



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 22, 2018

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

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Pastor: *Rev Paul Bouchard*

Deacon: *Mr. John Castelot*



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 21st

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: For the intentions of Joseph Peter Abaid req by his grandmother Rose Abaid

SUNDAY, April 22nd

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: Jeffrey St Peter req by the Stimpson family

10:30AM: Jeanne Chiasson Synan req by Tom & Elaine Lamb

MONDAY, April 23rd

NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 24th

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, April 25th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, April 26th

NO MASS

FRIDAY, April 27th

NO MASS

SATURDAY, April 28th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: Robert Bianchin req by his wife

SUNDAY, April 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: For all parishioners

10:30AM: Al Iannacone req by his wife & family

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have booked a Mass and would like for you or your family to bring up the gifts at that Mass, please let one of the ushers know before Mass begins.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 15th: \$5008.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for April 21st through April 27th is lit in memory of **Olive Varell**.

If you are interested in having the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a loved one, please call the parish office at 424-3757.



Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 AM
and anticipated vigil: 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3:00 pm and by appointment.

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 22nd

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Bishop Libasci asks that you join with him in prayer that those who are discerning their life's vocation listen to the voice of God to guide them. This is the 55th anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. For more information, visit www.catholicnh.org/vocations.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Warren Liberty & Diane Williams**.



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of Warren & Diane. We pray that the God of compassion be with you during this time of sorrow and that He welcomes Warren & Diane into His eternal kingdom of peace.

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION
SUMMER PROGRAM (Grades 1 through 5) SAVE THE DATE**

Our Summer Program for 2018 will run from **July 16 through July 27th** for students in grades 1 through 5. Classes will meet on the parish property Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 11:45 am.

Registrations will be sent home with students who now attend the fall/winter programs and will be mailed to those who attended the Summer Program or the At Home program.

We will begin registering in late April. You may mail back your child's registration form or you may also register and make your payment on our website at www.olmnh.org.

**GRADES 6 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL—EDGE AND LIFETEEN
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS**

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program which provides a fun safe place for middle school students to find community, get answers to their faith questions and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. It answers the unique needs of this age group while providing deeply impactful resources.

Lifeteen leads high schoolers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church. Its mission is to bring teens to Christ in the Eucharist and gather them to be formed in the Roman Catholic faith.

Both these programs will run throughout the summer on a casual basis. Come when you can. There will be no attendance taken and the only requirement is that you are a registered member of Our Lady of Mercy. Student in grades 6 through 8 are invited to attend the Edge Program and students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to attend Lifeteen. **Please check out our website at www.olmnh.org for a schedule of when each program meets.**

Our next session to be held is LIFETEEN on April 29th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the newly confirmed and their families. The Confirmation Rite ceremony was indeed a special and spiritual experience. Everyone looked great with smiles everywhere. We wish you all the best as you continue to grow in the faith. We were extremely proud of all, Confirmandi, sponsors and parents.



We extend a sincere thank you to our Faith Formation Team, Catechists and parents for their hard work, dedication, patience and commitment to the program. We all enjoyed being part of your student's growth in the faith.

Wednesday People

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (next Sunday) present us with the question, *What does it mean to live in Jesus?* If we place ourselves in the gospel reading where Jesus refers to Himself as the vine, then we are the branches of the vine. We are challenged to ask ourselves, *What kind of branch am I? Am I dead wood in need of pruning? Do I bear good fruit?* **We are destined to please God, and bear abundant fruit.** To become all of that we need continual pruning and nourishment by God.

This will be the focus of discussion for the people who meet on Wednesday. You are invited to join in the discussion—Wednesday, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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**Home, Health &
Hospice Foot Clinic**



On **April 26th from 8:30am to 1:00 pm**, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Foot Care Clinic in our Church Hall operated by the qualified nurses of Home, Health and Hospice Care. The cost is \$28.00 and is payable by cash or check at the time of the appointment.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please call Home Health and Hospice Care at 882-2941. For a full schedule visit our website at www.hhhc.org.

April—Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all adults who regularly work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete background checks. Recently, we began renewing these background checks every 4 years. This is just one of the efforts undertaken by our diocese to protect children!

New Hampshire Reporting Requirements

Did you know? In New Hampshire, it is the responsibility of all adults (not just doctors, school counselors, therapists, ministers, etc.) to report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor (a child under the age of 18) to the Division for Children, Youth & Families (800-894-5533). Failure to report suspected abuse or neglect is a misdemeanor.

For more information, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

St. Andrew Dinner

The next round of St. Andrew Dinners will be held over the next few months. These dinners are for young men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. They run from 6 to 8 pm with evening prayer, dinner and casual conversation. Please RSVP for these dinners to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcb.org or call 663-0153.

Age 14-18: April 27 Joseph House, Manchester

Age 25+: May 25 Joseph House, Manchester

Age 19-24: June 1 at St. Joseph Parish in Epping

120 Club Winners - Congratulations

Week #11: Sandra Bagge & Diane Monahan

Putting Faith to Work...

There are many ministries in the Church. Today we would like to focus on two liturgical ministries: "Reader" and "Minister of Holy Communion".

Reader: When we gather for liturgy, it is essential that we hear the Word of God proclaimed. It is a great honor to proclaim the words of scripture, because it is the reader's voice that becomes the voice of God in our midst.

Minister of Communion: At every Mass, Ministers of Holy Communion assist in distributing the Eucharist in a reverent and orderly manner. If you feel called to serve as a Minister of Communion and have been confirmed in the faith, you may receive preparation to fulfill the role of minister.

If the Spirit is calling you to ministry, please call the parish office and speak with Marie (424-3757) .

JUST VISITING

"When was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 39-40

A Forum Concerning County Jail Incarceration in NH

**Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 12:30 until 3:00 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ordway Hall, Concord**

You Should Come if You Wonder:

Who goes to jail in NH, why they are there, What happens to them, How long they stay, what programs are available while they are there, what helps people not return once they leave, about probation and parole, what is "just", who can visit, how to volunteer, ways to respond.

Congratulations and Good Luck!!

One of our altar servers, John Hilliard, was part of a competition for National History Day. His overall theme was Conflict and Compromise in history and he chose the topic of Child Labor. He showed the impacts of Child Labor on individuals as well as the laws put into place because of this.

He won his school competition for the best exhibit and went to the state competition that was held at Plymouth State University. He received first place at that competition and is now going on to Nationals. The national competition is being held from June 10th to the 14th at the University of Maryland. Congratulations John and best of luck at nationals.

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