

# *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

February 11, 2018

## **UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE**

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

## **LENTEN OBSERVATIONS 2018**

Ash Wednesday (**February 14**) and Good Friday (**March 30**) are days of both Fast and Abstinence. All other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence only. **FASTING:** is observed by all 18-58 year olds. One full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed; drinking is. **ABSTINENCE:** is observed by all those 14 years of age or older. No meat is allowed unless one's health or the ability to work is seriously affected.

## **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

In addition to fasting and abstinence, almsgiving is also a discipline of Lent. Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten program, which allows you to participate in an overseas relief fund. Please pick up a Rice Bowl from the church entrances and make this Lent a time of true sacrifice and commitment to those in need.

## **LITTLE BLACK BOOKS**

The Little Black Books will be available during Lent. This book provides reflectional reading and scriptures to urge readers to spend more quiet time with the Lord.

## **THIS LENT, TAKE A STEP TOWARD MERCY**

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Novena to the Divine Mercy are very helpful preparation for Lent. We would like to remind you that Saint Faustina herself, made her confession on the Saturday before Mercy Sunday (Diary 1072). The Diary entries recording the words of Our Lord in regard to confession do not explicitly say that confession is to be received on the day itself, but that Holy Communion must be received on that day (Diary 300, 699, 1109). Please join the Adorers on each Wednesday at 3pm to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or come a little earlier each Wednesday, starting on Ash Wednesday (**February 14**), and join the students of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at St Catherine of Siena School as they learn about Divine Mercy.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, February 14 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

## **TRIP TO SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY**

Join Fr Paul Montminy and Fr Ray Labrie for a 12 day trip from **September 19 through October 1** to Southern Italy and Sicily. Our second day in Rome will include an exclusive dinner at the Vatican Museum. The trip includes sight-seeing to Cassino, Pompeii, Sorrento, Isle of Capri, Taormina, Mount Etna, Agrigento, Erice, Mondello and Palermo. The trip includes 12 nights, 16 meals, and transportation to and from Logan Airport. An informational slide show and sign-up session will take place on Sunday, **February 18** at 12:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua. Call 622-4966 for more information.

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS**

There are four Confirmation Preparation classes scheduled for **March 14, March 21, April 4, and April 11** from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Diocesan Administration Building. The actual Confirmation ceremony will take place on **April 15** at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral. Anyone interested in receiving their Confirmation is asked to call Mary Jane Silva at 669-3100, ext. 172.

## **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. Topics include: 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](http://FORMED.org) and use the Parish Code **83RKJ2**.

## **MOMS' GROUP ACTIVITIES**


On Monday **February 12**, from 10-11:30 we will be at Birch Hill in Manchester. We will be making a Valentine's Day craft with the residents. The craft is geared towards the ages of 2-6 but all are welcome. This is a free event, we just ask for those attending to RSVP to Nicole Horne ([nlhorne1011@gmail.com](mailto:nlhorne1011@gmail.com)) so we have enough supplies. On Wednesday **February 28**, from 10-12 we will have our Moms' Group meeting in the babysitting room of the church basement. Again, this is a free event, please just RSVP to Nicole Horne so we have enough supplies and snacks.



## **POPE FRANCIS: MISSION & ENCOUNTER**

Our Holy Father Francis has articulated a bold and prophetic vision for a missionary Church that reaches out to the margins and embraces the immigrant, the prisoner, the forsaken. His writings challenge the faithful Christian to reject a culture of waste and consumerism; and to live out authentic Gospel values of solidarity with the poor and responsible stewardship of creation. **Thursdays, through February 15**, at 7pm in the parish hall, Derick will offer a four-week course on the magisterium of Francis. The format includes lecture, video, and small group discussion. We will read selections from the following texts: *Gaudium Evangelii* and *Laudato Si*, both of which are available in their entirety on the Vatican website ([vatican.va](http://vatican.va)). All are welcome!

## **ALPHA BEGINS FEBRUARY 20!**

 I would like to offer a formal invitation to all members of the parish to attend our first Alpha session on Tuesday, **February 20** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This dynamic program has energized numerous parishes throughout the globe through its fresh and compelling proclamation of Jesus Christ to the modern world. PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, etc. All are welcome to participate in this program, regardless of religion, lifestyle, or worldview. We will start with a meal at 6:30p (anyone with allergies or food sensitivities may bring their own dinner), followed by a video and some informal talks and witness testimony. You will not regret taking this Alpha course! The program lasts for eleven weeks and includes a weekend retreat. We hope for a big turnout! *Derick*

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**

**February 3/4, 2018**

**Checks: \$ 6,282.00**

**Cash: \$ 1,988.00**

**E-Give: \$ 2,359.00**

**Total: \$10,629.00**

**Monthly Mortgage: \$2,279.00**

**Catholic Schools: \$1,378.00**

### **MORTGAGE INFORMATION**

**As of January 8, 2018**

**Our mortgage balance is \$279,173.54**

**We paid \$10,522.17 toward our mortgage 1/3/2018**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/COATS FOR KIDS**

Do you know a child in need of a winter Coat? The Knights of Columbus have a variety of children's winter coats available. Call Grand Knight Brad Nichols at 644-8697, or leave a message with the parish office with your size, and if we have one it's yours.

