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One Heart, One Campus

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If you are in the hospital or home-bound and would like a visit from a priest, deacon, or EMC, please call the parish office. Also, be sure to notify the hospital that you are a Roman Catholic and a member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to the parish! If you are interested in registering or becoming Catholic, please call the parish office.

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SACRAMENTS

Masses: Please see the inside sheet for Mass times and information.

Reconciliation: Saturday afternoon: 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6-7 PM or by appointment.

Baptism: Third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Parents are required to attend Catechesis prior to the baptism. Godparents are encouraged to participate. ***No Baptisms during Lent.***

Marriage: Please call the parish office at least six months in advance for arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wednesdays, 3 PM

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2020

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

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

CARRY THE CROSS FUNDRAISER

The Carry the Cross Fundraiser helps pay for the education of our holy seminarians. On Saturday, **October 10**, the Knights of Columbus member Blaise O'Mara will be carrying a cross along the 8.4-mile Franconia Notch Ridge Trail to raise money for the seminarians. To donate to the cause, please pledge any donation amount and sponsor Blaise. If you'd like to pledge and be a sponsor, please submit your name, parish name, pledge amount, and e-mail to blaisexomara@gmail.com. This can also be done at carrythecrossfundraiser.org.

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION

Masses with the Bishop to mark significant wedding anniversaries of the faithful of the Diocese of Manchester have occurred for nearly 40 years. These important celebrations remind us all of the beauty and dignity of marriage in Christ. While it is fitting that such celebrations look differently during these unprecedented times, invoking God's blessing on those who continue to offer Christian witness by their marital union continues nonetheless! Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 25, and 50 year anniversaries to watch and unite their prayers with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, October 18 at 2 pm**. In addition to the worship aid and a special novena for marriage, couples will receive an invitation to a post-Mass virtual gathering where they will have an opportunity to speak with other couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Any questions may be directed to dmcdonald@rcbm.org. To register for the virtual celebration, please go to https://fallanniversary2020.eventbrite.com.

NH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Please join us at the start of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, for Mass celebrated by Bishop Libasci, Adoration and to pray the rosary. To participate on **October 3**, come to the Cathedral in person or log onto the Cathedral website at 8 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: OUTSIDE OF MASS

Please note the times of when Communion is distributed outside of Mass:
Saturday: 5:05–5:20 pm
Sunday: 8:15–8:30am, 10:15–10:30am, 12:30–12:45pm

NEW SCHEDULED MASS

Due to the popularity of the 4 pm Mass on Saturdays and our need to keep the crowds small, we will begin offering a 5:30 pm Mass on Saturdays until at least the end of December. Mass intentions are available for this time slot.

FOR PEACE IN ANXIETY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Loving God, we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. Shower us with the peace Jesus promised to his disciples and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out to those who need our support. We pray especially for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened. For the children who will miss meals due to school closures. For those already isolated, lonely and scared. Loving God, give them your peace, and through our hands ensure they have what they need.

Sustain, strengthen and protect all caregivers. Bless them as they offer compassionate care and show selfless courage in the face of risk.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope. Amen.

STE. MARIE'S YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meet on **Mondays, at 7pm**. If interested, people can contact Julia Scott at jfscott@wpi.edu for more information and the link to join.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 4** at 1 p.m. in the back yard of the rectory.

HOUR OF POWER HOLY HOUR

Are you looking for a great way to end your weekend and to get you ready for the week? Starting on **September 6**, join us for an Hour of Power Holy Hour. Each of these nights will consist of a guided Holy Hour, asking the Lord to open our hearts, to bring us healing, to praise Our Lord, and to seek out His protection. Each week there will be a different theme to guide us. Join us from 7 to 8 pm either in person or on the Livestream.

September 27: Prayers for our Families
October 4: Night of Praise
October 11: Prayers for our Nation
October 18: Pray for Catholic Missions
October 25: Priesthood Sunday
November 1: Prayers for the Faithful Departed

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH invites you to "Women, Faith and Art", a private viewing of select sacred art from the collections of the Currier Museum of Art on **October 5**. The Program Sacred Art is powerful; it touches the deepest spiritual longings of the men and women who create and view it. Experienced Currier Docent, Nancy Baker, will facilitate this one-hour Zoom Program at 7PM. Q & A Session will follow at 8-8:30PM. To register, please access: https://interfaithwomennh.org/ournextprogram/ where you will find registration directions and a second link to the Currier Registration location. A $5.00 fee is payable during the registration process. An automated confirmation of registration will be sent by the Currier with the Zoom Link for October 5, 2020. For additional information or questions about registration please contact Munise at 603-233-7760.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
September 19/20, 2020
Checks: $ 3,772.00
Cash: $ 1,329.00
E-Give: $ 2,457.00
Total: $ 7,558.00
Average August Weekly Collection: $8,004.66
Budgeted Weekly Collection: $10,600.00

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them..

