

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 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.

SCHEDULE FOR EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m. Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 10 p.m.: Night Prayer

Good Friday: 3 p.m. Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. 7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 Masses. The children are invited to bring their Easter baskets for a blessing.

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.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH ORATORY

There is a Men's Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Oratory on Friday and Saturday, **August 17-18**. The cost is \$189/double occupancy or \$258/single occupancy. Transportation by bus and hotel costs are included in the price. The deadline for registering is **April 1**. Information and registration forms can be found at www.enterthenarrowgate.org/st-josephs-oratory.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL GIFTS

Envelopes for Easter flowers are in your packets and in the church pews, if you wish to make a donation of flowers in memory of loved ones. Please write your name and the name of the person(s) to be remembered. After Easter, a list will be published in the bulletin.



RICE BOWLS

All Rice Bowls should be returned to us on Holy Thursday at the 7 p.m. Mass.

PENANCE SERVICE

There is a penance service today, **March 25** at Ste. Marie Church at 6 p.m.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN

We are looking for men to organize the carnation sale for Mother's Day. If you are interested, kindly let Fr. Paul know, or give us a call at the Rectory Office.



BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offers us the opportunity to break through our daily routine and pause a while in the presence of Our Lord. 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. Especially needed at this time are adorers on a regular basis and also substitutes. If you are interested, please Call Bunny Donelson at 867-4033.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available: call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

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. *The Alpha program will not take place during Holy Week.*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear.” As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **April 21-22** in Brewster, MA and **May 19-20** in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

THINKING ABOUT REMARRIAGE...

...a day long program for couples who are thinking about remarriage and for engaged couples who plan to remarry. The next seminar date is Saturday, **May 19** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish Center (located behind the church), 165 Sarto St., Manchester. The cost is \$80/couple and includes all materials and lunch. Inquiries may be directed to Alyse Hlasny at ahlnasy@rcbm.org or 663-0108.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT March 17/18, 2018

Checks: \$ 5,987.00
Cash: \$ 2,429.00
E-Give: \$ 1,974.00
Total: \$10,390.00

MORTGAGE INFORMATION

As of February 28, 2018

Our mortgage balance is \$268,473.54

We paid \$8,00.00 toward our mortgage 3/21/2018

BEGINNERS’ PASTEL ART CLASSES

Learn to create beautiful pastel art paintings. Join us, and we will teach you the basics of drawing and design, using pastel pencils and chalks. Classes will begin on Thursday, **March 29** from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Classes are 6 week sessions for \$65.00 and include some materials. For more information, call June at 668-6402.



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** are all purpose cleaner, sponges, twin size sheets, plungers, mops, brooms, and 13 gallon trash cans with lids/bags.



SATURDAY	MARCH 24
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	CONRAD BERNIER by the family JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta TONY DESROCHERS by the DesRochers Family
	JOSEPH ROZMUS by Jay Rozmus DAVID HALEY by his daughter, Kara
SUNDAY	MARCH 25
7:30	JOHN HOLLAND by Julia & Jack Byrne DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family
9:00	LUCILLE MONTMINY by Fr. Paul DIANE SOUCY by the family
11:00	STEPHEN GUIHEEN by Patti & Bob Webster CLAIRE ST. GELAIS by the family

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

MONDAY	MARCH 26
9:00	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK FR. ROLAND BLAIS by Fr. Paul PHILIP BYRNE by Julia & Jack Byrne
TUESDAY	MARCH 27
9:00	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK JOHN R. BOWMAN by Julia & Jack Byrne
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 28
9:00	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK HELEN PARENTEAU by the Beal Family BARBARA LEBEAU by the McClellan Family
	9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
THURSDAY	MARCH 29
7:00	THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK FR. ROLAND BLAIS by his nephew, Fr. Paul
FRIDAY	MARCH 30
3:00	GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS
7:00	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	MARCH 31
7:30	HOLY SATURDAY LUCILLE MELANSON by Sr. Janet Belcourt
SUNDAY	APRIL 1
7:30	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD TIM HUFF by the family
9:00	DIANE SOUCY by the family
11:00	OLIA LAPLANTE by her daughter, Lee BEN & STEPHEN ROY by Gloria Roy BILL BRAZAWSKI by the family (5 th Anniv.)

MASS FOR INFERTILITY, MISCARRIAGE

Bishop Libasci will be celebrating a Mass for those suffering from infertility or pregnancy related loss. The Mass will be **April 24** at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral Chapel.



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

DID YOU KNOW...

Catholic doctrine is an integral part of the curriculum, and it is developed in keeping with the emotional and spiritual development of the child. *Lived doctrine* permeates every aspect in the life of the school.

SCS 20TH ANNUAL AUCTION

Save the date: **April 14** from 6-10:30 p.m. at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester. Tickets are \$35/person, which includes a buffet, live and silent auctions, and games.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE AT outFITters

OutFITters Thrift Store, 394 Second Street in Manchester, offering new and gently used clothing, furniture, books, housewares, and more is **now open on Sundays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.** All proceeds support Families in Transition-New Horizons' mission of providing hunger relief, housing, and social services to families and individuals in need in New Hampshire. www.outfittersnh.org.

SPRING MEANS A FRESH START!

If you are looking for ways to get outside this spring, have fun, and give back to your community, then look no further! Families in Transition and New Horizons have several opportunities to get outside. Our community garden will be opening this spring; it's a great way to get your friends and family out in the sunshine! For more information, call Tarah at 641-9441, x350 or visit www.fitnh.org/volunteer.

NASHUA CATHOLIC TEA & TOURS

Nashua Catholic Regional Jr. High School invites you to join them for Tea & Tours on Friday, **April 6** from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This relaxed admissions event offers hot beverages, conversation with the principal, and tours of classes. Call to reserve at 603-882-7011.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL YARD SALE

Trinity High School will be hosting its annual yard sale on **April 7** from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. They will gladly accept "gently used" donations (no adult clothing, computers, televisions, or nursery furniture, please) on **April 6** from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call 668-2910 x229 or email lzolkos@trinity-hs.org with any questions.

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

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



PARISH NURSE NEWS

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

REGISTERED DIETICIAN TALK

Here at St. Catherine, on **April 18** from 11-Noon, Brianna English, a registered dietician, will be speaking on metabolism and weight loss.

ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

April 14 at Immaculate Conception, Nashua from 10-Noon

Call 603-663-8004 to register

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)

Wednesdays at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

Thursdays at Transfiguration, 9:30 (but NOT March 29)

KNITTING GROUP

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 1 – 2:45 (but NOT March 27)

WALKING GROUPS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30 (but NOT March 27)

SHINE: (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS)

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Goffstown

Wednesdays, 10-Noon

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

EARLY EASTER CELEBRATION

Are you in grades 6 through 12? Join us Sunday, **March 25** to celebrate Easter early! We will be coloring eggs, eating together and laughing a lot. This meeting will include a short prayer service, too! We are meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church hall.

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. To be eligible to attend, you must have completed 8th grade, up to 2018 high school graduates.

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.