

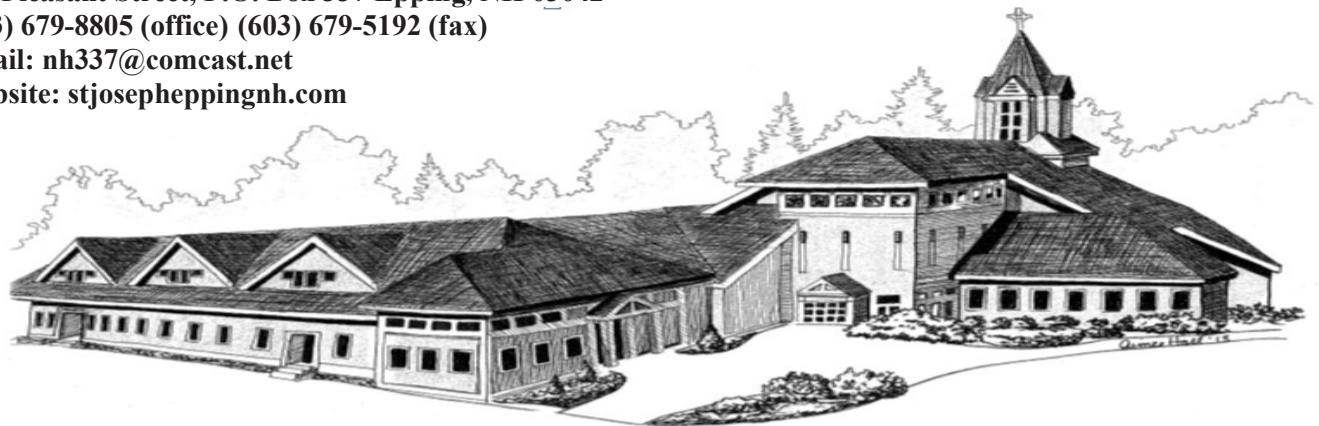
St. Joseph Church

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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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY 8:00AM	MAY 22ND Eileen LaRosca Requested By: Maria Lotaurneau
TUESDAY 7:30AM	MAY 23RD All Souls
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM	MAY 24TH Ray Chevalier Requested By: Family
THURSDAY 7:30AM	MAY 25TH Dave Ouellette Requested By: Karen Ouellette
7:00 PM	Confirmation Candidates
FRIDAY 7:30AM	MAY 26TH Raymond D. DeLorne 36th Anniversary Requested By: Paul & Karen Mertzic
2:00PM	RCNH All Residents
SATURDAY 8:00AM	MAY 27TH Mailhot Family Requested By: Patty Rider
4:00PM	Ronald Germain Requested by: Woodhouse Family
SUNDAY 8:00AM	MAY 28TH Larry Dubreuil Requested By: Mother
10:30AM	Adrien & Blanche Ouellette Requested By: Linda Grant
6:00PM	Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 21, 2017

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

May 21, 2017

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 14, 2017

248 Envelopes	\$ 6,122.50
Loose Cash	\$ 900.00
Online Donations	\$ 155.00
Total	\$ 7,177.00

Average envelope donation: \$25.00

Weekly budget requirement \$7597.00

Thank you for supporting your Parish. Fr. Don

Upcoming Special Collections

May 27th/28th Catholic Communication

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

MONDAY MAY 22ND

Adoration 12PM-9PM
Scripture Study Group 6PM
Parish Council 7PM

TUESDAY MAY 23RD

Men's Group 6AM
RCIA

WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH

RUAH 7PM

THURSDAY MAY 25TH

Ascension of the Lord
Mass 7:30AM
Confirmation 7PM

FRIDAY MAY 26TH

Adoration 8AM-7PM
Youth Group 7PM

SATURDAY MAY 27TH

Respect Life 8:30AM
Women's Scripture 9AM

SUNDAY MAY 28TH

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

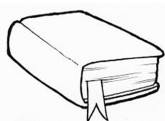
- May 25th Ascension of the Lord Mass Holy day of obligation masses 7:30AM & 7PM
 - May 25th Confirmation 7PM
- Memorial Day Mass May 29th at St. Joseph's Cemetery 9AM weather permitting
 - May 26TH OFFICE CLOSED
 - May 29TH OFFICE CLOSED

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place on August 7th– 11th 2017. It is open to children in kindergarten through grade 6. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for further information and registration details.

PARISH GIVING

Supporting the mission of St. Joseph is as easy as One, Two, Click. Sign up for electronic giving and never worry about writing a check or remembering special collections. Visit our website www.stjosepheppingnh.com and click on the ConnectNow giving.



SAINT JOSEPH LIBRARY

Come check out Saint Joseph Library, located in the Youth room. Fr. Don has just donated some of his books and videos. Library open during office hours. Mon-Thur 9 to 4 and Friday 9 to noon.

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

We are looking for someone to take over the role of cemetery superintendent. For more information about the responsibilities of this position please contact Mike Kappler at 603-303-8959.

PENTACOST

'WEAR RED!' Everyone is encouraged to wear something red for Pentecost - June 3rd and 4th. Let our unity shine forth!

<i>Rite of Initiation of Adults</i>	
Jerri Maille	895-3701
<i>Christian Initiation of Children</i>	
Linda Rajchel	315-4545
Bobby Wooster	895-9448
<i>St Joseph Cemetery</i>	
Mike Kappler	303-8959
<i>Prayer Line</i>	
Mary Ellen Colford	679-1488
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<i>Prison Ministry</i>	
Jack and Janet Meyer	642-3295
<i>Pastoral Council Chairman</i>	
Rick Cabral	679-1184
<i>Finance Committee Chairman</i>	
Paul Carleton	679-2291
<i>Knights of Columbus Grand Knight</i>	
John Nasser	679-2476
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30AM and 7PM along with Confirmation.

