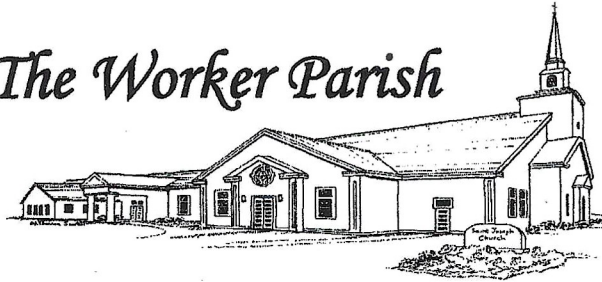


Saint Joseph The Worker Parish



October 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Recognizing the holiday season is approaching, we wanted to inform you of all the upcoming events in the parish.

HOLIDAY FAIR

This year's Holiday Fair will take place on **Saturday, November 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and will feature over 50 craft vendors! Our Bake Sale table will be available this year and we'd be very grateful to accept your delicious donations of breads, cookies, brownies, etc. Your goodies may be dropped off any time on **Friday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** No need to call ahead to drop them off. We are also gratefully accepting Theme Baskets, and we usually have over 70 to display. Rafflemania, run by our Family Ministry Committee, is also very popular and it features gift cards and special prizes to take chances on. Our Book/Media/Puzzle Rooms are a great hit with book and puzzle lovers and are well displayed by categories. You may drop off your book/jigsaw puzzle donations at any time. Our Knights of Columbus kitchen crew has a great menu planned, including breakfast. Boy Scout Troop 272 will be selling their festive Christmas wreaths and greenery. This year we will introduce EPay (electronic payments). You will have the opportunity to pay electronically for Theme Baskets entries, Rafflemania tickets, Bake Sale items, the Calendar Raffle and food from the kitchen! We hope to see you there!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE GIFT TAGS

Gift tags will be distributed on the weekends of **November 28th-29th and December 5th-6th.** Items for people in our community who need assistance this holiday season will be listed on these tags. Members of the parish are invited to take a tag on these weekends and return the items on the weekend of **December 12th-13th.** Additional information will be provided in future parish bulletins.

CALENDAR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Your wonderful support and generosity have made our Calendar Raffle a success over the years! We've decided to offer this fundraiser again this year. The calendar is for the month of January 2027 and is filled with \$3,500 worth of cash prizes! For just \$10 per calendar, you will have the opportunity for 31 chances to win! This makes a great stocking stuffer or Christmas gift! Get your shopping done early! Unfortunately, due to postal regulations, the Calendar Raffle payment may not be sent via the U.S. Postal Service. Please return your raffle entries and payments directly to the parish. We've included a Calendar Raffle with this letter. For those who would like additional copies: we will also make the calendar available in our parish bulletins over the next several weeks, at the Holiday Fair, through the parish office, and you will also be able to download it from our parish website at: www.stjoenash.org.

100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

2027 100 Club tickets will be available for purchase beginning in December. One of these memberships would make a wonderful Christmas gift for someone on your list! Get your shopping done early and support the parish at the same time!

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THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST

Plan to join us for our Thanksgiving Mass which will take place on **Thursday, November 26th at 9 a.m.** What a wonderful way to celebrate as a parish family and thank God for his many blessings!

ADVENT ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Lectio: Philippians: Life in Christ – As St. Paul nears the end of his life, imprisoned and awaiting trial in Rome, he writes a brief yet meaningful letter to the Philippians. In this series, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the *lectio divina* disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive. Each session will include a question-and-answer period with Bishop Christian.

These sessions will be held on **Thursday: December 3rd, 10th & 17th at 9 a.m. and at 7 p.m.** The deadline for registration will be Sunday, November 29th. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details.

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

The Faith Formation Committee will be sponsoring an Advent Workshop for Children for grades Kindergarten to Grade 5 on **Saturday, December 5th from 1p.m. - 3p.m.** The program will include lunch, a video, crafts, song, and prayer. Sign-up information will be provided in future parish bulletins.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The Sacrament of Penance is available every **Saturday** afternoon from **3:00-3:45 p.m.** There will be a **Deanery Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph the Worker Parish-Date TBD.** Priests from the parishes of Nashua will hear confessions after a brief Liturgy of the Word.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH

Once again, this year, we would ask that as you plan out your Christmas gift list, please consider a gift of \$50 or more to the parish. In past years, doing this has made a tremendous difference. God bless you!

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY



Mass Schedule: Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary Vigil: Thursday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary Holy Day: Friday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for your help and for all you do for St. Joseph the Worker Parish!

Gratefully,

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