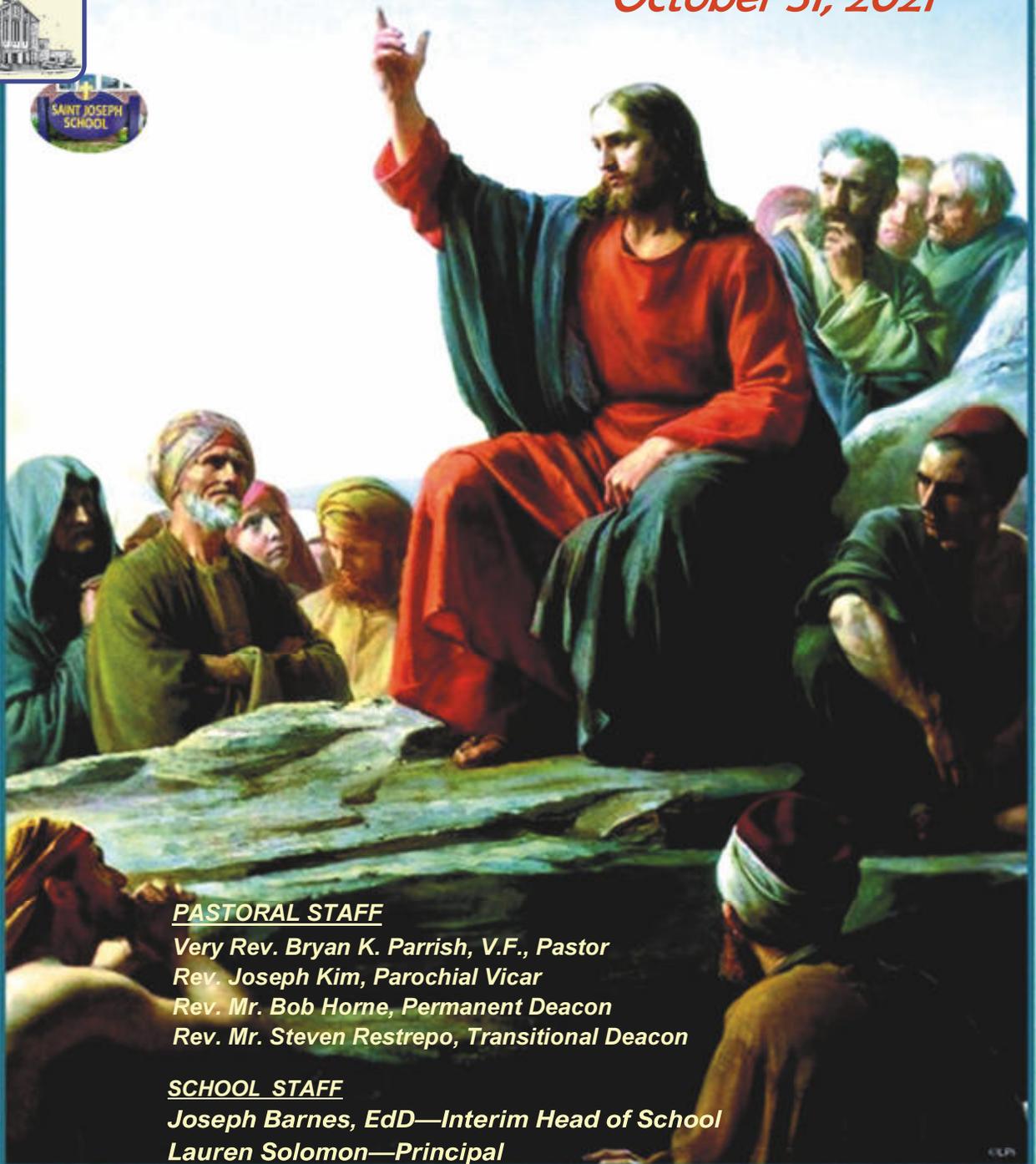


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October 31, 2021



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*Joseph Barnes, EdD—Interim Head of School
Lauren Solomon—Principal*

31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

Pope Francis recently announced a two-year (2021-2023) synod process for the universal church entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission."



