

Saint Gabriel Catholic Community

At St. Paul Church in Franklin
At St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Tilton

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We're here for you

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Food Pantry:	John Bruno
Cemeteries/Maintenance:	Mike Parmelee

Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday from 9AM - 4PM

Food Pantry

Monday & Friday from 9AM – Noon (Tilton)

Join us in prayer

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM (Franklin) & 6:00PM (Tilton)

Sunday at 8:30AM (Tilton) & 10:30AM (Franklin)

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00AM in Franklin

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:15PM (Franklin) & 5:15PM (Tilton)

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 1:15 to 3:15PM (Tilton)

Second Sunday of the Month from 3:00–4:00PM (Franklin)

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

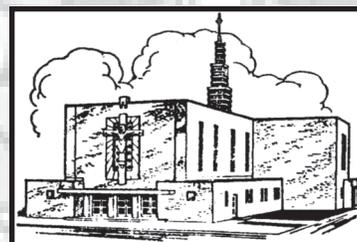
Please call the office to request the Sacrament of Anointing or homebound visits.

Baptism–Marriage

Call the Parish Office to schedule instruction and the ceremony



St. Mary



St. Paul

Light at the end of the tunnel is further than we had hoped: According to the Governor’s announcements last Friday, we **are not** at the point we can resume our regular mass schedule. When we do resume, there is likely to be restrictions for distancing, how the Eucharist is handled, and how much socializing will be allowed. We’ll do what we have to if it means we can gather around the Lord’s table once again. We will continue to keep you advised of “the plans.”

Home visits: because of the virus, we had to stop homebound visits. If you can’t come to church because of age or illness and are comfortable with the pastor or the deacon bringing you Holy Communion at home, please let us know. It would be a privilege to bring our Eucharistic Lord to your home. Deacon Tom is planning on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Father Ray on Tuesdays and Fridays. Just call the office (934-5013) and leave a message.

Catholic Charities NH Update: All Programs Continue to Offer Support During COVID-19 Crisis

In this challenging and unprecedented time, Catholic Charities NH continues to serve the needs of the vulnerable across New Hampshire. While most of our physical locations are closed, all of our programs remain operational. Our staff is working remotely and is accessible to serve individuals and families facing increasing hardship during this difficult period. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact 603-669-3030. You may also visit www.cc-nh.org/programs for more information on how we continue to adapt to changing needs statewide.

Readings for next Weekend
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

First Acts-8: 5-8;14-17
Second 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel John 14: 15-21

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun	May 10	Happy Mothers’ Day! 
Tues	May 12	1:15 PM Adoration (until 3:15 PM) (T)

PARISH FINANCES

Offering	May 03
General Collection	3,130.50
Building Fund & Fuel	380.00
Candles	29.00
Donations	50.00
Fundraising (300 Club)	480.00
Easter & Easter Flowers	36.00
April E-Giving	4,571.81
TOTAL FOR PARISH	8,677.31
Various Diocesan Collections	71.00
Rice Bowls	37.50

HOW OUR PARISH HAS FARED FINANCIALLY SINCE WE’VE HAD TO CLOSE OUR DOORS

	Last year	This year
Week One	7,099.90	4,713.00
Week Two	10,966.00	8,633.00
Week Three	7,835.00	5,570.00
Week Four	10,201.00	8,737.00
Week Five	5,324.90	8,057.00
Week Six	6,697.00	4,887.00
E-giving/March	2,716.00	4,538.43
E-giving/April	2,965.93	4,571.81
Totals	53,805.00	49,707.24

Difference: (-\$4,098.49) or -\$ 683.00 per week.

WOW! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The average parish in our diocese has lost 25% of its income during this time; we have lost less than 10%. Thanks for your generous and faithful support. Thanks even more for your cards, letters, notes, e-mails and phone calls of support. It is so great to know that our community is so caring and supportive. God Bless You!

We have placed a mail slot in the office door so you can drop off your envelopes at your convenience. With your continued support, we can keep from falling too far behind on our utilities, assessments and payroll.



Happy Mother’s Day!

We wish all of our mothers, grandmothers, god-mothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law and mothers-to-be a most blessed feast day. Although this year will be celebrated without physical attention; may the affirmation we shower on you today assure you that we love and appreciate you all through the year!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat.	May 09 4:00 PM	Anticipated Mass Maurice 'Rock' Carignan by Jean & Family
Sun.	May 10 9:30 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter Francis Paulin by Claire Connifey
Mon.	May 11 8:00 AM	Easter Weekday All Parishioners
Tues.	May 12 8:00 AM	Easter Weekday Doris Valeriay by Irene
Wed.	May 13 8:00 AM	Easter Weekday Gendron & Mary P. Hebert by the Estate
Thurs.	May 14	Easter Weekday No Mass
Fri	May 15 8:00 AM	Easter Weekday Carol Protzman by Claire Connifey
Sat.	May 16 4:00 PM	Anticipated Mass Marie Clavitte by Irene Pescinski
Sun.	May 17 9:30 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter Frank Bevacqua by Marge & Fam (Anniv)

