

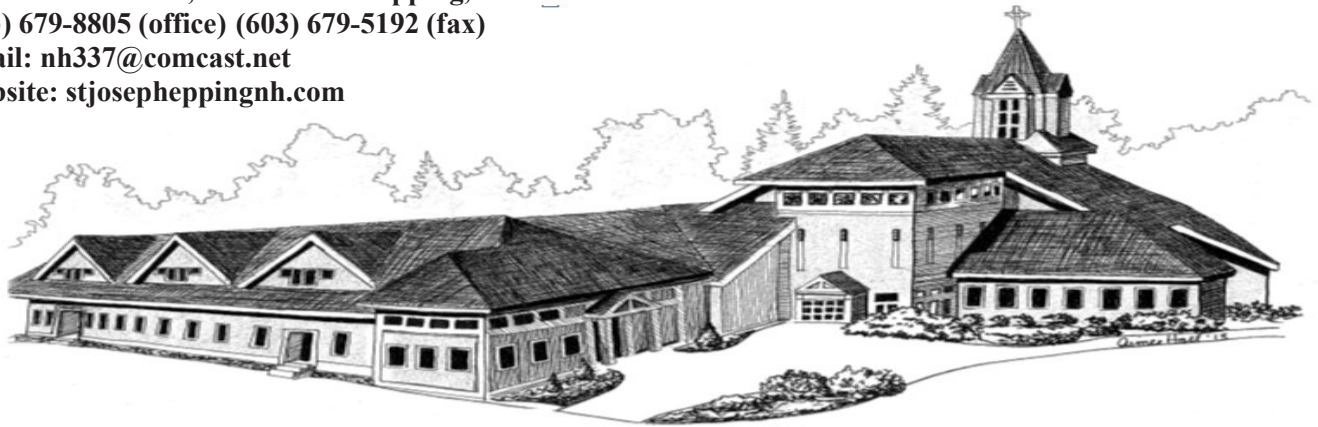
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HOLY MASS

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 6:00PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday and Saturday 8:00AM

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30AM

Wednesday 7:00PM

HOLY DAYS: Check Schedule

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30PM or by appointment

ROSARY RECITATION: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday Noon-9PM

Friday 8:00AM to 7PM

Sacrament of Baptism: During expectancy registered parishioners may call the office to attend a Baptism Instruction Class. Baptism date will then be set following preparation.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples during engagement should contact the office at least six months prior to setting date.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: In the case of serious illness or impending surgery please contact the office.

Hospital/Home Visitation: Family member or patient should contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

3rd Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY 8:00AM	MARCH 20TH Intentions of Diocesan Priests
TUESDAY 7:30AM	MARCH 21ST All Souls
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM	MARCH 22ND For Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY 7:30AM	MARCH 23RD All Souls
FRIDAY 7:30AM 2:00PM	MARCH 24TH All Souls RCNH All Residents
SATURDAY 8:00AM 4:00PM	MARCH 25TH Those serving in the Military John M. Ryan Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wooster
SUNDAY 8:00AM 10:30AM 6:00PM	MARCH 26TH Parishioners Robert Paul Kelly, Sr. & Jr. Requested by: Barbara Kelly Emma Gomez Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. William Gomez and Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **MARCH 19, 2017**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41(1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- *Friday Fish Dinners March 3rd- 31st at 5:30PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM
- *Reconciliation Service March 26th 4:00PM at St. Michael's in Exeter

March 19, 2017

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 12, 2017

259 Envelopes	\$ 5,765.50
Loose Cash	\$ 869.00
Total	\$ 6,634.50

Average envelope donation: \$26.00

Weekly budget requirement \$7597.00

Thank you for supporting your Parish. Fr. Don

Upcoming Special Collections

March 25/26 Catholic Relief

April 1st Debt Reduction

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

MONDAY MARCH 20TH

Adoration 12PM-9PM
6PM Biblical Roots of Mass

TUESDAY MARCH 21ST

Men's Group 6AM
RCIC/RCIA
Religious Education
St Joseph Prayer Group 7PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22ND

