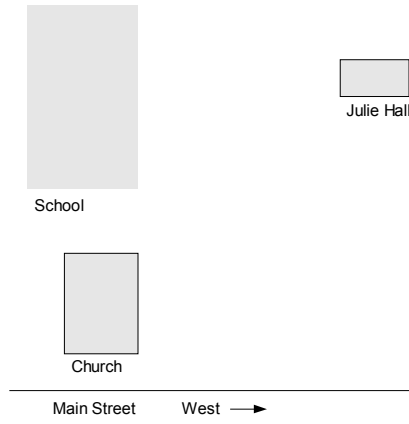

WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY?

No reservation is necessary – just show up between 7:30 and 8:00 am at St. Julie Hall. The church and school complex is located at 40 Main Street.



We meet on the last Saturday of most months. Exceptions are holiday weekends, when we sometimes reschedule to avoid the holiday, special Family breakfasts to celebrate liturgical seasons (Advent, for example), and the summer months.

That's a lot of exceptions. If you'd like to confirm the date beforehand, please call Dick Collopy (603-898-7020) or Tom Garnier (603-898-3536). We hope to see you there!

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C/o St. Joseph Church
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and the Spirit*

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WHO WE ARE

We are very ordinary men, mostly Roman Catholic, and mostly from the St. Joseph Church campus at Saints Mary and Joseph Parish, but also representing the surrounding Catholic parishes and other Christian denominations. We are not particularly good, or pious, or gifted, but are brought together by a common desire to support, and be supported by, other Christian men.

We are in many different places in our journey of faith. Be assured that wherever you are, you will fit right in.



WHY WE MEET

Men don't typically get much encouragement for their faith in their work or social environments.

The Vision of the Men's Prayer Breakfast is to: provide an opportunity for Christian men to gather for fellowship, for encouragement in our walk with Christ, to foster prayer together, and to reach out to the larger community with the message of the Gospel.

"To feel the Spirit; to socialize. When I leave, I feel uplifted and good."

"Because of the fellowship, food, evangelization; to take time for God."

"To enjoy a prayer community and to be exposed to the faith of others."

"Spiritually uplifting – great relationships – super breakfast atmosphere"

"It is an encouragement for my faith to come and share prayers and experiences."

"In order to worship the Lord with other men of faith. There aren't too many places you can go socially where the reason people gather is their faith in Jesus Christ."

"To continue to be involved in prayer and getting people to pray."

"For some food for thought. Speakers can give you another angle or way to look at your faith. To share our faith. We do not usually get a chance in day-to-day life to socialize with others who openly share our beliefs."

"I like the group; they are nice people. A sense of belonging to a community. To strengthen my faith, by being with other men who believe."

WHAT WE DO

We chat, we sing, we eat, we pray, we listen, we teach, we learn ...

A typical breakfast goes like this:

- 7:30-8 Arrive, meet friends, have coffee or juice
- 8:00 Opening remarks and song, blessing, and breakfast
- 8:40 Song, followed by a service of prayer, or readings, or group discussion, or shared thoughts, led by one of us
- 9:00 Speaker or other program
- 9:25 Announcements, closing remarks, the Lord's Prayer

We try to be done at 9:30, since Saturday is a busy day for most men.

We have quite a variety of speakers and topics. Here are some examples from recent years:

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| Peter Klecan | Experience of God's power |
| Clem Clare | My faith journey |
| Charlie & Joan Espinola | Our transformation into pro-life activists |
| Dn. Marc Payeur | God's presence in my life |
| Fr. Gerry Belanger | Role of lay men in the church |
| Chuck Dandreta | Men of St. Joseph, and my personal journey |
| Charlie Wheeler & Charlie Espinola | What is Bereavement Ministry |
| Jason Amiss | Spinal Muscular Atrophy |
| Lee Alphen | Mexican water project |
| Mary Roy | Ministering in Honduras |
| Tom Garnier | How faith should inform our choices |
| Fr. Bob Guillemette | My work at Covenant House |
| Al Cormier | Family life, Red Sox, Catholic Church, camping and Easter Evangelization: "Be ready to give an account ..." |
| Fr. John Michalowski | Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults |
| Bill Richards | |