

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Since June, 1981, a small village in Bosnia Herzegovina, called Medjugorje, has been a place of prayer and countless conversions. After so many years, Medjugorje continues to attract thousands of pilgrims. Please prayerfully consider joining our retreat pilgrimage **Sept 24 - Oct 4, 2019**. Father Alan Tremblay will be our Spiritual Director. Cost of the pilgrimage is \$2,350. For more information, please call Doreen Duquette at 216-4186.

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe!. As a parish we collected \$1,995 to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

TROOP 104 EASTER LILY SALE

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Boy Scout Troop 104 is once again selling beautiful Easter Lilies as a fundraiser to support the troop's activities. Scouts will be taking orders after all masses the weekend of **March 30/31**. All plants are florist quality! Orders and payments must be placed through a member of the Boy Scout troop or by contacting Mary Kate Donais (mary.kate@donais.com or 603-785-5535) no later than **April 1**. Plants will be available for pickup after masses the weekend of **April 6/7**. Thank you for supporting our parish Troop!



ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE

St. Catherine's Women's Organization is hosting their Diaper Drive on the weekend of **April 6 and 7**. Please bring your donations of diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes to the Church that weekend. Bins will be available at all entrances and you may also drop them off in the lower level. Our parish distributes diapers to multiple agencies including Birthright, New Horizons, Blessed Sacrament Pantry, Penacook Pregnancy Center and others. Thank you.

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH will discuss "The Prophet" by Lebanese American author Kahlil Gibran on Thursday, **March 28** at 6:45 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 508 Union Street, Manchester NH 03104. Selma Naccach-Hoff, Manchester Central High School English Department educator with more than 40 years of experience will facilitate exploration of the universal themes and influences of this enduring poetic work, and the relevance of this work in the 21st century. "The Prophet" is available through local libraries, online sales, and electronic reading options. RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 603-233-7760. Doors open 6:15 p.m. Refreshments and social follow the program. The mission of Interfaith Women of NH is to share religious beliefs, cultures and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community.



RCIA PRAYER REQUEST

There are four people who are preparing to become fully initiated Catholics through the RCIA process this year. The names of the participants are in a basket in front of the altar and by the entrances of the church. After Mass, we invite you and your family to pick a name from the basket and pray for that individual during Lent, which is a special time for the participants who are preparing to become fully initiated members of the faith at the Easter Vigil. As a sign of support and welcoming into our parish community, you may wish to send a card or note (c/o the rectory) to the person for whom you are praying. Also, you are invited to attend a reception following the Easter Vigil to meet and greet all the RCIA participants. In the past your prayers, cards, and gestures of support have been greatly appreciated. Thank you for your encouragement and for welcoming these new members into our St. Catherine of Siena parish family.

CLAIRE DANEAU LEGACY FUND

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 (\$10 each or 6 for \$50) available after each Mass the weekend of **March 23 - 24**. Raffle winners will be drawn each day during April. Thank you.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

Join Bishop Robert Barron for this engaging presentation concerning the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Based on Dante's writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven levels of Dante's Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the "seven lively virtues." The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. Eight sessions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the parish hall beginning **February 26 and ending April 16.**

LENTEN PROGRAM

This Thursday evening program during Lent (beginning **March 7** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall) consists of reflections on the Sunday scriptures and meditations on the lived experience of the desert during this penitential season. Six sessions will include video and discussion.

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| THANK YOU | |
| FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT | |
| March 9/10, 2019 | |
| Checks: | \$ 4,785.00 |
| Cash: | \$ 2,058.00 |
| E-Give: | \$ 1,577.00 |
| Total: | \$ 8,420.00 |
| Ash Wednesday: \$ 1,995.00 | |
| Average February Weekly Collection: \$8,478.50 | |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$10,600 | |

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you have not been confirmed, during the Lenten season we will be holding Adult Confirmation Classes to prepare any adults (18+) for the Sacrament which will be celebrated in the Spring at the cathedral. Please contact Fr. Chris if you are interested or have questions.

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 **March** include: twin sheets, twin size comforters, pillows, diapers size 3+, resealable baby wipes, peanut butter, tuna, healthy snacks, cereal, coffee, sugar, non-dairy creamer (all items must be brand new).

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

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

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL (Luke 9:28b-36)

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.



