

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL.

Come and refresh your soul, as we delve into God's calling for us to embrace the virtue of charity towards one another. We will learn together what it is to be a charitable people, building one another up by making small changes in our attitudes, words and deeds. Join women from throughout the diocese of Manchester for a wonderful 2-day retreat experience which takes place **March 3-5, 2017** at the Barbara C Harris Center in Greenfield, NH. Questions? Email Brian Harrison at brian@VitaNova.org.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that.



This year we invite you to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for **Best Lent Ever**, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? To sign up, visit: BestLentEver.com.

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

As we approach Lent, please consider events/studies that can enrich your Lenten journey. We hope you can join us for: **Bad Girls of the Bible**: All are invited to explore the lives of five of the Bible's best-known femme fatales. Each woman's story comes to life as we search for the lessons they have to teach us. Offered Thursday evenings, Church Hall, 6:30-8:00 pm - **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** - Facilitated by Karen Dill. **The Joy of Mercy Day of Recollection**: Saturday, **March 11**, 9-3 pm - All are invited to be renewed as we continue our Lenten journey together. Let this Easter begin a new life filled with joy. Retreat Director, Mary Parker, will lead us on a reflective series of talks/discussions that shows God's invitation to all of us-for the God of joy dwells within you, waiting for you to receive life. Join us for Mass at 8:00 am, followed by a continental breakfast, bring a bagged lunch. Please call the parish office to register so we will have enough handouts for all participants.

TRIP TO IRELAND

Why not take a trip to Ireland from **September 24 to October 5, 2017**? We will be visiting the following destinations: Dublin, Kildare, Strokestown House, Knock, Connemara, Galway, Aran Islands, Rathbaun Farm, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Foynes, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Blarney, Waterford, Avoca, and Glendalough. For more information, please call Fr. Paul at 622-4966. The price for the trip is \$3,927.00.



FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY



Please join us for a live, multimedia event on Sunday, **April 2, 2017** at 7 p.m. in the Church for this drama, performed by Maria Vargo. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for students. For tickets and information, please contact Mary at 603-472-5975 or mmcdonnell139@comcast.net. Tickets may be purchased online at www.messengerofdivinemercury.eventbrite.com or the Parish Office. It has been said that if you have an opportunity to see this show, "RUN, DON'T WALK!"

SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Hannigan Irish supper **March 18** after the 4 p.m. Mass.

SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

This Wednesday, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will help **restore the Church and build the future** in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit the website www.usccb.org/ceee. Thank you for your generosity.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life begins Ash Wednesday, **March 1**. Come join the Knights of Columbus at 39 S. Main St., Concord, at midnight this Tuesday night for the first hour of the 40-day Vigil. Contact Beth Gaby at 978-612-6278 or concord40dft@gmail.com for additional information. Sign up for vigil hours at www.40daysforlife.com/concord.



JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM

Join Derick on **Tuesday evenings** at 7 p.m. for an 8-week series on Brant Pitre's *Jesus the Bridegroom*. We hope to see you many of you attend this insightful study on the Marriage Feast of Heaven and the Messianic Banquet. In *Jesus the Bridegroom*, Brant Pitre once again taps into the wells of Jewish Scripture and tradition, and unlocks the secrets of what is arguably the most well-known symbol of the Christian faith: the cross of Christ. In this thrilling exploration, Pitre shows how the suffering and death of Jesus was far more than a tragic Roman execution. Instead, the Passion of Christ was the fulfillment of ancient Jewish prophecies of a *wedding*, when the God of the universe would wed himself to humankind in an everlasting nuptial covenant.

CATHOLICISM WITH BISHOP BARRON

For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in a multimedia experience. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith. Join Derick on **Friday evenings** for a tour through this wonderful series. We will meet from 7:00-8:30pm.

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH

"I AM A MUSLIM WOMAN: Conversations with local Muslim Women will be presented at St. Catherine School Auditorium on **March 13** beginning at 6:45PM. Presenters include Masooma, a Pakistani woman who will give an overview of Islam; Munise, from Turkey, who will talk about the rights of Muslim women and men; and Rimana, from Syria, who will talk about education of Muslim Women, the Hijab, and more. RSVP: InterfaithWomenNH@gmail.com or 603 623-7461. Check in for the program beginning at 6:15PM. Free will donation accepted, but not required.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

February 18/19, 2017

Checks: \$ 6,483.00

Cash: \$ 2,618.00

E-Give: \$ 1,853.00

Total: \$10,954.00

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

Nationwide Mass times and locations may be found online at www.Masstimes.org or call 1-800-627-7846.

