. Check made out to Saint Joseph Parish

Registration Fee-

\$100 per child with a family cap of \$300

We will never deny any child religious education due to a family's inability to pay the fee. Please let us know if your family is in need of financial assistance as we are happy to work with you confidentially.

We Need Your Help!

Our programs cannot run without the dedication of many volunteers. On the registration form, please indicate your willingness to teach, substitute, provide child care for catechists' young children, or serve as a hallway monitor.

Both Melissa Harrigan, Director for Gr. K-6 and Debbie Coyle, Coordinator for Gr. K-11 can be reached via their emails mharrigan@saintjoes.com and dcoyle@saintjoes.com

Pope Francis acknowledged the important role of altar servers during a special evening meeting and prayer that drew 9,000 youth from throughout Europe to St. Peter's Square in early August 2015, according to the National Catholic Reporter.



Serving at the altar, the pope told the young people, is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn "enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them."



As Parish ministries continue to resume, we are looking forward to having youth altar servers once again at the weekend Masses beginning this fall.

We are in need/ looking for an adult coordinator for the program. This person would maintain the list of servers and families, produce a monthly schedule of assignments, and communicate the schedule to the families and parish office.

Would you prayerfully consider devoting a few hours per month to enable this important ministry to continue? If you are able to volunteer, or know someone else who might be interested, please contact **Deacon Bob** at rhorne@saintjoes.com

YOUTH AND TEEN LECTORS WANTED FOR 9:30 AND 5 PM MASSES

We are happy to report the return of the Youth/Teen Lector Program at St. Joes this fall. Middle schoolers in grades 6-7-8 are invited to lector at the 9:30 am Family Mass. High school students are invited to lector primarily at the 5pm mass but are also welcome at the 9:30 am if that is better for your schedule. Training can be provided. Please email Jill Meyers if you are interested at Ericandjillmeyers@yahoo.com or contact the Parish office.



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



Archdiocese of Boston

REMINDER



Please be reminded that all unvaccinated persons are required to wear a mask during Mass.



St. Joseph Parish Picnic! Sunday - September 19, from 12:00 - 2:00pm

Join your friends and neighbors at the St. Joseph Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 19, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. The event will take place rain or shine at the school parking lot and playground. Bring a picnic lunch, or food will be available to purchase from food trucks.

Confirmed food trucks include Sweet Tomatoes Pizza, Captain Marden's Seafood and Rancho Cantina Mexican.

In addition to the food trucks, the picnic will include; The school playground, Tables and chairs under a tent, Coffee, Sidewalk chalk, hula hoops and other games

All are welcome! Invite your neighbors and friends! No registration needed – the event is free. Volunteers are needed to set up, help during the event, and clean up. To volunteer, please email Liz Langford at ealangford@gmail.com. Thank you!



! IMPORTANT



St. Joseph School is looking for energetic and motivated substitute teachers to work with students from Preschool to grade eight. Substitute teachers will follow the classroom teacher's lesson plans, manage the classroom environment, and transition students to specialty classes and recess/lunch.

Also, the school is looking for an afternoon crossing guard. This very important position will be for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 2:15-3 .



Please contact Lauren Solomon if you are interested lsolomon@saintjoes.com



Needham K of C invites you to Music Bingo - Sept. 24th at 7:30 PM

The Needham Knights of Columbus, Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council 1611 is delighted to invite you to an evening of family fun as we host Music Bingo! Net proceeds for the evening will go to support our College Scholarship Fund for our local High School Seniors . Our Master of Ceremonies will be Boston Sports Radio personality, Mike "Sarge" Riley, who will be playing a great selection of songs! The night features a cash bar and Pizza, with admission of \$20 per person which includes one Bingo card. Additional cards are \$5 each. Prizes will be awarded to all the winners! Join us at our hall at 1211 Highland Ave., Needham, MA. Details can be found at www.needhamkofc.org.



St. Joseph's In -Town Basketball Program

Online registration for the 2021– 2022 season of St. Joseph's In Town Basketball Program (boys and girls grades 5 through 8) can be found at www.stjoesbasketballneedham.com.