## **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 cleaning supplies, detergent, dish soap.



### **SATURDAY**

8:00

3:00

4:00

### **FEBRUARY 10**

PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

BERNADETTE LORTIE

by her daughter, Denise (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

M/M ROLAND BELCOURT

by their daughters, Janet and Lucille

JOHN BENJAMIN HIGGINS

by his aunt, Janet Lambert

LUCILLE MELLANSON

by Herb & Marge Nelson

### **SUNDAY**

7:30

9:00

11:00

### **FEBRUARY 11**

DELIA THOMAS & JAMES O'NEILL

by the family

VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN

& JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families

JULIE HOLT by the Hayes Family

CLARA SKOWRON

by the Camacho & Riccio Families

HENRY WELCH, JR. by Denis & Cindy

JOAN SCHAEFER by Mary Barnett

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

#### **MONDAY**

9:00

#### **FEBRUARY 12**

ALFRED DELISLE by John & Alfred Delisle

#### **TUESDAY**

9:00

#### **FEBRUARY 13**

SARA CIMINO by Rita Hungler

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9:00

#### **FEBRUARY 14**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

CHUCK HUNGLER by his wife, Rita

PAUL MAZNEK by Rita Hungler

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

7:00

ERIC DAHL & MARK VIALE by Ginny Morris

#### **THURSDAY**

9:00

#### **FEBRUARY 15**

KAY PIERONI by her husband

AL TROTTIER by the family

#### **FRIDAY**

9:00

#### **FEBRUARY 16**

CLAIRE ST. GELAIS

LUCILLE MELANSON by Sr. Jeannette

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### **SATURDAY**

3:00

4:00

#### **FEBRUARY 17**

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

TONY DESROCHERS by the DesRochers Family

JOSEPHINE SPOSATO by the Burnes Family

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HUPPE

FAMILY by George & Priscilla Huppe

PAUL MAZNEK by Denise Reed

#### **SUNDAY**

7:30

9:00

11:00

#### **FEBRUARY 18**


CHRISTINE OJENDYK by the family

ANDREW HUPPE by Louise Huppe (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

THOMAS DONNELLY by the family

CLAIRE ST. GELAIS by the family

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK-OFF RALLY**

Sunday, **February 11** from 2-3:30 p.m. at Ste. Marie's Church, 378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester in the Montminy Hall. Guest Speaker will be Catherine Adair. 

## **ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS**

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

That the school's largest fundraiser is its Auction and Social? Last year, the auction raised \$21,000. Join us on Saturday, **April 14** at the Executive Court Banquet Facility from 6-10:30 p.m. The theme this year is, *A Night in Monte Carlo!* Enjoy an evening of good food, good friends, and a great time!

### **REFERRAL PROGRAM FOR 2018-2019**

The purpose of the referral program is to reward current St. Catherine of Siena School families for increasing and sustaining enrollment at SCS. A **tuition reduction of \$500** will be credited to current families who successfully recruit/or refer a new student to SCS. The award will be applied in October 2018, after the student(s) have completed one month. The referral program is based on every child, not families (i.e., if a family has three children and they all enroll, the family that refers them will receive a \$1,500 tuition reduction in October).

### **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!**

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties." Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **March 9-11** in Duxbury, MA and **April 21-22** in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

### **RETREATS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS**

St. Anthony Shrine Friary, 100 Arch St., Boston is sponsoring retreats for grieving parents who have lost a child of any age by any cause. Information about the one-day spiritual retreat (**March 10**), as well as the two brown bag lunch retreats (**March 7** and **March 22**) is on the bulletin boards around the church.

## **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

### **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

**Wednesdays**, 10-Noon

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

### **STEUBENVILLE**

It's not too early to start making summer plans. Why not plan to join us at Steubenville from Friday, **July 13** to Sunday, **July 15, 2018**. This year's theme is "Revealed." The retreat is an amazing experience. You will grow in your faith and it will give a new perspective on a faith that we often take for granted. To be eligible to attend, you must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, up to 2018 high school graduates.

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT TRINITY**

A parishioner and member of the parish Boy Scout troop 104, Garrett Donais, is raising funds for his Eagle Scout Project. The project is to refurbish and improve the Stations of the Cross path behind Trinity High School. Donations of funds, time, landscaping or woodworking resources would be appreciated. A donation of \$200 or more can be used to sponsor a station in memory of a loved one. Checks must be made out to Trinity High School and can be mailed to [581 Bridge St. Manchester NH](mailto:581.Bridge.St.Manchester.NH). Contact Garrett Donais at [603-203-3556](tel:603-203-3556) or [garrett.donais@trinity-hs.org](mailto:garrett.donais@trinity-hs.org) with any questions.

### **2017 DONOR SUBSTANTIATION**

For those parishioners who wish to have a statement of charitable contributions to Saint Catherine of Siena Parish for 2017, please call the office at 622-4966 and we will be happy to provide you with one. Please note that we can only give you a statement of donations from the use of your envelopes or e-Give.

### **NO WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION MEETING**

Because of Ash Wednesday, there will be **NO MEETING** in February for the Women's Organization.