The synod opened in Rome on the weekend of October 9 and 10, and in particular churches on October 17. An opening Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on November 27 at 4:30 pm to mark the synod's beginning in the Archdiocese of Boston.

It seems that when the Holy Father speaks of "synodality", he is referencing how the Church listens as the Body of Christ, clergy and laity alike, both to one another and the culture at large, in living out the mission of evangelization. This Synod, then, apparently will not focus on specific issues (unlike the current controversial German church synodal process), as much as it will reflect on the *process* of listening, dialogue, and discernment, in which the church engages. As my friend Fr. Paul Soper (who is co-leading the diocesan phase of the process with Bishop Robert Reed) says: "It's a question about how do we listen to the Church and the world about the issues, rather than about the issues themselves."

In preparation for the diocesan phase of the synod process, the archdiocese has initiated a simple preliminary survey, asking the faithful to share ideas for how the Church can listen more effectively. Pastors have been asked to distribute the survey widely among our parishioners. The link is <https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9> and can be accessed from our parish website www.stjosephparishneedham.com.

As the synod process unfolds, further steps will involve discussions in the Presbyteral Council (Priest Council), Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils; focus groups in various ministries, religious communities, and demographic populations across the Archdiocese; five regional sessions that will be open to the public; the collection of all the feedback and its compilation into a ten-page document, which will be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in April of 2022; and a closing liturgy at the Cathedral in late April of 2022.

Please keep this process in your prayers, and I invite you to take part in the survey.

God bless,

Father Bryan

October 31 ~ Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



The lesson in today's readings is clear. Moses tells the people they are to "love God with all your heart, soul, and strength." Jesus repeats those words and adds to it, "love your neighbor as yourself." The first part of the commandment is easier than the second.

As disciples, we need to take the entire commandment to heart, the part that seems easy as well as the part that is difficult. Let your words and actions this week show your love not only for God but also for your neighbor.

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 to 3:30 pm
in the former baptistry, in the upper church



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"Say the word,
and my soul shall be healed."

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Confirmation: November 7 During 5 pm Mass

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Robert P. Reed will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our high school juniors at the 5 pm weekly Mass on Sunday, November 7. We ask that all parishioners wear a mask if planning to join us for this Mass. Please keep our candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

There will be classes for grades K through 6 on Sunday, October 31. There will be no classes for grades 9 and 10 that evening.

Confirmation Rehearsal
November 4 at 6:30 pm in the lower church, for candidates and their sponsors.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Tuesday, November 9 at 7 pm in the lower church, for parents of students in Faith Formation and at St. Joseph School preparing for the sacrament

We Need Your Help!

Our programs cannot run without the dedication of many volunteers. Please let us know of your willingness to teach, substitute, provide child care for catechists' children, or serve as a hallway monitor. We invite adults without children in the program to volunteer. Please contact Christina Danko, Coordinator for Grades K-6, at cdanko@saintjoes.com or Debbie Coyle, Administrative Assistant for Gr. K-11, at dcoyle@saintjoes.com.

Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 year!



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, and Friday from 2:15 pm to 3 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Lauren Solomon at lsolomon@saintjoes.com.



Join The 2022 Pilgrimage Confirmations Due November 5

For the first time in our parish history, we have the wonderful opportunity to join thousands of other pilgrims to March for Life in Washington, D.C., from January 20 to 22, 2022.

Due to the tremendous generosity of our benefactor, the \$250 cost for each pilgrim and chaperone will be covered. All Catholic school students in Grades 6 through 12 are invited.

In union with the Archdiocese of Boston Catholic Schools Office, the Witness to Life is a powerful example of our faith put into action: being a voice for the weakest and poorest member of society—the unborn. An innocent person's right to life is absolute and sacred, since it comes directly from God the Creator.

Please prayerfully consider joining in our witness to life. Saving one soul or one baby's life is of infinite value and worth any sacrifice. For more information, contact Fr. Joseph at jkim@saintjoes.com.

