

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

The number to call for prayer requests, or if you wish to pray with us, is 622-2094.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Let your heart burn for Jesus and your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **June 6-7** in Medway, MA and **September 12-13** in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP

If you are in need of help for spring yard clean-up, please contact the St. Johns. They have graciously offered to provide their time and energy to assist anyone who is in need of help. If you are interested, please call Liane at 540-9924.

VOTIVE CANDLES

You might have wondered why there are votive candles in front of Saints Mary, Joseph, and Catherine. We light a votive candle as part of our prayer, whether it's a prayer of thanksgiving, intention for someone both living or deceased, or a prayer of praise to God, and that light represents our prayer that will continue long after we have left the Church and we have gone back to our daily routine. We state our prayer and the candle represents our prayers being sought on behalf of the saint that we light the candle to. As we make our prayers, many people make a small donation for the prayers. All are welcome to use these candles as a way to keep their prayers alive.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH UPDATE

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 or visit us online at www.cc-nh.org/programs.

COVID-19 PRAYER

Lord, Jesus Christ,

There are many people in our world who are sick, dying, hurting, afraid, and anxious.

Our routines are messy, and the future is uncertain. But we know you were close to the sick and comforted those who suffered. You went to those who were isolated.

You spent time alone but were never alone. Help us know you have not abandoned us; we are not alone.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with the medical professionals who are serving those in need. Give them courage and peace.

Send the Holy Spirit to comfort those with friends, family, and co-workers who are sick or dying.

Be with all those who are still working the essential jobs we need to ensure we have food, medicine, and supplies – all the people who have jobs we may not have thought were glamorous or heroic until now.

Provide for those who are already suffering because of homelessness, are at greater risk because they lack access to medical help, or are in living situations that prevent them from getting proper care.

Lord, during this time when we cannot pray together in our parishes, help us know the Mass is still offered and the Eucharist is still true.

Help us long to receive you in Holy Communion again and never take it for granted.

Deliver us from bodily illness and suffering, from anxiety and fear, and from the temptation to sin during this time.

Most importantly, Lord, deliver us from eternal death so we may live with you.

Lord, Jesus Christ, our hope is in you, who is king over this world, in unity with God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

LIFE TEEN

FOLLOWING CHRIST: POSTPONED

Following Christ is designed to help people to grow in friendship and union with God. This program has been postponed and will begin after the Coronavirus is under control. For more information, contact Derick.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: POSTPONED

Is the Gospel of Mark only a "condensed" version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful nine-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. This program has been postponed and will begin after the Coronavirus is under control.

ELECTRONIC GIVING CAN BE FOR YOU

Giving to St. Catherine Parish is just a few clicks away. Some of the benefits are:

1. You will simplify your life by using the same method to make your donations, even while you are away on vacation. It can also simplify your bookkeeping.
2. You will take a step of faith by deciding in advance to faithfully give to your church.

Visit <http://give.egive-usa.com/stcatherine> and sign up today. If you have any questions call Paul Proulx, a finance committee member, at 206-4370.

<p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT April 18/19, 2020 Checks: \$5,949.00 Cash: \$ 1,334.00 E-Give: \$ 2,327.00 Total: \$ 9,610.00 <i>Average March Weekly Collection: \$6,562.00</i> <i>Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$10,600</i></p>
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JESUS WAS BORN IN A SHELTER

The box at the main entrance of the church is to collect items for those who need the food pantry at the Parish of Transfiguration. *Needs include: non-perishable food items and personal care products only.*

FIRST READING:

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

SECOND READING:

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."



