

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2017

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

MEN'S RETREAT

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE: LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE IN A VICE FILLED WORLD.

Start 2017 with renewed courage and commitment to living life as a man of virtue. What seems like a road less traveled is really a call to follow Christ, a path that leads to fulfillment. Join men from throughout the diocese of Manchester for a wonderful 2-day retreat experience which takes place **January 6-8, 2017** at the Barbara C Harris Center in Greenfield, NH. See the insert for more information. Questions? Email Brian Harrison at brian@VitaNova.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL.

Come and refresh your soul, as we delve into God's calling for us to embrace the virtue of charity towards one another. We will learn together what it is to be a charitable people, building one another up by making small changes in our attitudes, words and deeds. Join women from throughout the diocese of Manchester for a wonderful 2-day retreat experience which takes place **March 3-5, 2017** at the Barbara C Harris Center in Greenfield, NH. See the insert for more information. Questions? Email Brian Harrison at brian@VitaNova.org.

LEGION OF MARY

There is a local group of individuals who meet every Thursday afternoon in the church hall from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals, and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. For information about the Legion, visit the St. Catherine parish website.

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

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

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made;" Celebrate the love of God for us and for each other by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on **January 20-22** in Duxbury, MA and **March 17-19** in South Kingstown, RI. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

THINKING ABOUT REMARRIAGE 2017

WORKSHOPS

Workshops on remarriage are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following parishes during 2017:

Saturday, **January 21** at St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford and Saturday, **May 20** at St. Pius X, Manchester. Visit www.catholicnh.org for the registration form or call Maureen Haas at 669-3100, ext. 195.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen spent an hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day, which he called his "Hour of Power." He was inspired to do this because of the courage of a young Chinese girl who, after the Communist take-over, secretly entered a Catholic church where 30 hosts had been thrown on the floor. Each day she crawled into the church and picked up a host with her tongue. On the last day, as she was leaving, a guard saw her and killed her. Bishop Sheen was very moved by her courage. **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.

FAITHFUL ALTERNATIVE TO OBGYN CARE

Do you feel that it's been a challenge to manage your reproductive health in a manner that respects your faith? Are you interested in a natural alternative to birth control? Do you suffer from infertility and wish there were more Catholic options? Catholic Medical Center is pleased to announce the opening of the Women's Wellness and Fertility Center of New England featuring a family-centered, holistic approach to obstetric and gynecologic care grounded in alternative, evidence-based medical practices including NaProTECHNOLOGY. Visit the website at cmc-womenswellness.org or call 603.314.7595 today!

CATHOLICISM WITH BISHOP BARRON

For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in a multimedia experience. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith. Join Derick on **FRIDAY** evenings for a tour through this wonderful series. We will meet from 7:00-8:30pm.

CAMPS NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

Camp Bernadette for girls and Camp Fatima for boys are now accepting registrations for the 2017 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or e-mail mdrumm@bfcamp.com. Visit them on the web at www.bfcamp.com. Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly!

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION VOLUNTEERS

From all of us at Families in Transition and OutFITters Thrift Stores, we sincerely thank every one of you for your continued support. It is with this past support and success in mind that we turn to you for help once more. As you may know, all of the profit from the OutFITters Thrift Stores goes directly into Families in Transition. Success is entirely dependent upon donations and volunteers. Whether you are an individual or part of a group, if you are interested in a fun, flexible way to stay involved in our community, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@fitnh.org or (603) 641-1143, ext. 357.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
December 24/25, 2016**

Checks: \$ 4,046.00
Cash: \$ 1,236.00
E-Give: \$ 1,646.00
Total: \$ 6,928.00

Christmas Collection: \$12,655.00

**GENEROUS SUPPORT
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
As of December 19, 2016**

Total Pledges: \$1,106,867.69
Total Cash Received: \$1,143,802.80
Remaining Pledges: \$ 63,792.50
Mortgage: \$ 358,879.93

We paid \$10,000 toward our mortgage 12/2/2016

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 **January** are diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, deodorant.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31

4:00 MARY JOHNSON by Ellen DesRochers
JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta
EDNA & CARL MILES
by Fredda & Dick Miles
REV. EMERY N. DESROCHERS M.S.
by Ellen DesRochers
LOIS MCDONALD by the family
JOSEPH DESELLE
by the wife & family (1st Anniv.)