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| <u>SATURDAY</u> | <u>MARCH 16</u> |
| 3:00 | RECITATION OF THE ROSARY |
| 4:00 | JOSEPH ROZMUS by Jay Rozmus EDWARD KLUFTS by Pam Boisvert |
| | <u>MARCH 17</u> |
| | YVETTE JALBERT by Peter & Julia Aliferis BOB KIRBY, SR., DICK HIGGINS, MARY & BILL BANNON by the families JOHN M. ROTHWELL by the Hayes Family |
| 11:00 | PATRICK KEARNEY by Patti & Bob Webster SIGNE MCQUAID by Barbara Raulerson |

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

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| <u>MONDAY</u> | <u>MARCH 18</u> |
| | ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, Bishop YVETTE JALBERT by Carol & Richie Aliferis JOSH LINK & FAMILY SIGNE MCQUAID |
| | <u>MARCH 19</u> |
| | ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary SPECIAL INTENTION by the Beal Family RICHARD NAULT by his wife, Lorraine |
| <u>TUESDAY</u> | <u>MARCH 20</u> |
| | BLESSED MOTHER'S INTENTION FRANK & BEATRICE HEALY by Don & Pat YVETTE JALBERT by Kristina Aliferis |
| | 9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | <u>MARCH 21</u> |
| | BRIAN CARTER by Pam Monahan FRANK & JOANNE CHURAS by the family |
| <u>FRIDAY</u> | <u>MARCH 22</u> |
| | STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| <u>SATURDAY</u> | <u>MARCH 23</u> |
| | RECITATION OF THE ROSARY MARGARET M. NORTON by Fredda & Dick Miles SIGNE MCQUAID by Molly McQuade |
| <u>SUNDAY</u> | <u>MARCH 24</u> |
| | DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family TYLER GREGOIRE by M/M Bertrand Gregoire JULES & DAVID TRUDEL by the family JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta RUSSELL INTERRANTE by his friend, Marilyn FRANK CASTROGIOVANNI by his friend, Marilyn (25 th Anniv.) |

PERPETUAL CANDLE THIS WEEK IS FOR SIGNE MCQUAID by The Forsythe Family



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

SPRING CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

SCS will be holding a Spring Craft and Vendor Fair on Sunday, **April 28** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school gym. Reserve your table today by calling Cinzia Broketa at 622-1711 or office@scsnh.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for the St. Catherine of Siena Annual Auction. This year, the auction will be held on **Saturday, April 13**.

KEEP KIDS SAFE – ABUSE AWARENESS

TRAINING

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete “safe environment” training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to **all** NH Catholic adults and is available online at <https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>. For more resources to assist victims of abuse, visit www.catholicnh.org/healing

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**.

NH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL

PROLIFE SEMINAR

The face of the respect life movement in New Hampshire will be on display Sunday, **March 31** at St. Joseph Cathedral church hall from 12N – 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Brother Knight Dennis Pedley from St. Gianna’s Place in Londonderry. St. Gianna’s Place offers transitional housing and life training skills for women facing crisis pregnancies. A safe and nurturing environment is offered for their babies. Spiritual and emotional support is also given. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 27. Please contact Ron DiStasio at rddistasio@comcast.net or phone 595-7837.

BIBLE REFLECTION ON WEDNESDAYS

Please join us **every Wednesday** after the 9 a.m. Mass for bible reflection. It’s held in the conference room in the Church Hall.



CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS

The Parish Nurse is at St. Catherine Church Hall every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to Noon.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)

Tuesdays at St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford, 9

Wednesdays at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

Thursdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

KNITTING GROUP

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 1 – 2:45

SHINE

A senior support group offering sociability, education, nutritious food and exercise.

Wednesdays at St. Matthews Episcopal, Goffstown, 10:30-11:45

WALKING GROUPS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

2018 DONOR SUBSTANTIATION

For those parishioners who wish to have a statement of charitable contributions to Saint Catherine of Siena Parish for 2018, 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.*

BIN FOR CLOTHING

St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a bin for donations of clothing located in the school parking lot adjacent to the rectory. Items accepted for the bin: gently used coats, clothing shoes, boots, hats, mittens, undergarments, socks, bedding, towels. No large items, please.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Be transformed by Jesus’ love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **April 13-14** in Brewster, MA and **June 8-9** in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

SANCTITY OF LIFE CONFERENCE

The first-ever Concord, NH Sanctity of Life Conference is meant to bring compassion and conversation of Life issues. It will be held at Christ the King Parish Activity Center, 72 S. Main St., Concord on Saturday, **March 23** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and includes lunch.

RACHEL MASS – A HEALING MASS

A Rachel Mass is for anyone who feels they would like closure, renewal, and healing from an abortion that affected them, directly or indirectly. Such a Mass is being offered Friday, **April 5** at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Parish, 72 S. Main St., Concord, NH 03301.