

# First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

## UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous contributions on Ash Wednesday to the Collection of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! The money the parish collected will be used to help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

## DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for **Best Lent Ever**, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? To sign up, visit: [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com).

## UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

As we approach Lent, please consider events/studies that can enrich your Lenten journey. We hope you can join us for: **Bad Girls of the Bible**: All are invited to explore the lives of five of the Bible's best-known femme fatales. Each woman's story comes to life as we search for the lessons they have to teach us. Offered Thursday evenings, Church Hall, 6:30-8:00 pm - **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** - Facilitated by Karen Dill. **The Joy of Mercy Day of Recollection**: Saturday, **March 11**, 9-3 pm - All are invited to be renewed as we continue our Lenten journey together. Let this Easter begin a new life filled with joy. Retreat Director, Mary Parker, will lead us on a reflective series of talks/discussions that shows God's invitation to all of us-for the God of joy dwells within you, waiting for you to receive life. Join us for Mass at 8:00 am, followed by a continental breakfast, bring a bagged lunch. Please call the parish office to register so we will have enough handouts for all participants.



## TRIP TO IRELAND

Why not take a trip to Ireland from **September 24 to October 5, 2017**? We will be visiting the following destinations: Dublin, Kildare, Strokestown House, Knock, Connemara, Galway, Aran Islands, Rathbaun Farm, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Foynes, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Blarney, Waterford, Avoca, and Glendalough. For more information, please call Fr. Paul at 622-4966. The price for the trip is \$3,927.00.



## FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY



Please join us for a live, multimedia event on Sunday, **April 2, 2017** at 7 p.m. in the Church for this drama, performed by Maria Vargo. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for students. For tickets and information, please contact Mary at 603-472-5975 or [mmcdonnell139@comcast.net](mailto:mmcdonnell139@comcast.net). Tickets may be purchased online at [www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com](http://www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com) or the Parish Office. It has been said that if you have an opportunity to see this show, "RUN, DON'T WALK!"

## 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](mailto:mdrumm@bfcamp.com). Visit them on the web at [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

St. Catherine's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, June 11 after the 11:00 Mass. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and fabulous food!

## 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 **March 17-19** in South Kingstown, RI, and **April 22-23** in Brewster, MA. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME.

## JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM

Join Derick on **Tuesday evenings** at 7 p.m. 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.

## 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.

## INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH

**"I AM A MUSLIM WOMAN: Conversations with local Muslim Women** will be presented at St. Catherine School Auditorium on **March 13** beginning at 6:45PM. Presenters include Masooma, a Pakistani woman who will give an overview of Islam; Munise, from Turkey, who will talk about the rights of Muslim women and men; and Riman, from Syria, who will talk about education of Muslim Women, the Hijab, and more. RSVP: [InterfaithWomenNH@gmail.com](mailto:InterfaithWomenNH@gmail.com) or 603 623-7461. Check in for the program beginning at 6:15PM. Free will donation accepted, but not required.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

February 25/26, 2017

Checks: \$ 6,810.00

Cash: \$ 2,245.00

E-Give: \$ 1,833.00

Total: \$10,888.00

## SLICE OF THE PIE WINNERS

Congratulations to our two most recent Slice of the Pie winners: Edward O'Connor and Claudette Beaudoin. They each won \$150!



## 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 diapers and wipes, razors, floss, shampoo and conditioner.



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY MARCH 4

8:00 PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE  
4:00 JOSEPHINE FRANKLIN by Ellen Desrochers  
AURELIE BARON  
by Rob & Lou (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
MATHILDA SAULMON  
by Rob & Lou (1<sup>ST</sup> Anniv.)

### SUNDAY MARCH 5

7:30 HELEN CLOSSON  
LUCILLE MONTMINY  
9:00 HENRY & VIOLETTE THOMPSON  
by their daughter, Priscilla  
FR. ALBERT BELLEFEUILLE  
by John & Liz Pearson  
GEORGE LEPORE by the family  
11:00 MICHAEL BARNETT  
by Mary Barnett (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

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

### MONDAY MARCH 6

9:00 FR. ROLAND BLAIS by Steve & Leslie Goan

### TUESDAY MARCH 7

9:00 STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, Martyrs  
JOSEPHINE MARINKO by the Beal Family

