

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

Help Souls on their way to Heaven

When Fr. Von gets called to anoint people who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for them.

If you would like to join this ministry or want more information, contact Fr. Von at fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4PM

Sunday

8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday

8am

Friday

No Mass

First Friday and First Saturday

8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day

8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Wednesday

8:30-9:30am

2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3pm to 3:30pm

or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and participate in a baptismal catechetical session prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 28
4pm **Walter Godosky**, 8th Anniversary,
requested by Rick, Gail & family

Sunday January 29
8am **Marietta Genereux**, 22nd
Anniversary, requested by her
daughters Andrea & Genereux
10:30am **John Lawlor, Jr.** "Birthday
Remembrance" requested by
Pat Lawlor
Rev. James Harrington requested
by John & Carol Slavin
6pm **Judy Toupin** requested by Donna
Smith

Monday January 30
8am **Albert Guilbeault**, 1st
Anniversary, requested by his
daughter Connie

Tuesday January 31
8am **Mary & Edward Lynch** requested
by Lillian
Rev. Maurice Lacroix

Wednesday February 1
8am **Philip Crete** "Birthday
Remembrance" requested by his
niece Robin Letendre
Rev. John Wright

Thursday February 2
8am **William J. Chevalier** requested
by Armand & Joan Berard

Friday February 3
8am **Bernard & Thibault Families**
requested by their family
"Birthday Blessings" for **Bernie
Thibault** requested by a friend

Saturday February 4
8am **Leon Bousquet** requested by his
daughter Patty Kennedy
4pm **Evelyn Landry Guerin** requested
by the Bedard family

Sunday February 5
8am **Hudson & DiGiantommaso
Families** requested by their family
Mary Mullen requested by Pat &
Ron Nowakowski
10:30am **Clint Updyke**, 8th Anniversary,
requested by Barbara, Adam &
Sean
6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in **\$8,700** per week.

Parish Collections for the following week:

Offertory 1/22/17 \$6,827

Faith Life \$1,532

Total funds collected for this week for
parish expenses \$8,359

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 5 Catholic School Week

This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for Catholic elementary and junior high schools.

Feb. 12 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Feb. 19 Utility

This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School

Feb. 26 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 5 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Emile Deschene, 3rd Anniversary, by his wife & children

Blessing of the Throats will take place on the weekend of February 4th & 5th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 29

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, January 30

Catholic Apologetics, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Tuesday, January 31

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 1

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, February 2

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, February 3

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the chapel



A special thank you to those who are leaving Pastoral Council for their years of service: Cara-Jean Donaghey, Danielle Paquette and Ginnie Thesier. We welcome our newest members: Allyson Condon and Normand Aubin to Pastoral Council. For a list of members who are on Pastoral Council, please look on our parish website.

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on February 4th. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. In addition, we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the church.

SAVE THE DATE for our Parish Mission, it will be held on March 6th through March 8th at 7:00 PM.

LDSH RETREAT

All women of the parish are invited to attend this year's Little Daughters of the Sacred Heart Retreat, which will be held on February 17th-19th, at the Bethania II Marian Retreat Center in Medway, MA. Our theme this year is "Pour Love In" and our speakers will be Fr. "Pat" Patenaude from La Salette Shrine in Attleboro, MA as well as the well-known author and speaker Heidi Bratton.

For more information, please visit our website www.littledaughters.org or contact Marie Thibodeau at scr.hrt4me@gmail.com

First Friday Mass is this Friday, February 3rd at 8:00 AM

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, February 4th at 8:00 AM

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Understanding what we **believe** so we can share it with others.

Topics and Dates

Confession and Purgatory – January 30

Scandals in the Church

and other questions – February 6

Join us any or all of these **Monday nights at 7:00 PM** in the K of C Hall located in the basement of the church.

DIVORCECARE IS COMING TO SOUTHERN NH

DivorceCare is a support group within a 13-week video-assisted course that helps you to find healing from the pain, anger, depression, fears of Separation or Divorce. It gives you Hope and the Tools to move on in your life, while helping you to grow closer to God at the same time. The 13-week course is free. Required workbook is \$20.00. Scholarships are available. Course starts Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH. To register call 508-982-9104 or email at JoeDoc222@aol.com

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

In the Gospel today, Jesus begins His “Sermon on the Mount: with the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes (which comes from the word that means “Blessed”) turn upside-down the values of the world. “Blessed are they who mourn” seems all wrong from a worldly perspective, since I usually don’t feel happy or blessed when I’m mourning! Yet, Jesus invites us to look at life from a Heavenly perspective. A quick overview of the Beatitudes:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” One commentator translates this “How fortunate those who beg for their life’s very breath!” (*Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word* Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis). How happy you are if you do not delude yourself in to thinking that you are self-sufficient, but realize you cannot do anything lasting on your own. How happy you are when you rely totally and explicitly and constantly on God, since He is the One who provides for all. By your dependence on God – and not on your own power, wisdom, merits or good works – you will inherit the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.” How happy, how fortunate are they who are not so self-engrossed that they cannot feel and express sorrow at the death of someone. To love is to will the good of the other, without looking at what *I* receive. When death happens, blessed are those who have loved enough, have gone beyond themselves enough, that they feel the loss. Jesus says that they, and only they, will be comforted – God Himself enters our pain and suffering, God Himself wipes away the tears from our eyes (Isaiah 25:8).