Sign ups for this year close on October 27.

For additional information or questions, please call **Program Director Steve Blomberg at 781- 444- 7782.**

St. Joseph CYO Basketball Registration

Registration for the CYO program is now open for (girls and boys in grades 5 through 12). To request a registration form, contact CYO Athletic Director Tom Loughran at tomloughran@rcn.com or 781-254-8220.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



The Holy Father's Intention for September 2021

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held in the lower church every Friday following the 6:50 a.m. Mass. Adoration concludes with Reposition at 12 noon.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4

8:30	Eleanore Marie Peyton– Memorial
4:00	Stephen Conti– 2 Year Anniversary

Sunday, September 5

7:30	The People of Saint Joseph Parish
9:30	Andrea Weipert– Special Intention
11:00	Frank J. Sorrentino– Memorial
5:00 pm	Patrick, Bridget and Sally Green– Memorial

Monday, September 6– Labor day

6:50	
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Tuesday, September 7

6:50	John P Frain– Memorial
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Wednesday, September 8

6:50	Mara Piergentili – Memorial
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Thursday, September 9

6:50	Souls in Purgatory
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Friday, September 10

6:50	
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Saturday, September 11

8:30	Marie Alesandrini– Memorial
4:00	Barbara Matherwicz– Memorial

Sunday, September 12

7:30	
9:30	Adrienne Garrido– Memorial
11:00	Mary Montminy– Memorial
5:00 pm	Timothy, Catherine, John Joe O'Connor– Memorial

Stewardship



Offertory: Week 9 August 29, 2021	Received	Goal	Variance
In Church & by mail	\$6,434		
Online – Weekly	\$3,710		
Online – Monthly	\$ 2,359		
TOTAL for Week	\$12,503	\$15,500	(\$ 2,997)
TOTAL Year to Date	\$122,005	\$139,500	(\$17,495)



Support our priests in September



Second collection scheduled for September 19, 2021

Clergy Trust is an independently managed trust that provides ongoing care and support for the health, well-being, and retirement needs of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing across the Archdiocese of Boston.

- Your support funds critical programs:
- Regina Cleri
 - Intentional Living Program
 - Care Team

To donate now please scan the QR code above .



The Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every week before the 9:30 am Mass every Sunday. Please

join other parishioners as they pray for respect for all life, especially pre-born babies.

Rose for Life–

Each week roses are placed beside the statue of the Blessed Mother as reminders to pray for the unborn.

The week of September 5 roses are donated by Patti and Walter Federow, and Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family



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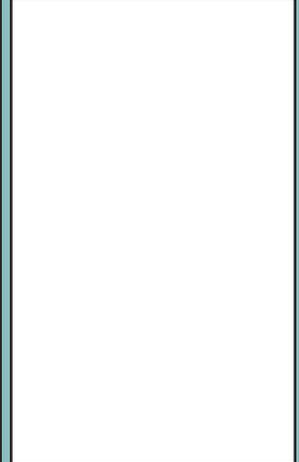
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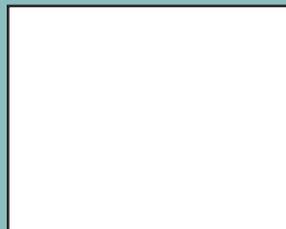
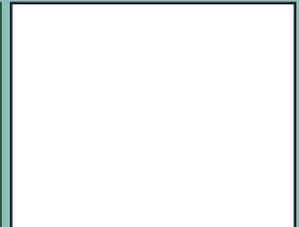
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

To request the Sacrament of Baptism for your child please fill out the form found on the parish website at: <http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com/baptism> or if you don't have online access or have a question, please contact the Parish Office at 781-444-0245.

RECONCILIATION (Confession) :

Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and by Appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Contact one of the parish priests to schedule a date. A preparation period of at least six months must be allowed between initial contact and the date set. Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program during this time.

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am
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11:00 am
5:00 pm

Daily Mass 6:50 am (Monday to Friday)
8:30 am (Saturday)

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Sat - Sun 7 am to 5 pm