



*The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Feast day December 8*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. JOSEPH

20 RIVER RD PITTSFIELD NH 03263/844 FIRST NH TRNPK RT4) NORTHWOOD NH 03261

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend Masses

Saturday, Dec.6

4pm Madalyn Louise Giordano by Giordano family OL

Sunday Dec.7

8am James Silva by Hauck family OL

10am For Our Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mon. Dec.8 8am- Lt. John Dunn USN. by the Dunn Family OL

6pm For Our Parishioners SJ

Tues. Dec. 9 9am OL

Wed. Dec.10 9am TBA SJ

Thurs. Dec.11 8am TBA OL

Fri. Dec. 12 9am TBA SJ

Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 13

4pm TBA OL

Sunday, December 14

8am TBA OL

10am For Our Parishioners SJ

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget Requirement: \$ 4,000

November 30th Offering-\$3,108.

November 23rd Offering \$3,155.

Human Development \$761.

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Lay Ministries	Dec. 6/7	Dec.13/14
4:00 PM	Donna Brown	Ben Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Ann Boisvert	Karen Cote
10:00 AM	Pauline Marston	Betsy Bosiak

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie-Pastor
Ellen Barbasso-Secretary
Debbie Wheeler-Bookkeeper
Kathi Thoms-Religious Ed. Coordinator.
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OFFICE HOURS- MON.—FRI. 8AM-12PM

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Parish Online Giving Code



READINGS

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Culturally Catholic **By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Our Lady of Lourdes — Tues. 9am & Thurs. at 8am,
St. Joseph's — Wed. & Fri. at 9am
First Saturdays: Our Lady of Lourdes — 8am —
Every Saturday at 4pm
Saturdays at St. Joseph — 5:30pm
(Memorial Day - Columbus Day)
Sundays: Our Lady of Lourdes 8am & St. Joseph 10am

Confessions

Saturday 3-3:45 at OLOL
Sundays before and after the 10am Mass at SJ by request

Baptism

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or at St. Joseph. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

Parish Ministries

Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals —
Drive up take-out dinners are offered every Monday at 4:00

The Clothes Closet Open—
2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 2:30-3:30
Open Thursdays 12am-1pm
First Saturday of the month 9:30 – 10:30

The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry -
The pantry is located at the Congregational Church. The parish will offer prayers, monetary donations and food drives, supporting the needs of the food pantry.

Serving God, Our Parish and Our Community.
Our Lady of Lourdes-St Joseph's Church
Parish Center

Religious Education Coordinator- **Kathy Thoms**

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Knights of Columbus®

The Parish Knights of Columbus wishes to heartily thank the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph's who contributed so generously to our Holiday Gift Card collection . Our goal was to purchase 168 , \$25.00 supermarket gift cards . Thanks to you , we surpassed our goal and were able to purchase 247 gift cards . The gift cards were purchased and given to Food Pantries in ; Pittsfield , Chichester , Epsom and Northwood , based on their needs . Thank you all so very , very much .

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Our Lady of Lourdes-Tuesday mornings - following the 9am Mass. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Thursdays, 5:30pm.-Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, as we pray for our nation, our parish, our families, and peace for our world

St. Joseph Church - Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm for Adoration, quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament . Come at 6 or whenever you can make it, and leave whenever you want.

A Blessing is awaiting you!



Christmas Cookie Project! Dec14.

We need volunteers to donate 3 dozen of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies.

Please sign up in church. Cookies can be dropped off at the parish center on Friday, Dec 12 from 8-2pm; Sunday, Dec 14, 8-11am

Volunteers are needed to package the festive cookies after the 10:00 Mass on Dec 14.

The Christmas cookie tins are then distributed to the Community Kitchen families.

We need at least 30 dozen cookies!

Advent Deanery Penance Service Sunday, December 14, 2pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 180 Loudon Road, Concord

The Catholic Church offers additional opportunities to receive the sacrament of confession during the Advent season to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.(Priests from our local parishes are available to hear confessions).

Retirement Congratulations

I invite you to join with me in extending our heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to Mrs. Ellen Barbasso as she retires from her role as Parish Office Manager, a position she has faithfully held for the past ten years.

During this decade of dedicated service, Ellen has been a steady and welcoming presence in our parish office—answering calls, guiding parishioners, supporting our clergy, coordinating the many details of parish life, and doing countless “hidden” tasks that kept everything running smoothly. With her kindness, patience, and compassion, she has reflected the love of Christ to all who crossed our threshold or called our office. Ellen’s work has been far more than a job; it has been a true ministry. Through busy seasons, sacramental preparations, bulletin deadlines, and the everyday needs of our parish family, she has served with generosity and quiet perseverance. For this, we are profoundly thankful. As Ellen steps into retirement, we pray that the Lord will bless her with good health, peace, and many joyful years ahead. May this new chapter be filled with rest, time with loved ones, and the continued joy of serving God in new ways. Thank you, Ellen, for your ten years of devoted service to our parish. You will always be a cherished part of our parish family.

Truly grateful,

Fr. John

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8
Our Lady of Lourdes - 8:00am
St. Joseph Church - 6:00pm



A big Thank you to all who donated to the Giving Tree!
All the very thoughtful gifts will be very much appreciated by the those who receive them

Christmas Caroling

Please join us this Sunday, December 7, 2:00pm at the Epsom Nursing Home. We supply hats, music, and jingle bells!

