

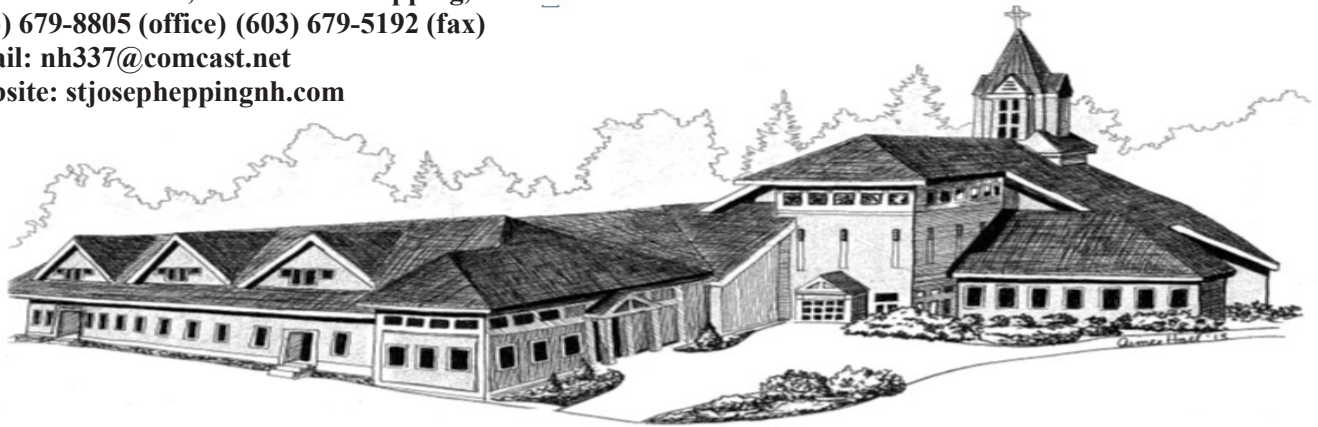
# St. Joseph Church

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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.

## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>APRIL 24TH</b> For those in Public Office
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30AM	<b>APRIL 25TH</b> All Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00 PM	<b>APRIL 26TH</b> Kevin Morse Requested By: Paul & Karen Mertzc
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30AM	<b>APRIL 27TH</b> All Souls
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30AM	<b>APRIL 28TH</b> For Conception to Natural Death
2:00PM	RCNH All Residents
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>APRIL 29TH</b> Roy Braley Requested By: Paul & Karen Mertzc
4:00PM	John McCarthy Requested by: Claudette McCarthy & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>APRIL 30TH</b> Bruce Hauschel Requested By: Jeannette
10:30AM	Yvette Callahan Requested By: M/M Mark Vallone
6:00PM	Parishioners

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 23 2017

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ◆ Catholic Charities Appeal  
April 29th & 30th

**April 23, 2017**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**April 16, 2017**

254 Envelopes	\$ 9,587.55
Loose Cash	\$ 1,947.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,534.55</b>

### **Easter Collection**

211 Envelopes	\$6,004.00
Loose Cash	\$1,005.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,009.00</b>

*Average envelope donation: \$21.00*

*Weekly budget requirement \$7597.00*

*Thank you for supporting your Parish. Fr. Don*

### Upcoming Special Collections

April 29th/30th Catholic Charities

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

#### **MONDAY APRIL 24TH**

Adoration 12PM-9PM  
Parish Council 7PM

#### **TUESDAY APRIL 25TH**

Men's Group 6AM  
RCIC/RCIA

#### **WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH**

RUAH 7PM

#### **THURSDAY APRIL 27TH**

#### **FRIDAY APRIL 28TH**

Adoration 8AM-6:45PM  
Youth Group 7PM

#### **SATURDAY APRIL 29TH**

Women's Scripture Study 9AM

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 30TH**

Youth Choir 9AM  
Mary's Children 9:40AM

### MASS FOR THE HEALING OF THOSE AFFECTED BY CHILD ABUSE

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, and the Diocesan Safe Environment Council cordially invite all the Catholic faithful to a special Mass on Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we pray for all those who were abused as children, particularly those who were abused by people representing the Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 180 Loudon Road, Concord, NH and will be followed by a brief reception. For more information, please contact Joseph P. Naff, LICSW, Director, Office of Healing and Pastoral Care, at or 669-3100 Ext. 110

**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 23-27<sup>th</sup> by Fr. Michael Moran a Passionist Priest from Connecticut. More details coming.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,**  
**APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday as promulgated by St. John Paul II. We are asked to pray for God's Mercy upon the whole world. Today, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church is from 2PM until 3:15PM. Fr. Don will be available for confessions during that time. Then it will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are invited.

**EASTER BLESSINGS**

We are very grateful for all the help we received from those who made our Triduum celebrations during Holy Week so rewarding. A great deal of planning in decorations, set up, liturgical and choir music roles are necessary. More folks and help are always needed, please consider helping next time.

