

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

THANKS FROM FR. PAUL

Each New Year gives me pause to reflect on the goodness of God reflected in your lives. I wish to thank my Staff and all the varied groups of men, women and young people who helped inspire us during the Christmas Season. The beauty of the lighted trees, the flowers, the incense, the music and song, the concerts, the gatherings, the gift giving and all of the people that make us "a family" show us a glimpse of God and of Heaven. Blessed New Year to All!

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Dear Fr. Paul, Beth, and parishioners,
On behalf of the OUR PLACE Program sponsored by Catholic Charities NH, I would like to thank you for your incredible generosity to our clients and their children this Christmas. Every Christmas, when one of our staff says, "St. Catherine is here," we know that there will be a caravan of cars, volunteers, and gifts. The snow received overnight didn't hamper Fr. Paul, who was only wearing his dress shoes. The bags and boxes of gifts fill practically every inch of our large kitchen space! On behalf of our clients who were adopted by your Parish this Christmas, please accept our heart-felt thank you and our prayers that everyone involved in this outreach will be blessed for all they do for others in Jesus' name. Sincerely, Karen Munsell.

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.

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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.

UPDATE ON FLOOR PROPOSAL

The Parish Council has met with Father Paul in order to discuss the Second Phase of the renovation program. The proposal consists of an asbestos evaluation, the reconfiguration of the altar area, the removal of the carpeting, re-adjustment of the seats (making the seating more comfortable for people of larger proportion) and the possible restoration of some of the flooring in the sanctuary. Nothing will be done without receiving bids for the work mentioned and until a consultative process has taken place.

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.

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

If you have an interest in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, or Consoler, please contact Derick in the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation at [603-232-7213](tel:603-232-7213) or dalexandre003@gmail.com.

JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM

Join Derick on Tuesday evenings starting **January 10** for an 8-week series on Brant Pitre's *Jesus the Bridegroom*. We hope to see you many of you attend this insightful study on the Marriage Feast of Heaven and the Messianic Banquet. In *Jesus the Bridegroom*, Brant Pitre once again taps into the wells of Jewish Scripture and tradition, and unlocks the secrets of what is arguably the most well-known symbol of the Christian faith: the cross of Christ. In this thrilling exploration, Pitre shows how the suffering and death of Jesus was far more than a tragic Roman execution. Instead, the Passion of Christ was the fulfillment of ancient Jewish prophecies of a *wedding*, when the God of the universe would wed himself to humankind in an everlasting nuptial covenant.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

All men of the parish are invited on Saturday, **January 14**, at 8 a.m. for Mass, the recitation of the rosary, and a full breakfast. Our speaker this month is Fr. Augustine Kelly, OSB, from Saint Anselm Abbey, who will be talking about Benedictine spirituality. If you have any questions, please call Derick Alexandre at (919) 428-1203.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT December 31, 2016/January 1, 2017

Checks: \$ 9,184.00
Cash: \$ 2,290.00
E-Give: \$ 1,876.00
Total: \$13,350.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$1,455.00

Monthly Mortgage Collection: \$1,363.00

GENEROUS SUPPORT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN As of December 19, 2016

Total Pledges: \$1,106,867.69
Total Cash Received: \$1,148,281.76
Remaining Pledges: \$ 59,556.00*
Mortgage: \$ 358,879.93

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

**This figure is not derived from total pledges minus cash received. This figure represents remaining pledges only. People have given more than their pledged amount.*

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 JANUARY 7

8:00 SHIRLEY PROVOST
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
DORIS GREGOIRE by Gloria Bouchard
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
JOHN SULLIVAN by his daughter, Barbara

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

MONDAY JANUARY 9

9:00 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
JOHN SCHMIDT by the family (2nd Anniv.)
ROYAL BLAIS by the Forsythe Family
BUNNY DONELSON by the Legion of Mary

TUESDAY JANUARY 10

9:00 ROBERT E. KIRBY by his brother, Jim
JOSEPH ACTON by the family

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11

9:00 KAY PIERONI by her husband
ALGER PELLETIER by Jean Hebert

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 12

9:00 ALFRED A. DELISLE by John & Alfred Delisle
MICHAEL BARBARITA by his wife (4th Anniv.)

SATURDAY JANUARY 14

8:00 PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
4:00 GERARD DESROCHERS, M.D.
by Ellen DesRochers (10th Anniv.)
ROBERT DOCKX by the Forsythe Family
ANNETTE CHESNULEVICH
by the family (2nd Anniv.)

SUNDAY JANUARY 15

7:30 CAROL & JOHN BYRNE by Jack & Julia Byrne
9:00 FR. MAURICE LACROIX
11:00 MARY DUVAL by Gail Ayotte (1st Anniv.)

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.

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

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!

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.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Steubenville East: It may seem early, but the registration for this event opens **January 18** and in the last few years it has sold out within the first two weeks. This means we need to be ready to register right away. Once we register we must send them our nonrefundable deposit money. I wanted to give you some time to budget that. The deposit is \$50 and the overall cost will be about \$250 per a student. We will be fund raising. Do not worry about the money. I have had students that have raised the money for the entire trip and a team of adults who will help any student in need to ensure that every student has the opportunity to go. There will be a meeting **January 8** at 3:30p.m. for students and parents who would like more information.

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.

RETROUVILLE 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.

THURSDAYS ON PENNACOOK STREET

The snowstorm last Thursday did not stop the faithful from attending the weekly prayer vigil outside Manchester's abortion facility, Planned Parenthood. The front page of the local paper featured a picture of the women praying in front of the snow-covered "Life" sign. 40 Days For Life will not have a Lenten vigil in Manchester, but one will be held outside the Equality Health Care in Concord. Manchester's weekly Thursday prayer vigil will continue as usual from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone who witnesses outside of a NH abortion facility should be aware of the surveillance cameras and obey the local ordinances. Many abortion providers are now dispensing the RU486 pills, which induce a chemical abortion. The women leave after taking the pills and deliver deceased babies on their own. But if a woman changes her mind within 72 hours of ingesting the first pills, the abortion can be reversed. There is a doctor in NH trained in the protocol and local help is available.