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 8

9:00 ST. JOHN OF GOD, Religious  
SR. LUCILLE MONETTE  
BERNADETTE LORTIE

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

### THURSDAY MARCH 9

9:00 ST. FRANCES OF ROME, Religious  
BOB SILKMAN

### FRIDAY MARCH 10

9:00 JILLIAN NELSON  
5:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### SATURDAY MARCH 11

8:00 PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE  
4:00 PAUL GRACE by the family  
JUDY & ARTHUR ARSENAULT  
by Gladys Krystyniak  
MARGARET M. NORTON  
by Dick & Fredda Miles

### SUNDAY MARCH 12

7:30 VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN &  
JOHN LETVINCHU by the families  
9:00 ALFRED A. DELISLE by John & Alfred Delisle  
11:00 SUSAN GALLI by Deb DeBeradinis

## MONSIGNOR HANNIGAN IRISH DINNER

The K of C Council 5748 will be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Monsignor Hannigan Irish Dinner on Saturday, **March 18** at the school gym, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The dinner includes Irish Corned Beef and fixings. Tickets are \$15 per person, children under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold after Mass and are also available by calling Brad Nichols at 644-8697. Tickets must be reserved by **March 11**.

## **ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS**

### **SCS AUCTION PLANNING MEETING**

It is time to plan the event of the year...THE AUCTION! If you would like to assist, please email Ms. McGrath at [jmcgrath@scsnh.com](mailto:jmcgrath@scsnh.com).

### **SCS ADMISSIONS HAS BEGUN**

The process for admission (2017 – 2018), is well underway! The school registered 10 new students for this current year... The school year began with 226 students and our current enrollment is 236! *What does this mean for our current families?* The word is getting out that St. Catherine of Siena School is a vibrant, family-oriented Catholic institution.

### **BOOK FAIR**

The Book Fair will take place the week of **March 6**. Families are invited to shop from school dismissal until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### **SCS OPEN HOUSE**

The school will hold an open house on Thursday, **March 9**. To register online, please go to [www.scsnh.com](http://www.scsnh.com). Choose one of three times: 9:30, 12:30, or 3:00.

## **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

### **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

Bishop Brady High School, 25 Columbus Ave., Concord, is holding a Spring Open House on Thursday, **March 9** beginning at 5:30. A light dinner will be served. RSVP at [www.bishopbrady.edu/visitus](http://www.bishopbrady.edu/visitus) or call 603-224-7419.

### **LIVING WILLS & ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

On Wednesday, **March 8** from 4 – 6:30 p.m., the Home Health & Hospice Care, with partners Mt. Carmel and St. Theresa Rehabilitation and Nursing Centers will present information on these written instructions for end-of-life care, how to make these arrangements, and their importance to you and your family. Sign up today by calling 627-3811. This event is free to the public.

## **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

### **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

CMC's Parish Nurse Program is offering "Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers & Activities for Person with Alzheimer's." Activities are provided for those with mild to moderate Alzheimer's while the caregiver support group is in session. The group will meet at Parish of Transfiguration, 107 Alsace St., Manchester on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month** from 10-11:30 a.m., *free of charge*. Please call 603-663-8004 to register.

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

### **STEUBENVILLE NEWS**

**March 4-5:** Selling raffle tickets for donated goods and services, with the winning ticket to be drawn after the 11:00 Mass on March 5.

More fundraising events will probably take place, depending on need.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD OF GOD**

Young adults, ages 18-33, are invited to Ste. Marie Parish, Main Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Monday evenings, beginning **February 13** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first topic will be "Happiness." There is no cost for this, but registering is requested. For more information, call 622-4615 and ask for Karen.

### **GENEROUS SUPPORT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**As of February 28, 2017**

<b>Total Pledges:</b>	<b>\$1,106,867.69</b>
<b>Total Cash Received:</b>	<b>\$1,175,666.18</b>
<b>Remaining Pledges:</b>	<b>\$ 55,215.25*</b>
<b>Mortgage:</b>	<b>\$ 340,576.20</b>
<b>Phase 2 Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 52,000.00 (included in "Total Cash Received")</b>

**We paid \$9,500 toward our mortgage 2/1/2017**

*\*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.*

### **ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT DINNER**

Holy Family Academy will host guest speaker Dr. Ralph Martin, Author, TV/Radio Host, and President of Renewal Ministries at their Annual Spring Benefit Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester on Thursday, **March 30** from 6 – 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100/person. Proceeds benefit Holy Family Academy. For more information, please visit the website at [www.holyfamilyacademy.org](http://www.holyfamilyacademy.org) or call 603-644-7247.