

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

December 31, 2017

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

SNOW REMOVAL HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone to snow blow and shovel the convent property this winter. Please phone Nick at 391-6368 if you are interested. **Must be at least 18 years old.**

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31 at 4 p.m.

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

NEW PRAYERS ON OLD BEADS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for your old, broken or new rosary beads that are no longer hearing your prayers. Other religious items such as bibles, medals, and prayer books are also accepted. These will be passed on to the Poor Sisters of St. Claire and other prayer groups, to be distributed to those who can use them. There is a receptacle at the Webster Street entrance of the church.

GLUTEN-FREE HOST AVAILABLE

Please note that we have gluten-free hosts for anyone allergic to gluten. Please come to the sacristy before Mass and notify the celebrant of your need for a host.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

To those who participated by donation and/or by delivery, our heartfelt thanks! A big shout out to Mrs. A's 6th grade class at St. Catherine School. We distributed over 300 gifts combined. Your generosity has, and always has been, overwhelming. God bless you.

APPRECIATION FOR GREETING CARDS

Your continued support of providing greeting cards for the inmates of NHSP, which is a meaningful contact for the inmates with their families, is greatly appreciated. Over the past two years, tens of thousands of cards have been collected, and to date we have been able to keep up with the demand. If you are interested in donating cards, we do accept new cards such as: birthday, get well, thank you, holiday and special occasion cards and plain (no message cards). What we cannot use are cards with notes such as "a donation was made" or Mass cards. You may bring these to the rectory where a representative will pick them up. God bless you for your continued generosity.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen spent an hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day, which he called his "Hour of Power." He was inspired to do this because of the courage of a young Chinese girl who, after the Communist take-over, secretly entered a Catholic church where 30 hosts had been thrown on the floor. Each day she crawled into the church and picked up a host with her tongue. On the last day, as she was leaving, a guard saw her and killed her. Bishop Sheen was very moved by her courage. Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar at St. Catherine Church. You are invited to take some time for peace and quiet, to find strength to face daily challenges, and to thank the Lord for his many blessings and constant love.


WEDNESDAYS ON PENNACOOK STREET

Two women and a man parked in the Planned Parenthood parking lot and went inside. Minutes later, two men arrived in separate cars and were told to park on the street. They then hurried into PP. One of the men answered the sidewalk counselors and said he would talk to them, "in a second." When he left PP a few minutes later, he did. He said he didn't need any help for a baby. He looked defeated. He explained he does martial arts and is used to taking care of things but not that day. The other man who rushed inside also found out being a man means you have zero rights about what happens to your unborn baby. For more information about how you can help save women and babies from abortion via the Pennacook Pregnancy Center, or to make a donation, call (603) 206-5306 and visit www.pennacookpregnancy.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for a few ministers to assist with pre-CCD teaching during the 9 a.m. Mass. This would be on a rotating basis. The lesson plans are already made up, and all materials will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lori Vincent at dlvincent6@gmail.com.

FORMED – A GIFT FOR YOU

St. Catherine has gifted you with unlimited access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. The content includes  topics like: Explaining the Faith, Catholic Answers, Saints of History, Men and Women of Faith, Popes, and the Life and Witness of Mary. There is even content for youth. Register at FORMED.org and use the Parish Code **83RKJ2**. You won't be sorry!

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The Bible Timeline is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. *The Bible Timeline* has been granted the *Imprimatur*. The course will take place on **Thursday evenings** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We will be starting right where we left off in May with the Second Book of Samuel. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
December 23/24, 2017**

Due to the Christmas holiday, totals will be in next weekend's bulletin.

**GENEROUS SUPPORT
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
As of November 30, 2017**

**As of this date, we have \$43,265.25 in remaining pledges
Our mortgage balance is \$285,163.59
We paid \$24,000 toward our mortgage 11/30/2017**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD." As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Jan 19-21, 2018** in South Kingstown, RI and **Mar 9-11, 2018** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON STATE HOUSE NEWS

The NH Legislature is starting a new session, and more than 650 bills are on the agenda. Measures include the repeal of the death penalty, physician-assisted suicide, abortion clinic licensing, and support for victims of human trafficking. Register now for Catholic Citizenship News, the public policy e-newsletter of the Diocese of Manchester, to receive updates as bills progress and learn how your voice can make a difference. To read the current issue of Catholic Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit catholicnh.org/ccn.

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 **December** are razors, floss, dish soap, and detergent.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

3:00

4:00

SUNDAY

7:30

9:00

11:00

4:00

DECEMBER 30

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta

CONRAD BERNIER by the family

EDNA & CARL MILES

by Dick & Fredda Miles

DOUGLAS BOULDRY

by Norine & Gene Calvano

BLANCHE WURTELE by Gus & Claire

DECEMBER 31

PAUL CATERINA by his wife, Pauline

JOHN KIRBY & RYAN SINOTTE

by the Kirby/Stankiewicz Family

THOMAS & JOANNE SEIGER by the family

CHUCK GOYETTE by Adele Guay

ED DESCHAMPS by Adele Guay

LOIS MCDONALD by the family (5th Anniv.)