Women of Faith Noon Pot Luck Lunch
RUAH 7PM

THURSDAY MARCH 23RD

FRIDAY MARCH 24TH

Adoration 8AM-6:30PM
Fish Supper 5:30
7PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 25TH

Men of St. Joseph 7:30 AM

SUNDAY MARCH 26TH

Youth Choir 9AM
Knights of Columbus 9AM
Religious Ed
Mary's Children 9:40AM



PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Fr. Don will lead a group of pilgrims to Poland October 7-17, 2017 to visit shrines associated with St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, St. Maximilian, Kolbe, Auschwitz etc. For more information, call the office. If you have family members who may be interested and live in another state, Collette Travel will work with them to meet up in Poland.



HAVE OLD PALMS?

From now until Good Friday you can deposit your old palms in the basket at the foot of the Cross in the Narthex.

Rite of Initiation of Adults

Jerri Maille 895-3701

Christian Initiation of Children

Linda Rajchel 315-4545

Bobby Wooster 895-9448

St Joseph Cemetery

Mike Kappler 303-8959

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Knights of Columbus Grand Knight

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Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Do not ever doubt that we are social creatures. Even the shyest of us eventually need to interact with our fellow human beings. Talk shows on TV and Facebook online are modern examples of how and where we do so even if only virtually or secondarily. We listen, we argue, we sympathize and speculate, laugh and lambaste, and certainly render our opinions all the time.

In Jesus' day, meeting at the town well was like meeting at the mall or the coffee shop today. However, the law stipulated that the sexes are not to mingle at the well. Nor was there much business there after the morning for the women of the town, for they had their multiple household chores. Finally, Jews and Samaritans never intermingled because religious differences between the two were strong and deep.

All of this comes into play as we moderns try to understand the unusual circumstances of the social interaction that long ago day when a Samaritan woman comes to the well, alone and at noon and runs into a greeting Jesus. His disciples had gone into town to get lunch supplies.

So the Jew speaks to the Samaritan. The man to the woman. In broad daylight. Those facts alone will stun the disciples when they return. In the meantime, Jesus asks the woman for a drink; promises living water; predicts the future style of worship that will heal the divide between them, and even addresses the woman's marital situation, to her great surprise.

All of this convinces the woman that this Man is special. As a result, she goes and broadcasts what has happened to her fellow townspeople, and they respond not only with conversion to Jesus but also an invitation to stay with them awhile. Why do we hear this story? And why in Lent? I think because that Samaritan woman represents all of us at times in living or not living out our baptism into Christ. A wall goes up, so to speak, between Jesus and us, built by us by our stubborn decisions to sin and be alienated from the one Person who will do us the most good.

That woman at the well was trapped by invincible ignorance, which is to say that she did not realize the futility of her life without Jesus and how much she needed "living water". Jesus was not only at the well, but He was and is forever the well of life and truth.

In Lent, we strive to rid ourselves of vincible ignorance, that is, pretending that we don't know what is expected of us as a Christian, especially as we interact with the wide world. Or not trying to find out more through prayer and study. We have been given the "living water" but sometimes we don't want to drink it or we complain about the taste.

There is an old African proverb that applies here. "The sin worse than murder in the desert is to know where the water is and not to tell it."

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 13th mass 7:00PM, Good Friday, April 14th, Veneration of the Cross 7:00PM, Holy Saturday, April 15th, Vigil 7:30PM, Easter Sunday, April 16th, Masses 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM. No 6:00PM

Prayer to Saint Joseph

*Saint Joseph,
You provided for Mary and Jesus in times both ordinary
and extraordinary.*

*Pray for the well-being of fathers and mothers as they
tend to their children's needs.*

*May they, like you, remain a steady presence in their
homes and communities.*

*You protected your family when the threat of violence
overtook the land.*

Pray for parents as they shelter their children from harm.

