

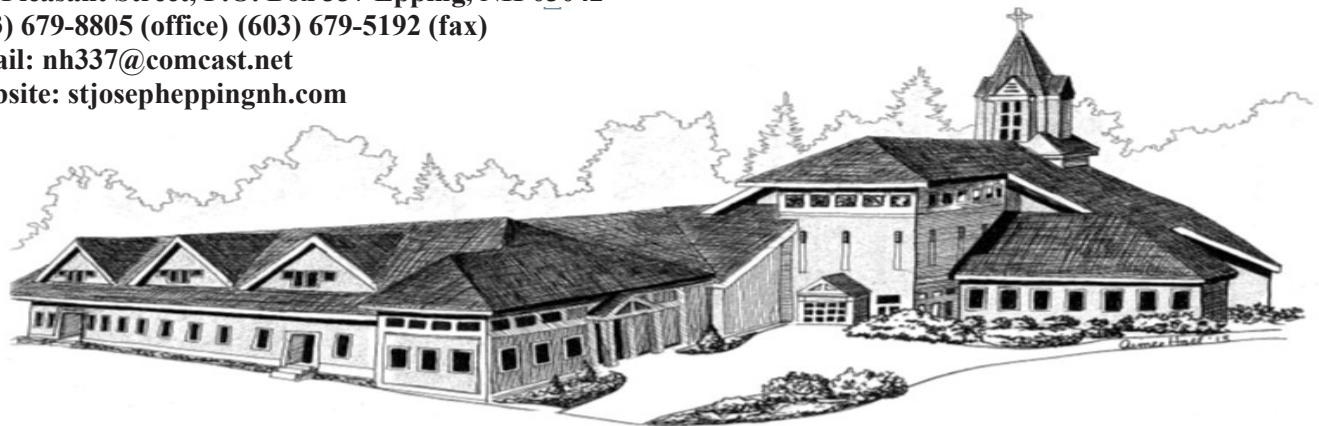
St. Joseph Church

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY JULY 3RD
8:00AM Fr. Patrick Irwin

TUESDAY JULY 4TH
7:30AM For all in Military Service

WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH
7:00 PM Joan Burbank
Requested by Karen Ouellette

THURSDAY JULY 6TH
7:30 All Souls

FRIDAY JULY 7TH
7:30AM Intentions of Fr. Don
2:00PM RCNH All Residents

SATURDAY JULY 8TH
8:00AM
4:00PM Robert Dodge
Requested by M/M Will Ralph

SUNDAY JULY 9TH
8:00AM William G. Turner Jr.
Requested by Rhodes Family
10:30AM Andrew Sharaffa
Requested by Kathleen Kurbel
6:00PM Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JULY 2, 2017

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



PARISH PICNIC PLANNING

The date for the parish picnic has been changed to Saturday evening, August 26 and YOUR IDEAS AND HELP are needed to make this a fun community event. Please join the PLANNING MEETING, Monday, June 26th, 6:30PM. Questions, ideas - contact Kathy - 661-0408.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 25, 2017 will be posted July 2nd due to early publication of this bulletin

Average envelope donation: \$25.00
Weekly budget requirement \$7711.00

Thank you for supporting your Parish. Fr. Don

Upcoming Special Collections
July 1/2 Debt Reduction

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

MONDAY JULY 3RD

NO Adoration
NO Scripture Study

TUESDAY JULY 4TH

NO Men's Group

WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH

THURSDAY JULY 6TH
RUAH 7PM

FRIDAY JULY 7TH

First Friday Adoration 8AM-Midnight
Youth Group 7PM

SATURDAY JULY 8TH

Men of St. Joseph 7:30AM
Women's Scripture 9AM

SUNDAY JULY 9TH

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Hospitality 9AM

PLANTING, PRUNING AND PUTTERING



the Parish Gardens and Grounds - Everyone is welcomed to help keep the gardens and grounds in good condition. Come whenever you wish, for as long as you wish or join others most Tuesday mornings throughout the summer.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

JUNE 27, 28 & 29 waxing of Parish Hall, Parish Office wing. No access to areas for 3 day.

Office Closed July 3RD-7TH



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Joseph Parish Aug 7-11, 8:45am-11:30am. The theme this year is Birthday Blast, a Celebration of Life! This Catholic VBS is for children entering grades K-6. The cost of the program is \$15 per child with a maximum of \$50 per family. If this causes a financial hardship for your family, scholarships are available. Sign up sheets are on the bookcase or online. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Biron in the office or Julie Laughner at 895-4855 or julielaunger@comcast.net. Deadline to sign up is July 10. Please sign up as early as possible so we know how many supplies to purchase. Thank you!

