Parish Community of Saint Joseph

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Mission Statement - Ours is a faith community which is welcoming, family oriented, and spiritually vital. We seek to provide each person with the opportunity to experience spiritual growth by developing a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to serve the community by making present the person of Jesus and his Gospel message. We seek to attract others to enter into our parish family by rejoicing in the resurrection and living what we profess to believe.

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule:
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Weekdays: No Daily Masses scheduled at this time.
Holy Days: 6:00 p.m.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is typically celebrated at Sunday Liturgy. Parents attend a Baptismal catechesis session prior to scheduling. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Marriages: Please call the Parish Office for an appointment prior to scheduling any date. Diocesan policies require at least six months preparation time before Marriage is celebrated.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by contacting the Parish Office.

Ministry to Homebound and Hospitalized: Kindly notify the Parish Office when anyone cannot attend Mass so we can visit or bring Holy Eucharist.

New parishioners:
We welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish!
Registration forms are available at the Church entrance or at the Parish Office, which is located at 6 High Street in Belmont. Please register as soon as possible.

Making Estate Plans? Consider remembering St. Joseph Parish, Belmont in your will.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held in the Parish Hall.
Please refer to schedule inside bulletin for days and times.

Christian Initiation for Adults and Children:
Very Rev. Marc B. Drouin, V.F. 267-8174
Coordinator for Family and Youth Formation and Education:
Wanda Gilson 267-8174

TELEPHONE LISTINGS

PARISH OFFICE (M-Th 8:30 am to 4 pm) Closed on Fridays
Adrienne Mazzei, Secretary 267-8174
Church Hall & Sacristy 267-8648
Parish Ministries
Pastoral Council
Al Nix 524-6834
Finance Council
Don McLelland 267-8019
Parish Liturgical Ministries/Scheduling
Lucille Leroux 267-8105
Music Director
Jeanne Breton 524-8469
Sacristan
Janet Leroux 267-8105
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Cursillo/Ultreya
Lionel & Annette Maurier 279-4320
Separated/Divorced Support Group
Ginny Timmons 581-9559
Knights of Columbus
Robert R. Leroux, Council 10,943
Robert Chapman 630-0874
Scripture Sharing
Martha Levesque 267-6101
Community Assistance
St. Francis Nursing Home 524-0466
N.H. Catholic Charities 528-3035
St. Vincent de Paul Society 524-5470
Catholic Schools
Bishop Brady High School 224-7418
Holy Trinity School 524-3156
St. John Regional School 225-3222

Answering Our Call To Discipleship

Sat, Sept. 8 - Vigil of 23rd Ordinary Sunday
4:30 Anne Cioffi by Carmine and Leo Stacy by Tom & Gloria Peters

Sunday, September 9 - 23rd Ordinary Sunday
Is 35: 4-7a/Jas 2: 1-5/Mk 7: 31-37
9:30 People of the Parish

Monday, September 10 - Weekday
1 Cor 5: 1-8/Lk 6: 6-11
8 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia

Tuesday, September 11 - Weekday
1 Cor 6: 1-11/Lk 6: 12-19
5 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia, followed by Confession

Wednesday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Cor 7: 25-31/Lk 6: 20-26
8 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia

Thursday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6: 27-38
8 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church Laconia

Friday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21: 4b-9/Phil 2: 6-11/Jn 3: 13-17
NO MASS

Sat, September 15 - Vigil of 24th Ordinary Sunday
4:30 Mary Alves (5th Anniversary) by the Riley family and George Clairmont Jr. by Charlotte & Charlie DuBois

Sunday, September 16 - 24th Ordinary Sunday
Is 50: 5-9a/Jas 2: 14-18/Mk 8: 27-35
9:30 Shirley Sobon and Ervin Buechi by family

THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Music for the Liturgy

Gathering:
Gather Us In #303

Psalm Response:
Praise the Lord, My Soul
Psalm 146

Preparation of the Gifts: **Healer of our Every Ill**

Mass Responses: **Mass of Christ the Savior**
Holy #921
When We Eat this Bread #923
Amen #925
Lamb of God #926

Communion: **As the Deer Longs**
#765

Closing: **City of God**
#386

FOR THE WEEKEND OF
September 1-2, 2018

Your Offerings	$3,661.00
Building Fund	$1,221.00
Vanco	542.88

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Parish Budget requires weekly offertory income of $5,300 per week. In the past, we have been able to offset that requirement by drawing on other revenue resources i.e. Christmas Fair, 300 Club, Bake Sales, Yard/Tag sales, etc.