Let the children come to me. Matthew 19:14

- Depart early Thursday morning, January 20, and return Saturday night, January 22
- Roundtrip travel via Amtrak train from South Station, Boston, to Union Station, Washington, D.C.
- Local bus transportation while in D.C.
- Tours of the National Monuments and War Memorials in D.C.
- Boston Mass with Cardinal Seán O'Malley at the Sacred Heart Shrine
- March for Life
- Adoration, confession, and discussion with Boston priests, the Sisters of Life, and the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth
- Saturday morning Mass and Tour of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine



The Pro-Life Rosary is prayed before the 9:30 am Mass every Sunday. Please join in prayer for respect for all life, especially pre-born babies.

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



Welcoming Afghan Refugees

"I was a stranger, and you invited me in."

Catholic Charities has begun to welcome refugee families from Afghanistan. Our neighbors in Dedham, led by St. Susanna's Parish, are sponsoring one of these families.

To do so requires a group to rent an apartment, furnish it, help families find jobs, schools, medical care, and English language programs, drive them to appointments, and, in general, help them become part of their new community. The family will have minimal government assistance, so until someone in the family has a job, the sponsoring group will pay all the family's expenses and scale back the subsidies as the family becomes more independent. Based on Catholic Charities' guidelines—and the group's previous experience sponsoring a refugee family—the need is \$50,000.

If you would like to help, you can write a check to St. Susanna's Parish and indicate on the memo line that it is for refugee relief, or put money in an envelope labeled for St. Susanna's. Either may be put in the weekly offering basket in the church or through the mail slot at the rectory. For further information, contact Ellen Benoit at ebenoit73@verizon.net.

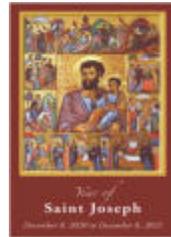
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Justice and Peace Committee

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) Fall Season: October 13– November 17

We welcome all women of the parish to join us for our fall season "Come to Me": **Jesus Invites Us to Trust in His Love (Reflections on Matthew 11: 28-30)**. This is our first season of the 2021-22 year, focused on the theme of **Trusting Jesus**.

We will offer our fall season via Zoom. The season will include two speakers, a three-week Bible study, and a morning of lectio divina. The Zoom meetings will take place Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am.

For more details, please email Sarah at smc1021@aol.com.



Mass of Remembrance for the Deceased of St. Joseph Parish Tuesday, November 2, 7 pm

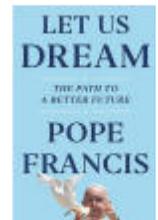
Please join this special liturgy to honor the deceased members of the parish community who have passed away during the past year. During the Mass, each deceased's name will be read aloud; a candle bearing the deceased's name will be lit; and the names of the deceased will be included in the Book of Remembrance, which will remain in the sanctuary for the month of November.

Fr. Bryan Parrish, Celebrant
Fr. Joseph Kim Concelebrant

To join virtually, go to the parish website www.stjosephparishneedham.com, and click on the YouTube icon on the home page.

I am the resurrection and the life

13th Annual Archdiocesan Justice Convocation *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future* Saturday, November 13, 10 am to 12:30 pm



Register now for this virtual gathering with keynote speaker Dr. Austen Ivereigh, who collaborated with Pope Francis on his book, Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, which describes his vision for a post-Covid world.

Dr. Ivereigh, a British writer, journalist, and Fellow in Contemporary Church History at Campion Hall, University of Oxford, is author of two biographies of Pope Francis.

Rev. J. Bryan Hehir will offer a brief commentary following the speech, and MC Sullivan, RN, MTS, JD, Chief Healthcare Ethicist, Archdiocese of Boston, will lead a reflection on "Lessons from a Pandemic: What and How We Can Do Better as a Community of Faith."

The day includes Mass with a homily by Cardinal Seán, concelebrated with Father Phong Pham.

To register for this free event and to find out more about the convocation and the Archdiocesan Social Justice Ministry, go to www.bostoncatholic.socialjusticeministry.org, or email socialjustice@rcab.org.