JESUS WAS BORN IN A SHELTER

The box at the main entrance of the church is to collect items for those who live in shelters in Manchester. Needs for **February** are diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, deodorant.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25

4:00 JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta
PAUL GRACE by the family (1st Anniv.)
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GEORGE
HUPPE SR. FAMILY by M/M George Huppe
CONRAD BERNIER by the family
MAURICE VACHON by Diane & Rich Hebert
PAUL VACHON by his sister, Sue

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

7:30 JOSEPH COTE SR. by the family
DAVID J. ROYER by the family
9:00 CHARLIE MALONE
FR. ALBERT BELLEFEUILLE
by John & Liz Pearson
11:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LINK/
HASKAMP FAMILIES
THOMAS FINEGAN by his wife, Therese

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

9:00 HELEN CLOSSON by Steve & Leslie Goan

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28

9:00 JILLIAN NELSON

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00 HELEN CLOSSON by Barbara Raulerson
7:00 BUTCH LAVIGNE

9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY MARCH 2

9:00 BOB SILKMAN

FRIDAY MARCH 3

9:00 CRAIG BOEGNER
5:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY MARCH 4

8:00 PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
4:00 JOSEPHINE FRANKLIN by Ellen DesRochers
AURELIE BARON by Rob & Lou (13th Annv.)
MATHILDA SAULMON
by Rob & Lou (1st Anniv.)

SUNDAY MARCH 5

7:30 HELEN CLOSSON
9:00 HENRY & VIOLETTE THOMPSON
by their daughter, Priscilla
FR. ALBERT BELLEFEUILLE
by John & Liz Pearson
11:00 MICHAEL BARNETT
by Mary Barnett (20th Anniv.)

CAMPS NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

Camp Bernadette for girls and Camp Fatima for boys are now accepting registrations for the 2017 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or e-mail m drumm@bfcamp.com. Visit them on the web at www.bfcamp.com.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

SCS AUCTION PLANNING MEETING

It is time to plan the event of the year...THE AUCTION! If you would like to assist, please email Ms. McGrath at jmcgrath@scsnh.com.

SCS ADMISSIONS HAS BEGUN

The process for admission (2017 – 2018), is well underway! The school registered 10 new students for this current year... The school year began with 226 students and our current enrollment is 236! In addition, for this school year, we have a waiting list for PK and Kindergarten!! *What does this mean for our current families?* The word is getting out that St. Catherine of Siena School is a vibrant, family-oriented Catholic institution. This is the result of cultivated relationships and a collaborative approach. Student life at SCS is worth bragging about! Current families are given first priority to register. As of **February 1**, outside registrations are being accepted.

SCS OPEN HOUSE

The school will hold an open house on Thursday, **March 9**. To register online, please go to www.scsnh.com. Choose one of three times: 9:30, 12:30, or 3:00.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GRADES 1-5

Sundays at St. Catherine School from 10:15 to 11:45

GRADES 6-8

Sundays at St. Catherine School from 4:00 to 5:30

CONFIRMATION 1

Sundays at St. Catherine School from 4:00 to 5:30

CONFIRMATION 2

Sundays at St. Catherine Church Hall from 4:00 to 5:30

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(-4673) or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT STE MARIE

Ste. Marie Child Care Center, 133 Wayne St, Manchester, NH 03102, is now hiring for: part-time afterschool care (for right now), full-time afterschool care during the summer and winter, and a part-time before school bus driver. If interested, please call 668-2356.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

CMC's Parish Nurse Program is offering "Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers & Activities for Person with Alzheimer's." Activities are provided for those with mild to moderate Alzheimer's while the caregiver support group is in session. The group will meet at Parish of Transfiguration, 107 Alsace St., Manchester on the **4th Wednesday of each month** from 10-11:30 a.m., *free of charge*. Please call 603-663-8004 to register.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

STEUBENVILLE NEWS

March 4-5: Selling raffle tickets for donated goods and services, with the winning ticket to be drawn after the 11:00 Mass on March 5.

More fundraising events will probably take place, depending on need.

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD OF GOD

Young adults, ages 18-33, are invited to Ste. Marie Parish, Main Office Building, 3rd Floor, Monday evenings, beginning **February 13** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first topic will be "Happiness." There is no cost for this, but registering is requested. For more information, call 622-4615 and ask for Karen.

GENEROUS SUPPORT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As of February 14, 2017

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| Total Pledges: | \$1,106,867.69 |
| Total Cash Received: | \$1,168,716.18 |
| Remaining Pledges: | \$ 56,615.25* |
| Mortgage: | \$ 340,576.20 |
| Phase 2 Donations: | \$ 46,150.00 |

We paid \$9,500 toward our mortgage 2/1/2017

**This figure is not derived from total pledges minus cash received. This figure represents remaining pledges only. People have given more than their pledged amount.*

A NEW FAITHFUL ALTERNATIVE FOR OBGYN CARE

Do you feel that it's been a challenge to manage your reproductive health in a manner that respects your faith? There is now a solution! Catholic Medical Center is pleased to announce the opening of the Women's Wellness and Fertility Center of New England featuring a family-centered, holistic approach to obstetric and gynecologic care. Visit the website at cmc-womenswellness.org or call 603.314.7595 today!