As a parish, all expenses should be paid by the offertory income and not by fundraisers. Fundraisers should be used for savings and incidentals that arise that are not budgeted. I would like to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their offertory pledge in thanksgiving to God for all that God has done for you, through the gift of his son Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generosity and continued dedication to our Parish.
God Bless, Fr. Marc

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The annual offering for the Catholic University of America and the work of the U.S. Bishops' Conference will be taken up the weekend of **September 8-9, 2018.**

If you wish to donate to the Catholic University collection, please place your envelope in the first collection. If you do not use the Parish envelope system, please place your offering in a separate envelope marked "Catholic University" and place it in the first collection. **There will be only one collection taken.** Thank you for your generosity.

FUEL OFFERING

We will take up our **SEMI-ANNUAL FUEL OFFERING** on **September 15-16** as a second collection.

Your contribution helps the Parish pay for heating oil in the winter months and electricity to run the air conditioners during the summer months.

As always, your generosity is very much appreciated!

NH DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT

We will take up the annual NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection on the weekend of September 22-23, 2018.

If you wish to donate to the Catholic University collection, please place your envelope in the first collection. If you do not use the Parish envelope system, please place your offering in a separate envelope marked "Diocesan Priest Retirement" and place it in the first collection.

There will be only one collection taken.

Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"-that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35

"Jesus went by way of Sidon into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "'Be opened!' Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

Mass of Healing and Hope & Adoration - 9/19, 7:00pm

St. Andre Bessette Parish at Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH

Fr. Marc Drouin will offer prayers for the Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Emotional healing of all. Trained prayer teams will be available after the Mass for all your personal intentions. We have many great reports of healing, including one woman who brought her niece's picture to be prayed over. The niece was healed from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, traceable back to the time Healing Mass. God is good all the time.

OUT OF RESPECT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE OR TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE DURING MASS.

THANK YOU!

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

ATTENTION PARENTS

Would you please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass.

This is for their safety and your peace of mind.

Thank you for your assistance.

EVENING OF REPARATION IN SOLIDARITY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED

As requested by Our Holy Father Francis, please join in prayer for a Holy Hour of Reparation and Solidarity for those who have been Abused on Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Church in Laconia.

MASS INTENTIONS

Did you know that dates for Mass Intentions are now available for 2018 and 2019? We gather at the Eucharist to pray for anyone, living or deceased.

If you would like to request a Mass for a particular intention such as thanksgiving for a new birth, healing for a sick friend or family member, or for a deceased loved one or friend, please call the Parish Office at 267-8174. Suggested donation is $10.00 per Mass.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Let Jesus heal any disappointments in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA and Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Current total of pledges collected is **$163,840**!

Thank you to all who have pledged and are making our campaign a success.

G.I.F.T

Growing in faith together at St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation 2018-2019
Registration Forms are available in the parish hall and online.

K-8 have a choice of Fri. night or Sun. morning sessions. 9th and 10th grade will meet monthly on Sundays. K-10 sessions begin with a meal and fellowship in the parish hall.