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Stewardship

Offertory: Week 17 October 24, 2021	Received	Goal	Variance
In Church & by mail	\$11,531		
Online – Weekly	\$2,769		
Online – Monthly	\$1,460		
TOTAL for Week	\$15,760	\$15,500	\$260
TOTAL Year to Date	\$239,193	\$263,500	(\$24,307)

St. Joseph Grand Annual Appeal 2021

Our Grand Annual Appeal kicked off last weekend, and all parishioners should have received a copy of the *Pastor's Report on the Life and Ministry of St. Joseph Parish*, as well as the *Financial Summary* of the parish and the school for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. If you did not receive the information, extra copies are available at the doors of the church, as well as on the parish website: www.stjosephparishneedham.com.

The appeal supports our day-to-day needs, such as clergy and liturgical expenses, building maintenance, the Faith Formation program and various pastoral ministries. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Grand Annual Appeal. Thank you.



Please join us on Saturday, November 6, for the rosary and a 15-minute meditation after the 8:30 am Mass.

The Devotion for the Five First Saturdays follows Jesus's request to honor His mother, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, "so many souls will be saved, and there will be peace."

Men's Discussion/Prayer Group On the First Saturday of Every Month



The Needham K of C invites you to join us on the first Saturday of every month from 7 am to 8 am for a lively discussion of the Scripture readings for the next day's Mass.

We hope to return eventually to meeting in person, but for now we meet via Zoom. New men are always welcome. For information, contact Ted Harrigan at timothymharrigan@verizon.net.

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, October 30

8:30	Virginia O'Kane Liatsis—Memorial
4:00	Edward & Angelina Caporossi—Memorial

Sunday, October 31

7:30	John Kirk—Memorial
9:30	Kay Nolan—Memorial
11:00	The People of St. Joseph
5:00 pm	Phyllis Leonard—Memorial

Monday, November 1, 2021

6:50	Souls in Purgatory
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Tuesday, November 2

6:50	Robert Cole—Memorial
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Wednesday, November 3

6:50	Pete Regan
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Thursday, November 4

6:50	Larry Conroy
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Friday, November 5

6:50	Patrick Silveira—Memorial
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Saturday, November 6

8:30	Enrico & Norma Lucozzi—Memorial
4:00	Katherine, William, and Rev. John P. Murphy

Sunday, November 7

7:30	
9:30	Adrienne Garrido—Memorial
11:00	Laura Pachas—Memorial
5:00 pm	The Andreola & Marino Families, and John Quaglioroli

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 October 31: Kelsey Murray, The Huard Family, Barbara Coveney Harkins and Family, Karol Rose

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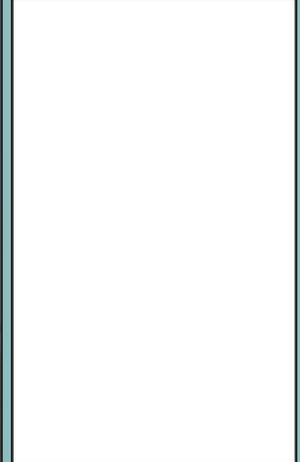
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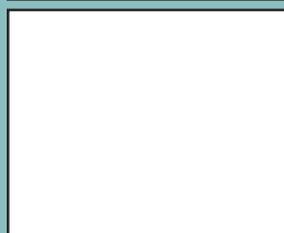
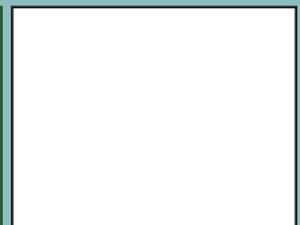
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BAPTISM:

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 for scheduling. 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

<u>Saturday Vigil</u>	4:00 pm
<u>Sunday</u>	7:30 am 9:30 am (Family) 11:00 am 5:00 pm
<u>Daily Mass</u>	6:50 am (Monday to Friday) 8:30 am (Saturday)

Church Prayer Hours

Lower Church
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