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

Our annual Ministries sign-up weekend will be held June 3-4. It is the opportunity for all Parishioners to learn about and, if they desire, volunteer to participate in the numerous active Ministries and Organizations of St. Joseph Parish. All Ministries and Organizations are invited and will be present at all Masses to answer any questions you may have. Please contact Tom Carleton (679-5501) or the Parish Office (679-8805) for more information.

PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, July 1st, 5:15 - 8 PM

Are you and/or your group interested in helping to coordinate the Parish Picnic? It will be a fun way to begin the Fourth of July weekend celebrating our parish community with family and friends. Contact Kathy at 661-0408.



SAINT JOSEPH EDUCATIONAL FUND

2017/2018

Saint Joseph Parish would like to make you aware of the Saint Joseph Educational Fund. This year four scholarships will be awarded to children of Parish members. Two scholarships for \$1,000 will be presented to students pursuing a Catholic education in elementary and middle school. A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a Catholic education in high school, and a \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a college degree. Scholarships will be awarded based upon various criteria including academic performance, Parish involvement, and community involvement. (Scholarships are not awarded to the same person in consecutive years, making last year's winners ineligible this year.)

We encourage all interested students to apply. Applications for the 2017/2018 school year will be accepted until June 30th. Guidelines and an application are available in the narthex. Additionally, you can get them at www.stjosepheppingnh.com or by calling (603)-679-8805.

When someone declares his or her “hate” of brussel sprouts or broccoli, neither vegetable is insulted. Why not? Because they are not persons. But to make a quantum leap from those objects to a hatred of Almighty God, and there is definite insult happening. Why? Because God is a Person, in fact Three Persons, as revealed to us by Jesus. Only a being with intellect and will is truly a person, and such a being can express love through outward action.

Now all of this philosophical musing brings us to the fact that we followers of Jesus have no reason ever to insult God by saying that He does not love us. Once we accept His passion and death on the cross as proof of His love, no other response but love is appropriate. The disheartening fact is that we often insult God anyway. Why we do so is really a memory lapse. We forget to pray regularly. We forget that our sinful attitudes amount to an insult to God as a Person.

Anybody caught up in the present secular mindset that denies God’s place in our world might be excused for believing an evil action only breaks a conduct code of some kind, or violates a principle. Such a person can be persuaded otherwise. But not without the gift of Faith. Until then, he or she will think their evil decision-making is a private matter that doesn’t insult any non-existent God.

Jesus preached that we are God’s friends. His crucifixion proved that “Greater love than this no man has: to lay down his life for his friends.” The plain fact that none of us ever deliberately insult our friends may be a starting point to convince a non-believer.

Meanwhile, we can all try harder to do away with the many insults we give God in our culture. The very existence of groups like Planned Parenthood is one. Pornography is another. Confining religious practice to Sunday is still another.

The good news is that our sorrow and penance bring forth that very personal wonderful smile on God’s face. Coupled with His embrace in friendship is comfort of the highest order. Perhaps our best mode of thanks is to be ever vigilant to avoid those small deviations can lead to big detours from His friendship.

In St. Louis there is a railroad switchyard. One particular switch begins with just the thinnest piece of

If you were to follow those two tracks, however, you would find that one ends in San Francisco, the other in New York. Sin is like that. Just a small deviation from God’s standards can place us far afield from our intended destination. Don’t we all want to get

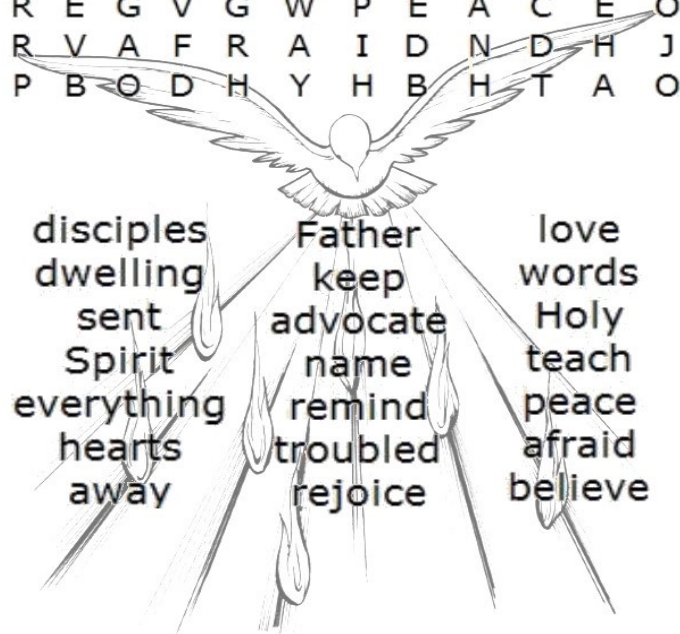


Brady's Corner

Hi kids Brady here. One of you would like to know ,if their sponsor were not able to make it to their confirmation ,what happens? I believe you can ask someone to take their place. Thanks for the question, keep them coming!

Peace I leave with you

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dwelling	keep	words
sent	advocate	Holy
Spirit	name	teach
everything	remind	peace
hearts	troubled	afraid
away	rejoice	believe