

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 172 Belmont St. in Manchester will be conducting a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Sunday, **March 4** at 2 p.m.

SCHEDULE FOR LENT

DAILY MASS: MONDAY through FRIDAY at 9 a.m.

ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS at 5:30 p.m. followed by LENTEN SOUPS

LENTEN INFORMATION

FASTING is to be observed by all who are 18 years of age and older and who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

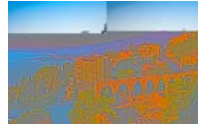
FORMED – A GIFT FOR YOU

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 and use the Parish Code **83RKJ2**.



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.

MOMS' GROUP MEETING

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.



ST. ANDREW DINNERS

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We invite men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. These evenings will take place on Fridays from 6-8 pm at different locations around our state and for different age groups. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

High School: Age 14-18:

Feb. 16 Joseph House, Ste. Marie Parish, Manchester
Young Men: Age 19-24:

March 23 Joseph House, Ste. Marie Parish Manchester
Older Men: Age 25+:

Feb. 23 Holy Rosary Parish, Rochester

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*

A LENT TO REMEMBER

Please join Derick on Thursday evenings, from **February 22 to March 15** for a course on A Lent to Remember. The course explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with His mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and His personal reception of His people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes His love, His very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, A Lent to Remember communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience His indescribable love this Lent.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

February 10/11, 2018

Checks: \$ 6,023.00
Cash: \$ 2,170.00
E-Give: \$ 1,628.00
Total: \$ 9,821.00

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

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 180 Loudon Rd., Concord, will be hosting a workshop entitled, "Centering Prayer: Beginning to Learn to Live a Contemplative Way of Life through Prayer" on Saturday, **February 24** from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If interested, please email by **February 17** to centeringprayerconcordnh@gmail.com. Any questions can be directed to this email or call Kate at 603-798-5028. Suggested Donation: \$10.



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.



<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 17</u>
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	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
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 18</u>
7:30	CHRISTINE OJENDYK by the family
9:00	ANDREW HUPPE by Louise Huppe (4 th Anniv.)
11:00	THOMAS DONNELLY by the family CLAIRE ST. GELAIS by Barbara Raulerson ANNE GROSS by Dan & Joan Fitzgerald

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

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 19</u>
9:00	NO MASS
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 20</u>
9:00	IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER MICAH FORSYTHE by his Mom & Dad
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 21</u>
9:00	ST. PETER DAMIAN, Bishop & Dr. of the Church ANDRE GILBERT by Monique Collins MAYME SHEA by her daughter, Jean Hebert
	9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 22</u>
9:00	THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE ROGER BOISSONNEAULT by Anne Hamilton
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 23</u>
9:00	ST. POLYCARP, Bishop & Martyr
5:30	CLAIRE ST. GELAIS STATIONS OF THE CROSS
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 24</u>
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	CONRAD BERNIER by the family JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta LUCILLE MELANSON by Sr. Jeannette THOMAS FINEGAN by his wife, Therese PAUL VACHON by Sue Vachon
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 25</u>
7:30	DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family JOSEPH R. COTE by the family (42 nd Anniv.)
9:00	LUCILLE MONTMINY by Fr. Paul
11:00	CHRISTINE OJENDYK by the family

CLAIRE DANEAU LEGACY FUND RAFFLE

The Sisters of Holy Cross have established the Claire Daneau Legacy Fund to benefit the children of Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage in Haiti founded by Sister Claire. You can assist by giving a donation or purchasing raffle calendars available after each Mass this weekend. Raffle winners will be drawn each day during April. Thank you.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

DID YOU KNOW...

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).

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 9:30am, 12:30pm, and 3:00pm



Meet our exceptional leaders
Engage with teachers on a guided tour
See how we live our mission! Register today at scsnh.com

OPEN HOUSE

St. Catherine of Siena will have their next Open House Wednesday, **February 21**. Please register on the school website (www.scsnh.com) for 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. time slots.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the girls 5th & 6th grade basketball team who played last Saturday against PMA and won 12-10...moving the girls into the Championship game against St. Christopher. Unfortunately, they lost BUT they returned with the 2nd place trophy! The girls and their coaches have every reason to be proud! Great Job!

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.

SLICE OF THE PIE WINNERS

Congratulations to our newest Slice of the Pie winners: Marie Cusson and Philip Purdy. They each won \$150!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18: The Youth Group will meet from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. to begin work on a Lenten service project. Make your own pizza will be for dinner. Do you have a special topping you like? Bring it and you will get to share it with everyone!

STEBENVILLE

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 8th 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**. Contact Garrett Donais at [603-203-3556](tel:603-203-3556) or 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.