

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 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 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**.

FORMED.org
THE CATHOLIC FAITH
ON DEMAND



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.

Young Men: Age 19-24:

March 23 Joseph House, Ste. Marie Parish Manchester



ALPHA COURSE DURING LENT

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 6:30 p.m. **Tuesdays** (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 at 7 p.m., 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 17/18, 2018

Checks: \$ 5,665.00
Cash: \$ 1,881.00
E-Give: \$ 2,014.00
Total: \$ 9,560.00

Ash Wednesday: \$1,532.00

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

THANK YOU FROM SRS. OF HOLY CROSS

The Sisters of Holy Cross wish to thank you for the generous donations you gave to the Sr. Claire Daneau Legacy fund to help educate the children at Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage in Haiti. We collected \$3,331. Know that your generosity will be deeply appreciated by the children and all who minister at the Orphanage. May God be with you on your Lenten Journey and throughout the year.



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	FEBRUARY 24
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
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25
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

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

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 26
9:00	ROGER DOOLAN by Marge & Herb Nelson
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 27
9:00	DAVID HALEY by his daughter, Kara
	DIANE SOUCY by Ed & Marlene Foye
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28
9:00	CAROL SUITS by Jean Hebert
9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
THURSDAY	MARCH 1
9:00	ROGER BOISSONNEAULT by Anne Hamilton
FRIDAY	MARCH 2
9:00	CHUCK HUNGLER by Ed & Marlene Foye
5:30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	MARCH 3
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	JOSEPHINE FRANKLIN by the DesRochers Family
	JOSEPH GAGLIANO by the Burnes Family
	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HUPPE FAMILY by George & Priscilla Huppe
	AURELIE BARON by Rob & Lou (14 th Anniv.)
	ANDRE FOURNIER by Rob & Lou
	LARRY MURRAY by Janet LeClair
	PAUL MAZNEK by Lindsay Reed
SUNDAY	MARCH 4
7:30	ERIC DAHL & MARK VIALE
9:00	GEORGE LEPORE by the family
11:00	MICHAEL BARNETT by Mary Barnett
	CLAIRE ST. GELAIS by Ginny Morris

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

as of 12/31/17

Cash to date: \$ 67,511.49
Pledges: \$ 2,703.87
Total to date: \$ 70,215.36

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

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

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

DID YOU KNOW...

We have a hockey team for the Clem Lemire Tournament. It is opened to boys and girls in grades 3-5. It is a fun few weeks for the children and their parent coaches.

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 cressed 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 8th grade, up to 2018 high school graduates.

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.

BISHOP BRADY OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Brady High School is holding an Open House on Thursday, March 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event begins with a light dinner, followed by mini lessons. RSVP at www.bishopbrady.edu/visitus by calling [244-7419](tel:244-7419).

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Gain a deeper understanding of **God's healing love**, a desire to feel that love more deeply and intimately, the **freedom** to move forward on your Spiritual journey, and the means to ask God what His plan is for you! Please join women on Saturday, **March 3** from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 200 Pleasant St. (Rte. 27), Epping, NH. There is no cost, but please bring your own lunch and a snack to share. *There is no Women of Mary on March 3 due to this retreat.*