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.” Meekness in this context doesn’t mean a contented passivity, but an openness, a disposition of goodwill ready to build up and re-create each situation. This means that I am not simply a doormat for people, but I don’t fight violence with violence. Rather, we return a blessing when we are cursed, prayers and love when we are reviled and hated. In recognizing that God’s Hand and Will can be in each and every situation, we become true heirs, for we are ready to welcome everything as *gift*.

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.” Righteousness or justice means *holiness*. Holiness is not an ethereal concept, but the concrete work of conforming our mind and actions to God’s Will, God’s Mind and Heart. To hunger and thirst for holiness means to *long for* God’s Will, His Justice to be done in this world. If this is the deepest longing of our hearts, we will be satisfied by God Himself!

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” As we have just finished the Year of Mercy, and are still working on our “Million Acts of Mercy,” we recognize God’s presence in mercy – His other name is “Mercy”! Jesus says we receive mercy *if and only if* we are merciful. May we grow in mercy!

“Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.” To be clean or pure of heart is to be focused on the “one thing necessary”. When our only desire is to seek God, then we see Him in each circumstance and situation. All things are pure for those who are pure.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Remember that God’s peace is not simply an absence of conflict or violence. This is the best peace the world can give. No, God’s peace goes deeper than a “negative” – a lack of violence. God’s peace is “positive” which brings wholeness. Those who actively work to bring this *wholeness* to others and the world are children of God – they are *like God*.

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” A hard saying. Those who are persecuted for holiness are truly happy, fortunate, blessed. Have you ever had this happen, that people look at you funny because of the ashes on your forehead on Ash Wednesday, or stare at you because you make the sign of the cross and pray grace before meals at a restaurant, or when you don’t “fall in line” with the culture as they redefine marriage and sexuality? Jesus says, in this persecution, you are in the Kingdom (an “already, not yet” reality).

Finally, **“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”** Jesus now redirects the Beatitudes from a general “they” to a specific “you”. To follow Him means not if but *when* they insult *you* and persecute *you*, and speak false evils against *you* because of Him. We have seen this in the history of Christianity, and will continue to see it. Jesus says, “REJOICE!” Our reward is coming. Don’t get discouraged, but continue to follow closely! IT WILL BE WORTH THE PERSECUTION!

LIFT WORSHIP NIGHT

Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua, NH invites you to an inspiring night of worship on **Tuesday, February 21st from 7:00-9:00 PM** with speaker Fr. Matt Williams. **Free and open to all ages.** For more information visit: <http://www.iccnashuanh.org/news/lift> or contact Fatima Walsh at 603-888-0321, x266 fatima@iccnashuanh.org

Join other men in the **Four Men Prayer Groups**, an effort to bring paralytics (souls in need of Christ's love and mercy) conversion and healing. No meetings required, just a set of daily reparatory prayers. Learn more online at www.thefourmen.info or contact Al Lemieux at al@lemieux-design.net

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

He said to them, come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. At once, they left their nets and followed him. Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

- ___ Instruct the uninformed
- ___ Counsel the doubtful
- ___ Admonish sinners
- ___ Comfort the sorrowful
- ___ Bear wrongs patiently
- ___ Forgive offenses
- ___ Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

- ___ Feed the hungry
- ___ Clothe the naked
- ___ Give drink to the thirsty
- ___ Shelter the homeless
- ___ Comfort the imprisoned
- ___ Visit the sick
- ___ Bury the Dead

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP DATES

February 4th – Youth Group 7:00-8:30 PM

February 18th – Youth Group 7:00-8:30 PM

February 21st – LIFT Praise and Worship Night at Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua, NH

March 4th – Youth Group 7:00-8:30 PM

March 18th – Merrimack Valley Catholic Youth Conference for grades 8-12 from 11:30 AM to 7:00 PM at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, MA.

Please register by February 24th

LOWELL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

Lowell Catholic Elementary School will be hosting a series of Open House events over the next few months. The first event will be held on Sunday, January 29th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The second will be held on Tuesday, February 7th from 6:00-7:30 PM and the third on Thursday, March 2nd from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.

For more information, on these events or to inquire about the Lowell Catholic Elementary application process, please visit www.lowellcatholic.org/admissions or email Ms. Kristina Hills, Director of Admissions at admission@lowellcatholic.org

OPEN HOUSE AT NASHUA CATHOLIC REGIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**Thursday, February 2, 2017
from 6:30-8:00 PM**

Open House starts in our gym at 6 Bartlett Avenue, Nashua, NH. Opportunities to meet our teachers, coaches, and parents, discuss curriculum, see student activity, and tour our facility will follow. Nashua Catholic offers 7th and 8th graders a rigorous, Catholic based curriculum and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and colleges. Our commitment to student service activity, and three seasons of Tri-Country League athletic participation round out each student's day at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School.