SUNDAY JANUARY 1

7:30 FR. ED RICHARDS
9:00 KEVIN MORAN by Colleen Barbarita
11:00 BEN & STEPHEN ROY by Gloria Roy
ALYSSA M. SKOGLUND by Mom & Dad
ISIDORA PEREZ by Beth St. Pierre

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

MONDAY JANUARY 2

9:00 NO MASS

TUESDAY JANUARY 3

9:00 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
FR. ED RICHARDS
ROMEO LEMAY by Cindy & Denis Lemay

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4

9:00 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, Religious
ROBERT BISSONNETTE
KATHLEEN THOMAS by Jean Shea Hebert

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

9:00 ST. JOHN NEUMANN, Bishop
CLAIRE LACHANCE by Jay & Louise
MARY MCCARTHY by Jack & Julia Byrne
DOROTHY ROY by Claudette

SATURDAY JANUARY 7

8:00 SHIRLEY PROVOST by Therese Finegan
4:00 EVERETT & EMILY MCAFEE by the family
LEWIS C. FRANKLIN, SR. by Ellen DesRochers
PAUL BENJAMIN by Therese Finegan
HENRY CORVARI by the Arrison Family

SUNDAY JANUARY 8

7:30 VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN &
JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families
GAYLE WIESMANN by the family
9:00 ROBERT MCDONOUGH
GAYLE WIESMANN by the family
11:00 VIRGINIA KNIGHT by her children
RONALD W. STACY by Therese Finegan
ALGER PELLETIER by George & Connie

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(-4673) or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

REFER STUDENTS FOR TUITION BREAK

The purpose of the referral program is to reward current St. Catherine of Siena School families for increasing and sustaining enrollment at St. Catherine of Siena School. A **tuition reduction of \$500 will be credited** to current families of St. Catherine of Siena School who successfully recruit/or refer a new student to St. Catherine of Siena School. The award will apply for the 2017-2018 school year. 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** for the 2017-2018 school year).

THRIVING PK AND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Both classes have a waiting list. And, there could possibly be a 2nd Kindergarten class soon. Did you know that our PK and K programs are less expensive than most day care centers?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GRADES 1-5

Sundays at St. Catherine School from 10:15 to 11:45

GRADES 6-8

Sundays at St. Catherine School from 4:00 to 5:30

CONFIRMATION 1

Sundays at St. Catherine School from 4:00 to 5:30

CONFIRMATION 2

Sundays at St. Catherine Church Hall from 4:00 to 5:30

NEW PRAYERS ON OLD BEADS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for your old, broken or new rosary beads that are no longer hearing your prayers. Other religious items such as bibles, medals, and prayer books are also accepted. These will be passed on to the Poor Sisters of St. Claire and other prayer groups, to be distributed to those who can use them. There is a receptacle at the Webster Street entrance of the church. Thank you for opening the door of prayer.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday, January 8: We will meet in the Church Hall.

Wednesday, January 11: Concert in Epsom, NH with the group, Unspoken. Details are in the email from Mrs. Brockway. Bring siblings, friends, etc., and bring a permission slip.

RETRouvaille OF NEW ENGLAND

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage weekend will be held on **January 13-15, 2017** in Framingham, MA. Call 800-470-2230 to register.

APPRECIATION FOR GREETING CARDS

Your continued support of providing greeting cards for the inmates of NHSP, which is a meaningful contact for the inmates with their families, is greatly appreciated. Over the past two years, tens of thousands of cards have been collected, and to date we have been able to keep up with the demand. If you are interested in donating cards, we do accept new cards such as: birthday, get well, thank you, holiday and special occasion cards and plain (no message cards). What we cannot use are cards with notes such as "a donation was made" or Mass cards. You may bring these to the rectory where a representative will pick them up. God bless you for your continued generosity.

ELECTRONIC GIVING CAN BE FOR YOU

Giving to St. Catherine Parish is just a few clicks away. Some of the benefits are:

- ◆ You will simplify your life by using the same method to make your donations, even while you are away on vacation. It can also simplify your bookkeeping.
- ◆ You will take a step of faith by deciding in advance to faithfully give to your church.

Visit www.egive-usa.com and sign up today. If you have any questions call Paul Proulx, a finance committee member, at 206-4370.

K of C FREE THROW COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual free throw competition Friday, **January 13** at 6 p.m. The winners of each age group (9-14) go on to compete at the State Championship in March. Last year, we had a State Champion!