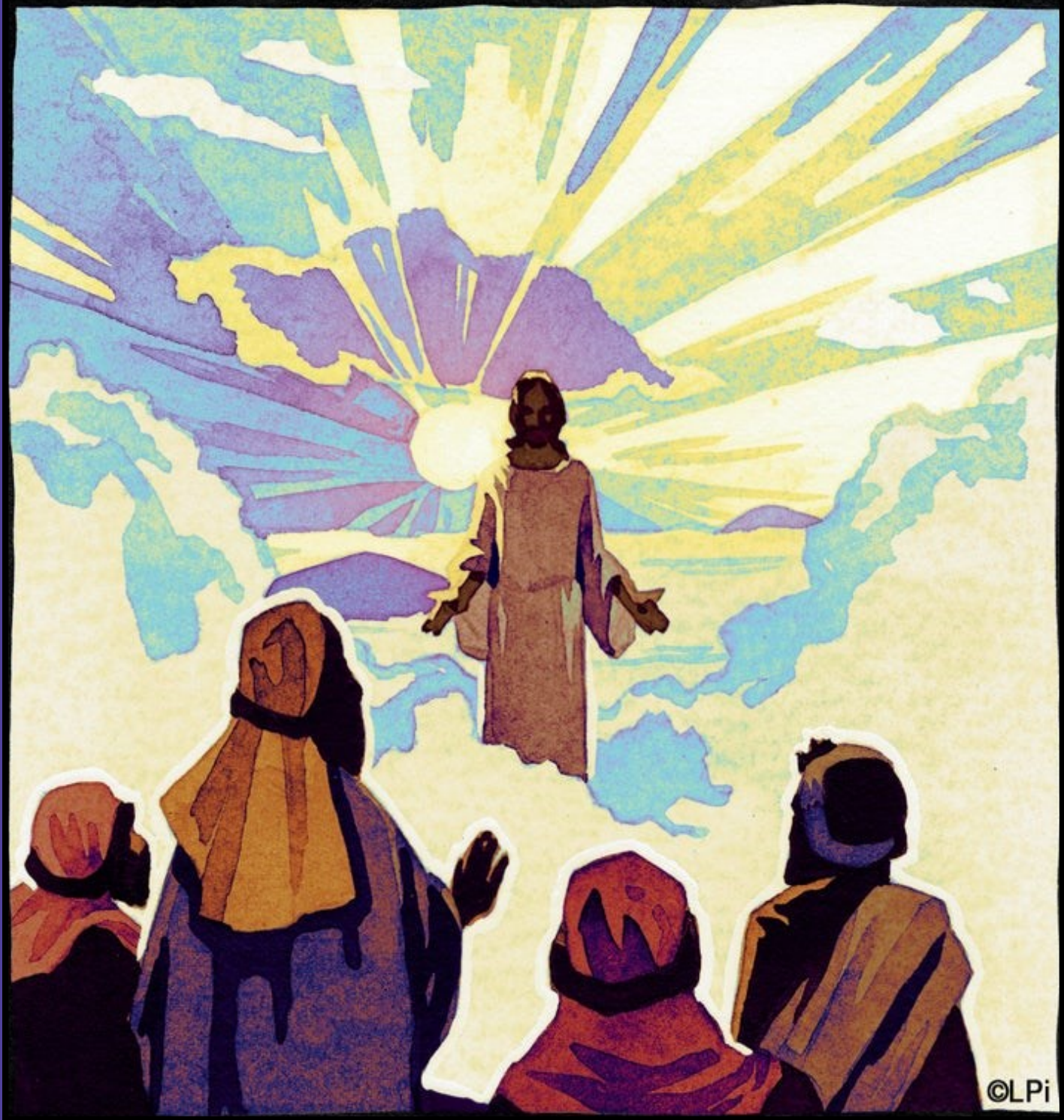




OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. JOSEPH

**20 RIVER RD PITTSFIELD NH 03263 FIRST NH TURNPIKE (RT4)
NORTHWOOD NH 03261**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 17 2026**

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, May 16

4pm For Our Parishioners OL

Sunday May 17

8am For Our Parishioners OL

10am Stacy Marie Odette-Bissell by Fr. John SJ

Weekday Masses

Mon. May 18– No Mass OL

Tues. May 19 9am TBA OL

Wed. May 20 9am TBA SJ

Thurs. May 21 9am Marie Rose Belanger by Alice Belanger SJ

Fri. May 22 9am TBA SJ

Weekend Masses

Saturday, May 23

4pm For Our Parishioners

5:30pm For Our Parishioners OL

Sunday, May 24

8am TBA OL

10am Dionetta Gagnon by the family SJ

**Weekly amount needed to meet
Budget Requirement: \$ 5,000**

6th Sunday of Easter-\$2,722.

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

Lay Ministries	May 16/17	May 23/24
4:00 PM	Peter Shillinger	Donna Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	Chris Garcia
8 AM	Anne Boisvert	Richard Manzi
10:00 AM	Jennifer Klingensmith	Teresa Bascom

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Our Lady of Lourdes — Tues. 9am & Thurs. at 9am,

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
Online
Giving Code**



READINGS

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When Words Fail
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son became.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

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PARISH STAFF

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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

Contact Phone: 603-397-8016
Email: kathyt_o@hotmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph's Faith Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.

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!

Volunteer Opportunity: Youth Ministry Program

Our Youth Ministry is in need of passionate and dedicated volunteers to help guide and support our young people in their faith journey. If you have a heart for serving others and would like to make a difference in the lives of our youth, we invite you to join the Faith Formation Team!

We are looking for individuals who are committed to leading monthly youth ministry activities and service projects. No prior experience is necessary—just a love for God and a desire to help our youth grow in their faith!

For more information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Thoms at (603) 397-8016 or kathyt_0@hotmail.com. We look forward to working together to make a positive impact on the lives of our youth!

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." – Mark 10:14

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve!

Sanctuary Lamp

Using the Sanctuary Lamp is a special way to remember a deceased love one or to honor or celebrate a special event. The Sanctuary Lamp remembrance begins on Sunday and ends on the Saturday of that week. If you are interested in sponsoring the lamp please include who the intention is for and (optional) who it is requested by. Drop the information in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Lamp". The suggested donation is \$10 for the week



The Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady of Lourdes is offered for
Dominic Emil Langdon Toepfer by the Young family

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Joseph is offered for
Peace in the U.S. & around the world



Emmaus Men's Ministry

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

Men's prayer and small group scripture reflection.
All Are Welcome.

Please check the website for weather cancelations

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of marriage in 2026 to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries.



The Mass will be held on Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.

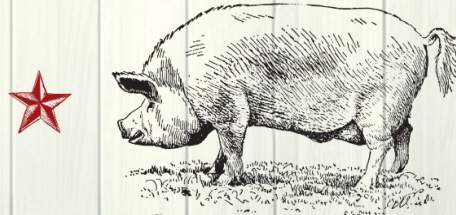


To register, please contact your parish office by May 15th. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information.



Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration.

To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this summer!



FOR THE RMA PIG ROAST



SATURDAY



JUNE 6TH | 12 NOON

Parish Center - 842 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood

TICKETS

\$20 per adult

\$10 per child

5 and under eat free

REGISTER



HERE!

Call (603) 942-8716 for more details.



The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Baby Bottle Campaign which started on Mother's Day and will end on Father's Day. If you haven't picked up your baby bottles there is still time to do so.

All proceeds will be donated to the Care Women's Center in Concord, NH to help pregnant mothers and babies.



...AND ABRAHAM WENT FORTH INTO THE LAND OF CANINE



The CARTOON KRONICLES