FR. RICHARD WEGMAN

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

MONDAY

10:00

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MARGARET BYRNES LETENDRE

by Judy Peters

REV. EMERY DESROCHERS, MS

by the DesRochers Family

BEN & STEPHEN ROY by Gloria Roy

ALYSSA SKOGLUND by Mom & Dad

TUESDAY

9:00

JANUARY 2

ST. BASIL, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

EDWARD & EVELYN VERRACHI

by their daughter, Cindy Michelson

KEVIN MORAN by his daughter, Colleen

WEDNESDAY

9:00

JANUARY 3

MAURICE ROBERGE

by his wife, Yvette (1st Anniv.)

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

THURSDAY

9:00

JANUARY 4

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, Religious

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BEAL

FAMILY

VIRGINIA FRITTITTA by Julia & Jack Byrne

MARY MCCARTHY

by Julia & Jack Burne (8th Anniv.)

JAMES MCANDREW by his daughter

SATURDAY

8:00

3:00

4:00

JANUARY 6

PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

LOUIS LOHNES by the family

LEWIS FRANKLIN, SR.

by the DesRochers Family

HENRY CORVARI by the Arrison Family

SUNDAY

7:30

9:00

11:00

JANUARY 7

FR. DONALD JACQUES

FR. RICHARD WEGMAN

VIRGINIA KNIGHT by her children

GEORGE GOGAS, SR. by the Forsythe Family

PATRICIA SAWTELLE by Joan Donati

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

WEATHER & SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

Please remember that St. Catherine School follows the Manchester School District's call. If they are closed or delayed, expect the same for us. Please view WMUR for weather alerts and school closings. Be sure children are dressed for the winter.

SCHOOL SUBSIDY REQUIREMENTS

For parents who wish to receive a parish subsidy for school tuition to a Catholic elementary, middle, or high school, there are three requirements that **MUST** be met: 1) registration in a parish or mission; 2) contributor of record in a parish or mission; 3) active participation in the life of a parish or mission. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC COLLEGE FREE ROOM AND BOARD INITIATIVE

Northeast Catholic College is pleased to announce that it will be offering a four year \$8,000 scholarship for room and board to any freshman or transfer student who enrolls at Northeast Catholic College by August 15, 2018. The college is offering this award in an effort to make a quality, liberal arts education accessible to families who otherwise might not be able to afford it. "Now more than ever, young people need a faithful and vibrant Catholic education for the good of the Church and the renewal of our nation," Dr. George Harne, President of Northeast Catholic College, said about the scholarship. The reduction in cost represents an \$8,000 discount for the fall 2018-2019 academic year and will be worth \$32,000 over four years. Northeast Catholic College is also still offering additional merit and need-based aid for the fall 2018 semester. For information on how to apply, please contact the admissions office at admissions@NortheastCatholic.edu or 603-456-2656.

OUTREACH SERVICES FOR VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

If you or a loved one has experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to contact the diocesan Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at (603) 669-3100, Ext. 110. Help is available.

HELP WANTED

St. Marie's Child Care Center is now hiring an afterschool teacher. This is a great opportunity for para professionals. Please email stemarie.childcare@gmail.com or call Terry Donna at 603-668-2356 for more information.



PARISH NURSE NEWS

ADULT GRIEF WORKSHOP

Saturday, **January 6, 2018** from 10 – Noon at Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua

VITAMIN & ADULT VACINE UPDATE

Tuesday, **January 30, 2018** beginning at 10:15 a.m. at Parish of the Transfiguration by MA College of Pharmacy & Health Science Students and Professors

Please call 603-622-8004 to register for the above classes.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)

Tuesdays at St. Elizabeth's, 8:30

Wednesdays at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

Thursdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

WALKING GROUPS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

SHINE: (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS)

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Goffstown on **Wednesdays**, 10-Noon

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass? Why should we bother to use the envelopes or E-give?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that, because they attend a particular parish, they are members automatically. Young adults who have moved away for years believe that they are still signed up under their parent's registration. Parish registration requires signing up formally as a family. **It is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish.** Your registration affects you and the parish in several ways. Registration shows you belong. It is necessary for certain benefits, such as the sacramental programs of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. It helps to know the person whose weddings and funerals are being planned. Active and registered parishioners are verification for Catholic elementary and high school support. Certification for godparents and sponsor letters for the sacrament of Confirmation are processed more easily. Registering in your parish is a statement of commitment and confidence in the life and work of your parish. You are welcome to become a registered member of St. Catherine at any time. Pick up a registration form at the rectory or call 622-4966 for more information.