K-8: Friday Evenings 5:30pm-8pm
Oct. 12th, Nov. no Fri class, Dec. 7th ,
Jan. 11th, Feb. 8th, Mar. 8th, Apr. 12th,
May TBD, Confirmation TBD

K-8: Sundays 10:45am-1:15pm
Oct.14th, Nov. 4th, Dec. 9th, Jan.13th,
Feb. 10th, Mar. 10th, Apr. 14th,
May TBD, Confirmation TBD

9th & 10th: Sundays 10:45am-1:15pm
Oct.7h, Oct 28th, Dec. 2th,
Jan. 6th, Feb. 3rd, Mar. 3rd, Apr. 7th,
May TBD, Confirmation TBD

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If have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Wanda at the parish office or at faithformation@metrocast.net

Sunday, September 9
9:30 am **MASS (Church)**
10:30 am **Catechist Meeting (hall) following Mass**

Monday, September 10
8 am **Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia**

Tuesday, September 11
5 pm **Mass at Sacred Heart, Laconia**

Wednesday, September 12
6:30 am Men's Morning Prayer (church)
8 am **Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia**
8:30 **24 Hour Adoration 8:30 am Wednesday through 7:30 am Thursday - Saint Joseph Church - Laconia**

Thursday, September 13
8 am **Mass at Saint Joseph Church Laconia**

Friday, September 14
NO MASS

Saturday, September 15
4:30 pm **MASS (Church)**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Peter A Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary of **5, 25 or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass.** Couples are encouraged to invite select family members to share in the joyous occasion.

This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.**

To register, please contact the parish office **by September 18, 2018.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration.

Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries will be asked to register next year for a spring celebration.

To all married couples celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years, congratulations, and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass.

CHARITY RAFFLE

Our Council, like Councils throughout the state, are now selling tickets for the Annual NH Knights of Columbus **Charity Raffle**. Tickets are $5 per book or 6 for $25.

50% of the ticket price will go to our St. Joseph Food Pantry. The balance of the funds, after deducting for prizes and printing expenses, will go to charities throughout the state selected by the NH State Council. Please see any Knight to purchase **Charity Raffle** tickets. Make checks payable to K of C Council 10943.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST COMING THIS FALL!

Starting on September 16th, Council 10943 will be serving breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of every month. We hope you will put this on your calendar and spread the word. All are welcome. Serving starts at 10:30 AM. Tickets can be bought at the door. $7 per person, $25 family. The fine food and good service you have become accustomed to will continue.

CREATIVE TALENT FOUND!

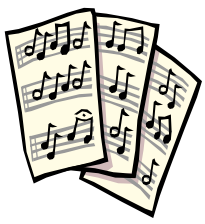
Parishioner Patty LaBrecque has offered to help us design more attractive and effective posters and bulletin inserts. The announcement you saw for the BBQ Dinner and the signs you will see for the monthly breakfast are her work. Thank you, Patty!

HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE

Hands Across the Table (HATT) offers a free hot meal every Wednesday evening at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall on Gilford Avenue in Laconia (behind Sacred Heart Church) for those seeking food and/or friendship and support. Doors open at 4:00 PM. The mission of HATT is to feed all who are hungry in body and spirit. The Belmont Knights have offered to help the 3rd Wednesday of every month and are looking for parishioners who will commit to helping; we need additional volunteers.

If you would like to help, contact Richard Arington at 267-8703 or rfarington1@hotmail.com. The next dates on our calendar are Sept 19th, Oct 17th & Dec 19th.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS



Jeanne Breton, our Director of Music, invites new members to consider joining the choir. Choir rehearsal begins on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 PM. Call Jeanne at 524-8469 or see her after Mass for more information.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS

Save the Date!!!!
This year's Christmas Fair is
Friday, November 8 from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 9 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Items Needed for Christmas Fair Silent Auction
Do you own a business or work for an employer who would be willing to provide an item, or gift certificate for the Christmas Fair Silent Auction? Would you or your business be willing to underwrite some of the fair expenses? If so, please contact Cathy Dumais at 528-4295 or email her at cdumais@metrocast.net.

Other Items Needed for the Fair
Empty baskets to be used for the Penny Sale Raffle.
Jewelry and small knick knack items for the Jewelry Christmas Shop.