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

As the warm weather is now upon us and children are wanting to be out and about on the church grounds, we want to remind everyone that all children under the age of 18 need to be supervised by an adult while on church property, and on bathroom runs. This is for the safety of our Parishioners.

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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Rick Cabral 679-1184

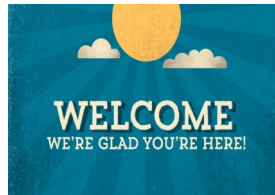
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NEW PARISHIONERS

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners who have recently joined our Parish. Please visit our website at <https://stjosepheppingham.com>

for more information about our parish. Also, please fill out the Parish registration form that can be found on the website. By registering as a Parishioner you will have the option to be added to our weekly envelope system.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

June 27th, 28th and 29th the floors in the Parish hall and the Parish Office wing will be stripped and waxed. Therefore, there will be no access to these areas and the office during these 3 days.



STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On July 8th The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at St. Joseph's Parish for the day, please stop by at some point to participate in this joyous occasion.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

July 28, 2017

The IHM New England Homeschool conference will be held at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren St., in Lowell, on Friday July 28th (12:00PM– 6:00PM). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to learn more about Catholic Homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.



Registration forms for the 2017-18 Faith Formation year are now available on the table outside the main office or on the bookcase in the narthex. Sign up now! Some classes will fill quickly!





FOOD PANTRY

Hunger doesn't take the summer off.

Once the school year ends in June, the number of people seeking help from food pantries often rises. This is due to the fact that many children receive one or two meals, five days per week from the school lunch program when school is in session. The 2 area food pantries we support (Epping Community Church, Raymond Assembly of God Church) serve over 500 families/individuals on a regular basis. With your continued support we can help meet the increased needs this summer. Suggested items to donate include peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, pasta, sauces, cereal and canned tuna. Hygiene products such as toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, disposable diapers and diaper wipes are also welcome. Place your donated items in the container in the Narthex and they will be delivered to the pantries. Thank you for your generosity

PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

July 31-August 3, 2017...\$445 per person, double occupancy. Visiting the Shrines of St. Joseph's Oratory, Notre-Dame-du-Cap, St. Anne-de-Beaupre, and more. Cost includes accommodations, full breakfast and dinner, Coach Bus transportation from St. Luke Evangelist, Plaistow, Manchester, Derry and St. Mary's Church, Claremont. Email Juanita at all-saints3@comcast.net or call (603) 826-3359.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections,



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

According to the theory, everyone on the team gets one. I refer to those awards that some coaches give out to his/her young team at the end of the season that are called "participation trophies." The idea is not to threaten a young person's self-esteem, even if all they did was suit up for the games and keep the bench warm. Everyone gets an award.

The idea is controversial. This writer happens to agree with psychologist Carol Dweck, who writes that "giving out such trophies is tantamount to giving kids the wrong kind of praise. The practice could also mean giving an award to a player who demonstrates a bad attitude on the rare occasions when he/she actually shows up." Dweck continues with a clincher argument: "Distributing awards 'en masse' can diminish the value of being honored. Kids should learn from an early age that success comes from sometimes failing but trying again."

What we know from Scripture and Tradition about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus clearly teaches us where He would stand on the matter of success, having nothing at all to do with tangible awards. He undoubtedly felt the pain of failure. But He never gave up. For example, through His three or so years of miracle-working, He never convinced the Pharisees of the truth of His teaching. The same holds for that group of townspeople in Capernaum who were so angry after He claimed to fulfill what Isaiah wrote about the Messiah that they tried to kill Him by throwing Him off a cliff. Right at the start of His ministry! Or that group who walked away from Him the day He announced the Eucharist as a matter of eating His flesh and drinking His blood to be truly alive.

Then we come to that awful night and day before and during His time on the cross. The little troop of Twelve split apart. One betrayed Him, and chose suicide over contrition. One denied Jesus not once but thrice. All but the youngest were notably absent on that Friday we call "Good." Could we really say Jesus was an obvious success in His earthly lifetime?

Ah, but that cross turned out to be a trophy! Three days later Jesus burst forth from His borrowed tomb, raised up by His almighty Father, thereby conferring the divine seal of approval on all that Jesus said and did. Ever since we decorate our churches, official priestly vestments, windows and so much more with that cross. Talk about awards and support of self-esteem!

Ponder the attitude of our Founding Fathers this Fourth of July weekend. They knew the risk they took by signing that Declaration of Independence. But if they had refused to work together just to preserve their self-esteem, or out of fear of reprisal from King George, we wouldn't be celebrating anything and would likely be singing "God save the King."

Now all we have to do, in the more important cause of our Christ, is participate as fully as we can in the life of Christ through His Church. Be evangelizers and examples of His values to others. Never "spiritual bench-warmers." St. Paul names our award for being on Christ's "team." Are you ready to hit the field?