<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:00	<u>APRIL 25</u> FRANCIS HUNKINS by his wife, Janet (8 th Anniv.) ALBERT J. GRANDE by his wife, Marilyn (23 rd Anniv.)
<u>SUNDAY</u> 7:30	<u>APRIL 26</u> ROGER LACHANCE by M/M Bertrand Gregoire DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family 9:00 JOHN CRESTA & MARY FLYNN by Margaret Cresta DIANE SOUCY by the family 11:00 MELVA NEVERETT by Anita Grignon ANNE BEAUMEISTER by Trudy Klufts SHIRLEY MACINNIS SURRETTE
<u>MONDAY</u> 9:00	<u>APRIL 27</u> JACK DEFREN by Susan Prince
<u>TUESDAY</u> 9:00	<u>APRIL 28</u> ST. PETER CHANEL, Priest JULIA COTTER by the Cotter Fund
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 9:00	<u>APRIL 29</u> ST. CATHERINE of SEINA, Dr. of the Church ANNE BAUMEISTER by Barbara Raulerson
<u>THURSDAY</u> 9:00	<u>APRIL 30</u> ST. PIUS V, Pope JACK DEFREN
<u>SATURDAY</u> 8:00	<u>MAY 2</u> MICAHA FORSYTHE by his parents (Baptism Anniv.) 4:00 JOSEFINE FRANKLIN & ELLEN HILL by the DesRochers Family LOUIS & ALINE MARTEL by Jeanne D'Arc Martel
<u>SUNDAY</u> 7:30	<u>MAY 3</u> GEORGE SHATFORD by his wife ROGER LACHANCE by M/M Bertrand Gregoire 9:00 JACK DEFREN 11:00 COLLEEN SMITH by the family DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HASKAMP/LINK FAMILIES

Tabernacle Candle – For all those working in the Health Care system, for their protection and compassion

MASSES FOR THE DECEASED

It is a Catholic practice to have Masses said for the deceased. They have infinite value for the souls of the departed and bring comfort to those who survive their departed loved ones. You may arrange to have a mass said by calling the office at 622-4966. We also offer the Tabernacle and Perpetual candles for the week.

ST CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

CAMP SIENA

Will be held this summer from **June 22 – August 14**. All participants must be registered students at St. Catherine of Siena School.

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE FUNDRAISER – POSTPONED

The 2nd Annual St. Gianna's Place Fundraising Banquet has been postponed to **October 13** at The Event Center in Nashua, NH. Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor and bestselling author of Left to Tell, will be the keynote speaker. Appetizers and cash bar begin at 5:45 and dinner will be served at 6:45. There is no fee to attend, but reservations are required and there will be a time for giving during the event. Please call Liz at (603) 247-8654 or Kelly at (603) 770-9288 to reserve your seat.

CAMP BERNADETTE SEEKING COUNSELORS

Camp Bernadette is a Catholic, all girls, residential summer camp located in Wolfeboro. Our camp is currently looking for faith-filled, energetic & creative young women to join our staff helping to mentor our campers in faith and friendship! We are currently hiring counselors eighteen years of age and older for summer 2020. Please go to www.bfcamp.com to apply!

OUR PLACE IN MANCHESTER & NASHUA

Do you know a young woman who is struggling because of an "untimely pregnancy"? Perhaps you have heard of an immigrant in a similar situation who has the added challenge of unfamiliarity with the American medical system and the availability of helpful resources. If you have heard of such a person, refer her to OUR PLACE in Manchester, [647-2244](tel:6036472244) or Nashua, [889-9431](tel:6038899431). The professional staff at these facilities provides the love, support, and education that is so needed at a most critical time in a person's life. The emotional, as well as the material support, which is available at OUR PLACE, enables the parent to look to the future of their precious child with hope and confidence. Kindly spread the good news to any woman in such need. OUR PLACE has supported women and their infants for the past 35 years and continues this mission today.

MORTGAGE WEEKEND

This is a reminder that next weekend we will be holding our monthly collection for the Church mortgage. Special envelopes for this purpose will be in the pews. Please be generous.



CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS

The Parish Nurse at St. Catherine Church is suspending their weekly wellness checks until further notice

ONGOING PROGRAMS

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)

Tuesdays at St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford, 9

Wednesdays at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

Thursdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

KNITTING GROUP

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 1 – 2:45

SHINE

A senior support group offering sociability, education, nutritious food and exercise.

Wednesdays at St. Matthews Episcopal, Goffstown, 10:30-11:45

SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 8:45 – 9:30

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. As always, feel free to bring a friend!

May 17: Everyone

Barbecue

May 31: Steubenville East/Lifeteen camp participants

Team building

June 7: Everyone

We are walking to Puritan to get ice cream!

June 14: Steubenville East/Lifeteen camp participants

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The month of **April** is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others.

BIN FOR CLOTHING

St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a bin for donations of clothing located in the school parking lot adjacent to the rectory. Items accepted for the bin: gently used coats, clothing shoes, boots, hats, mittens, undergarments, socks, bedding, towels. No large items, please.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available: call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.