Raffle Tickets
If you need more raffle tickets to sell, please go take as many as you need. They are located in the basket at the entrance to the church. Sold tickets can be placed in a marked envelope in the weekly collection basket. Everyone's help is needed to make this a success.
Thank you.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Fall 2018 Session will begin on Wednesday, September 19 at 7 pm; and, will be repeated on Thursday, September 20 at 9 am.

We will study and discuss "The Mass", a 6 week DVD presentation by Bishop Barron.

This study will give us a deeper understanding of the Mass. I hope you will join us.

For more information, leave Martha a message at 267-6101.

RCIA SESSIONS – TUESDAY EVENINGS

For the coming months, our RCIA sessions will be on Tuesdays at 7 PM in the church hall. This is an opportunity for those who are interested in joining our church but were unable to attend sessions previously held on Mondays. **RCIA BEGINS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018.**

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about the process for becoming one with our faith community, you are welcome to attend a scheduled RCIA session or contact the parish office at 267-8174.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On June 2 and 3, our parish began a program that encourages families and individuals to pray for vocations.

And since then, 5 men (one returning) are entering the process! Thank you for participating!

The packet containing a crucifix, instructions, and prayers for the week to assist your daily prayer is handed out to volunteers at the conclusion of each weekend Mass.

More volunteers on Saturday are needed, so please sign up on the list provided in the back of the church.

Questions? Please contact Leonard Campbell at 455-1105 or by email at lsoup03@gmail.com.

CATECHIST MEETING FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 FOLLOWING 9:30 MASS

The parish is looking for individuals who enjoy interacting with children. No teaching experience necessary, just a joyful, patient heart and a desire to share that joy with others. We will need help in the following areas:

Nursery attendants
Small group mentors
Actors for our skits
Musically inclined individuals/ guitarists
Registration attendants and greeters
Set up and break down crews

If you have volunteered in the past or are just now feeling called to be in our dynamic faith formation program, please join us for an informational gathering in the parish hall, on **Sunday, September 9th following the 9:30 am Mass**. Fr. Marc, Seth Evangelho and Wanda Gilson will be available to go over changes made to our family based programming, which will incorporate a more energized, interactive approach to evangelizing our children and in turn will help strengthen our community. Come see how you can make an impact in the lives of our children. All those high school aged and older are encourage to volunteer. Please call Wanda at the parish office or email her at faithformation@metrocast.net with any questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Registration is ongoing. Registration forms can be found in the parish hall and online at *Stjosephbelmont.org*

Please return your Registration forms as soon as possible.

PARENT MEETING FOR 2018-2019 FAITH FORMATION

All parents of children ages k-8th grade are requested to join Fr. Marc, Seth Evangelho, and Wanda Gilson for our informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 16th following the 9:30 Mass to go over the 2018-2019 program year.

It is very important all attend to discuss the changes being made to our programming as well as discuss the restored order of the sacraments being celebrated next spring.

Please watch the bulletin for the 9th & 10th grade parent meeting being held at a later date.

Please call or email Wanda with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY, September 21st

7:00pm

St. Joseph Church- Belmont, NH

Featured Movie is:

FIREPROOF

In the wake of his daring rescue of a complete stranger, decorated firefighter Caleb Holt (Kirk Cameron) realizes the extent to which he has failed as a husband. In a desperate attempt to save his relationship with his wife, Catherine (Erin Bethea), Holt turns to "The Love Dare," a Christian self-help book. At the prompting of his devout father, John (Harris Malcom) -- and guided by the book itself -- Holt embarks on a 40-day mission to rescue his marriage from the looming specter of divorce.

This movie is rated PG*

***Parents, make sure you're comfortable bringing your children.**

Popcorn, pretzels, and drinks will be provided.

~ ALL ARE WELCOME ~

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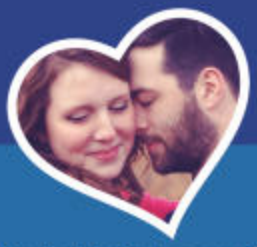
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