***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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Jack and Janet Meyer 642-3295

***Pastoral Council Chairman***

Rick Cabral 679-1184

***Finance Committee Chairman***

Paul Carleton 679-2291

***Knights of Columbus Grand Knight***

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**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](mailto:jnelson@nh-cc.org) for more information. Current Schedule: May 4, May 18.

**TRIP TO POLAND : LAST NOTICE**

We originally had 20 spaces reserved for the October trip to Poland. We presently have 11 signed up so far. Collette has asked for the remaining seats to be sold by them on a first come-first serve basis. If you still plan to joins us let the parish office or call Collette Travel directly while space allows to reserve a spot.

**MINISTRY HELP NEEDED**

If you would like to help out at Colonial Poplin on Mondays or Rockingham County Nursing Home on Friday for an hour or so at Mass please call the parish office. We could always use help bringing communion to our elderly.

At Pentecost, we will be having sign-ups for various ministries in the parish. With an aging community and some couples moving to Florida, and a younger generation indifferent to Church we need to plan ahead to keep our parish ministries lively and vibrant.

**NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP**

**BY POPULAR DEMAND:** In addition to the individual men's (Tuesday) and women's Scripture class (Saturday); we will explore a combined men and women's group/ couples group on Monday nights. We are thinking perhaps **6 PM** for ONE HOUR! Fr. Don will explore the upcoming Sunday readings beginning Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested let the parish office know. If this day or time does not work out, we may look at another night and time.

**CLERGY CONVOCATION**

Diocesan Priests meet with Bishop for our bi-annual meeting on diocesan issues May 1-3rd. No daily Masses during those days.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Just a gentle reminder that the prayer shawl ministry is still very active thanks to my faithful knitters. I have some beautiful prayer shawls that have been prayed on for the recipients. If you have a friend, neighbor or family member who is ill, depressed, home bound or facing a personal crisis I have a prayer shawl waiting for them. If you want a shawl or would like to knit or crochet a shawl please call Pauline Jean, 895-4337.

**ULTREYA**

Epping Area Ultreya at St. Joseph - Friday, April 28th. Calling all Cursillistas and Catholic adults interested in living a Cursillo to the Epping Area Ultreya at St. Joseph on Friday, April 28th at 7 p.m. What is Ultreya? Come and find out! For more info, contact Fr. Don or Kathy (659-5010) [kes144n@yahoo.com](mailto:kes144n@yahoo.com) Brochures on Cursillo are located in the Narthax bookcase.



*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Doubt can be a terrible thing. It confronts us as Americans when we hear discussion over the airways of so-called “fake news.” There is another inducement to be distrustful people. Who are we to believe?

Long the unhappy burden of the used-car salesman, distrust and its relative doubt seep into every important area of our lives. As a result, suspicion lurks in the dark corners of our minds about everyone and everything. Politicians are all crooked; business partners need testing; fellow workers are selfish climbers; doctors are out to make money; priests and bishops are generally hypocritical; and even blood relatives are untrustworthy.

Even our faith can “take a hit.” After many years of faithful Catholic practice, doubt can interfere with our peace of mind about Church teaching. This last often arises from a clash between what we have held as true since childhood versus what the adult catechism actually teaches. All of this doubt piles up in a heap that threatens hope. Especially when the news headlines of the present time are anything but positive. Fear threatens our

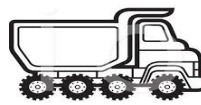
Then along comes the story of Thomas the Apostle and his post-Easter doubt. Now Thomas was an intelligent man, even if he presumably had no great formal education. He had his healthy doubt about what his brother apostles told him of seeing the risen Lord. “Just wishful thinking working overtime” he may have thought. But when the scarred but living Saviour stood before him, I picture Thomas dropping to his knees right away to stammer “My Lord and my God,” his heartfelt act of faith.

Even more wondrous, however, were Our Lord’s words to Thomas (and to us): “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” His statement exemplified the divine mercy we celebrate today. Note that Thomas was not scolded. Not told to do some horrendous penance for his doubt. Not banished from the group.

Over the years I have met many older people in the context of the confessional who now find themselves doubting that they were truly forgiven by God for deeds confessed and forgiven in their past. I try to console them with the truth about sacramental forgiveness having no expiration date. I tell them not to look back so often, and thereby give the devil permission to taunt them.

An author by the name of Anne Lamott asserts that “the opposite of faith is not doubt. The opposite of faith is certainty.” Food for thought there!

Doubt about our religious beliefs is really an invitation to think. That is a good thing. Nothing we are asked to believe as Catholics is irrational. That is not to say that none of it is mysterious. However, it certainly is wise to accept that we should “never put a question mark where God has put a period.”



**DUMP TRUCK**

We are looking for someone with a dump truck that would be willing to pick up compost. If you can help out please call Kathy Bean at 603-661-0408.



**NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal Saturday, April 29th at the Raymond Walgreens from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Questions? 895-7061/info9@rcfy.org/www.rcfy.org/facebook.com/RCFYouth