Because the number of 'Private Masses' are limited, there are not enough masses for all intentions scheduled. If your intention is not listed, it will be rescheduled. If an intention was noted for a special occasion, we gave it preference on the date originally requested.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I am going to prepare a place for you." How often have we heard these reassuring words of Jesus to his disciples, yet it never gets old. He's preparing a place for us. What kind of place? Will we be with our friends? What will we be doing all day? Is there such a thing in heaven as day and night? Will eternity feel long? So many questions and no answers. And yet, we are not worried. This promise was made by Jesus and we trust him implicitly. Knowing his love for each of us, we know that heaven will be better than he could explain or that we could imagine. Our real problem is clearly stated by St. Thomas: "How do we get there?" Up to this point, Jesus had given them some challenging directions: "Take up your cross and follow me." or "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." or "Love your enemies and do good to those who wrong you". Today, He gets more practical and specific: "I am the way, the truth and the Life." Jesus is the way; we are to live the way He did: loving, giving, caring and striving to bring everyone he met

closer to the Father. In other words, helping everyone become the best version of themselves. Jesus is the truth. There are so many things in life that we cannot prove. We have to trust. The truth Jesus reveals is the most important information we will ever receive and the hardest to process: how God could love us unconditionally, forgive us repeatedly, sustain and bless us unceasingly and look forward to having us join Him for all eternity. That is a lot to take in! And Jesus is the life. The only life we know is the one we are currently living. Jesus says that this life is part of a greater one, one that we are already living with God and will always be living with God, even after life on earth is over. As Thomas figured out, once we learn how to live like Jesus did, believe what Jesus believed and embrace life as a journey we are already taking with God, we'll be well on our way to the place the Lord is preparing. In a real sense, He's not only preparing the place, He's also preparing us to claim that place!

Sanctuary Lamp

From this Sunday thru next Saturday, the sanctuary lamp in church will burn for these intentions:

St. Paul's: All Parishioners

St. Mary's: All Parishioners



ST. GABRIEL'S PRAYER LINE

If you'd like to call in your prayer requests, this month's contact is **Jeanne Petrin at 455-9621**. You can also write in your request in the book at either church.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Those who have lost their lives to this virus.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for May - For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the World and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol of the church.

LOOKING AHEAD

Cemeteries: The ground is thawed and we are starting to bury. However, until this "Stay in Place" order is lifted, only a small number of immediate family members are allowed at graveside services. Since we can't have public Masses thru the end of this month, the Cemetery Mass can't take place. Hopefully, next year!!!

Confirmation: Will probably take place in the Fall (after Labor Day).

Trip to Amish: This summer's trip is re-scheduled to next summer (June 2021). Checks have been mailed for a full refund to each traveler. Watch the bulletin this September for the flier and sign-up forms.

With the concern over the Coronavirus people cannot attend Mass,. Unfortunately our bills do not stop. Have you considered continuing your support of your parish by E-Giving? Check out the option on our web page: www.stgabrielnh.org. We thank you!

DID YOU KNOW: Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world (40 countries), most commonly in the months of March or May. (*Wikipedia*). Mother's Day was first celebrated by Ann Jarvis in a memorial service in Grafton, West Virginia (1908). In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as "Mothers' Day." ***Remember, Mother's Day isn't canceled (or postponed) this year; in fact, the sentiment behind the holiday is more meaningful than ever before!***

Parents of Students Receiving Sacraments:

As you know, the ceremony for First Eucharist and Confirmation scheduled for Sunday, May 3 was postponed. The Bishop will delegate the pastor to administer Confirmation. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET, but it will probably take place after Labor Day. We'll need a session or two to prepare the candidates for this important sacrament. Once the date has been set, parents will receive a letter with the details for the preparation sessions, practice and ceremony.

Church Visits: If you would like to enter the church to pray, please come by the office and get a key. The office is open Monday thru Thursday 9 AM until 4 PM. The weekly adoration at St. Mary church will continue on Tuesdays from 1:15 PM until 3:15 PM.

BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER



Just because we are adhering to social distancing does not mean that we need to neglect our neighbors. There is a lot we can do for others and still maintain a safe distance.

- * Check on your elderly neighbors, see if you can help by doing their grocery shopping, getting their mail or newspaper, prescriptions, etc.;
- * Maybe you can drop off a meal or share some cookies or other treat;
- * Send food or gift cards to someone who has lost their job. Care for their children so they can get a break.
- * Help with yard work or Spring cleaning.



CATHOLIC SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Knights of Columbus

St. Mary of the Assumption

Council #11868

Grand Knight: Aaron Boudreau 603-998-2806

Bishop Leo O'Neil

Council #12147 (Franklin)

Grand Knight: Mark Lemire 603-738-3101

Fr. A.J. Timon Assembly #638 (4th Degree)

Faithful Navigator: Francis (Frank) Ruffing 603-491-2613

At www.franklinknights.org

Catholic Schools

Holy Trinity School (Pre-K to 8)

19 Gilford Ave. Laconia, NH 03246

Web: www.holytrinitynh.com

Phone: 524-3156



St. John Regional School (Pre-K to 8)

61 S. State Street

Concord, NH 03301

Web: www.stjohnregional.org — Phone: 225-3222

Bishop Brady High School (9 to 12)

25 Columbus Ave Concord, NH 03301

Web: www.bishopbrady.edu — Phone: 224-7418

Catholic Charities

Laconia District Office

528-3035

17 Gilford Ave., Laconia, 03246

Counseling - Elderly Services - Adoption/Maternity

Parish Nurse - Children's Home - Food Bank

St. Francis Rehabilitation & Nursing Center

406 Court St., Laconia, NH 03246

Phone: 524-0466



Parish Outreach

Franklin Regional Hospital & Gerish Manor

Leo St. Pierre

Merrimack County Nursing Home

Meri-lynn Banton

NH Veterans Home

Rev. Ray Gagnon - Steve Archambault

Mt. Ridge Nursing Home - Deacon Tom

Kimberly Rojas

Golden Crest Senior Resort - Deacon Tom

At Peabody Home

Angela Mundy—Christine Dzujna