SATURDAY	**SEPTEMBER 26**
4:00	REGGIE LACHANCE by the family
	JOHN CRESTA & MARY FLYNN by Margaret Cresta
5:30	NORMAN CHAMPAGNE by the family
	LOUIS CHARLES EDWARD MARTEL
CONFESSIONS: 2:30pm - 3:30 pm	
SUNDAY	**SEPTEMBER 27**
7:30	DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family
9:00	DIANE SOUCY by the family
	RICHARD ROWE by Pam Monahan
11:00	SANDY GOAN by Leslie & Steve Goan
	THERESE TROSKI by her daughter, Janet

MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30am

MONDAY	**SEPTEMBER 28**
	ST. WENCESLAUS, Martyr
9:00	JACK DEFREN
	CONRAD LAFOND
CONFESSIONS: 6:00pm – 7:00pm	
TUESDAY	**SEPTEMBER 29**
	STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL
9:00	PAULINE BLAIS by her husband, Ron
	RONALD CLOUTIER by Judy Labbe-Huard
WEDNESDAY	**SEPTEMBER 30**
	ST. JEROME, Priest & Dr. of the Church
9:00	STANLEY KRYSTYNIAK by the family
9:30 – 5:00pm ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
CONFESSIONS: 6:00pm – 7:00pm	
THURSDAY	**OCTOBER 1**
	ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, Virgin
9:00	JACK DEFREN
	CONRAD LAFOND
SATURDAY	**OCTOBER 3**
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
	PAULINE BLAIS by her husband, Ron
4:00	LEWIS & JOSEPHINE FRANKLIN by the DesRochers Family
	JEAN THEROUX by Real Theroux
5:30	NORMAN CHAMPAGNE by the family
	LOUIS CHARLES EDWARD MARTEL
SUNDAY	**OCTOBER 4**
7:30	GEORGE SHATFORD by his wife
	JOSEPH BONTATIBUS by the family (1st Anniv.)
9:00	KATIE MCDONOUGH by her parents
	HEALING INTENTIONS FOR LINDA WOJCESHONEK
11:00	WALTON & CECILE BARNETT by Mary Barnett
	MIKE GORDON by his wife, Shirley

Tabernacle Candle for the repose of the souls of Florence & Lawrence Laterza by Lorraine Nault

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 information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) names the process by which interested persons gradually become members of the Catholic Church. St. Catherine Parish welcomes all who believe that their journey in faith has led them to learn more about the Catholic faith, to grow in their life of prayer, and express their faith in community with others. If you know anyone whose faith journey may be prompting him/her to learn more about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. Chris at the rectory, Derick Alexandre, or Norine Calvano. Contact information for them is on the front of the bulletin. Sharing one's faith is a gift, also. **The RCIA team is looking for new members to journey with the inquirers.** If you are interested in sharing your faith, please contact Derick or Norine. No special training is necessary.

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

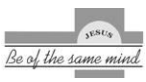
Nationwide Mass times and locations may be found online at www.Masstimes.org or call 1-800-627-7846.

VOTIVE CANDLES

You might have wondered why there are votive candles in front of Saints Mary, Joseph, and Catherine. We light a votive candle as part of our prayer, whether it's a prayer of thanksgiving, intention for someone both living or deceased, or a prayer of praise to God, and that light represents our prayer that will continue long after we have left the Church and we have gone back to our daily routine. We state our prayer and the candle represents our prayers being sought on behalf of the saint that we light the candle to. As we make our prayers, many people make a small donation for the prayers. All are welcome to use these candles as a way to keep their prayers alive.

MORTGAGE WEEKEND

This is a reminder that next weekend we will be holding our monthly collection for the Church mortgage. Special envelopes for this purpose will be in the pews. Please be generous.



CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS

The Parish Nurse is at St. Catherine Church is suspending their weekly wellness checks until further notice

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

SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 8:45 – 9:30

HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO GREET AND CLEAN AT WEEKEND MASSES

The parish is looking for volunteers to assist with greeting parishioners for weekend Masses, as well as to help clean the pews and kneelers after the service. No experience necessary, just a willingness to aid your parish in this most strange of times! Clean-up usually takes no more than 20 minutes and can take less time with more hands. If interested, please call the rectory at 622-4966.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth faith formation classes will start on **October 11**. Please, go to St Catherine's website for registration information and schedules.

RECENT DEATHS

We remember those who died recently, Julia Hallahan and Diana Glennon. May they be rewarded with eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.

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