*May they, like you, remain strong and courageous
despite their anxieties and struggles.*

*You dreamed of ways to respond to the mysterious
work of God in your life.*

Pray for all of us who strive to listen in prayer.

*May we, like you, remain open in heart and mind to the
stirring of the Holy Spirit.*

*We ask your intercession as you continue to provide
inspiration and hope to those who, like you, place
their trust in God.*

Amen.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM THROUGH NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities New Hampshire and St Ann Church will offer a bereavement program for those who have lost a loved one. Through presentations and group discussions, participants will be able to recognize where they are on the grief journey, express their gratitude and frustration with our culture's grief rituals, speak openly and honestly about what is helpful and what is not helpful to their healing and have the sacred space to tell their story to those who will listen with an open heart and with compassion. The meeting place is St Ann Church, 26 Emerson Rd, Hampstead, N. The meeting schedule is Thursdays from 1:30-3 pm every other week. Registration is necessary. Contact Judy Nelson, Catholic Charities at 893-1971 or at jnelson@nh-cc.org for more information. Current Schedule: March 23, April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MARCH 1 – APRIL 9

Since 2006, 83 abortion centers have closed, 143 abortion workers quit, and 12,668 lives have been saved – THAT WE KNOW OF.

Let's see some results in NH! Can you help by praying at home or the abortion clinic in Greenland? We need your help to change hearts!

St. Joseph Parish is responsible for praying on 6 Thursdays during Lent.

March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6

Please sign up at the table in the Narthex or contact Estelle Nichols or Julie Laughner in person, or by email julielaughner@comcast.net. Thanks!

RACHEL ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM during Lent in the St. Pope John Paul II Chapel. Please come to pray A Rachel Rosary
A Rachel Rosary is Intercessory prayer for Victims of Post-Abortion Syndrome. God's healing power is real.
There is hope! Please pray with us.

FALL PARISH MISSION

We are scheduled to have a parish Mission in the Fall around the last week of September. It is tentatively scheduled for September 23-27th by Fr. Michael Moran a Passionist Priest from Connecticut. More details coming.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated clothing to Rockingham County Department of Corrections. All was greatly appreciated.

CURSILLO RETREAT

Please remember those who have gone or their Cursillo retreat this weekend.

PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

Join us on our Annual Pilgrimage to Canada July 31-August 3, 2017. The cost is just \$445 (per person)...We will be visiting the Shrines of Sacred Heart (Beauvoir), Notre-Dame-du-Cap, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre, Quebec City. Cost includes Accommodations based on double occupancy, two meals a day (full breakfast and dinner), Coach Bus transportation, and spiritual director. We will be leaving from St. Mary's Church in Claremont. For more information, call Juanita at (603) 826-4486



Brady's Corner

Hi kids, Brady here. I've gotten a lot of questions from all of you, like "**Why are you wearing glasses**, well, I need them to read my bible, and look up your answers. One was "**how crazy was my Dad Fr. Don when he watched the super bowl?**" Well, I don't remember about dad but I was so nervous watching the game I almost chewed his sandals again. Woof, that would have put me in the dog house! Here's another question I was asked, "**Why did Jesus rise from the dead?**" Jesus rose from the dead to show that He is true God, and to teach us that we, too, shall rise from the dead. And the last question for this week is "what does, **Jesu I trust in you**, mean?"
If we totally trust in God as our loving Father AT ALL TIMES, then we will have strength to overcome whatever evil we face, and many traps that Satan has planned for our future will not come to pass. God doesn't want us trusting in Him 50% of the time, or 20% of the time. God wants us trusting in Him 100% of the time, so the next time you have a decision to make - any decision - give it to God, and He will let you know the way you need to go. We just need to listen and trust, He will guide us.

The Samaritan Woman

Help the Samaritan woman find the way to the well.

