



Parish Community of Saint Joseph

VERY REVEREND MARC B. DROUIN, V.F. , PASTOR
 P.O. BOX 285, BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03220
 (603) 267-8174 Fax (603) 267-1170 stjoebel@metrocast.net
 Saint Joseph Parish Website Address: <http://www.stjosephbelmont.org/>

Mission Statement - Ours is a faith community which is welcoming, family oriented, and spiritually vital. We seek to provide each person with the opportunity to experience spiritual growth by developing a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to serve the community by making present the person of Jesus and his Gospel message. We seek to attract others to enter into our parish family by rejoicing in the resurrection and living what we profess to believe.

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
 Weekdays: No Daily Masses scheduled at this time.
 Holy Days: 6:00 p.m.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is typically celebrated at Sunday Liturgy. Parents attend a Baptismal catechesis session prior to scheduling. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Marriages: Please call the Parish Office for an appointment prior to scheduling any date. Diocesan policies require at least six months preparation time before Marriage is celebrated.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by contacting the Parish Office.

Ministry to Homebound and Hospitalized: Kindly notify the Parish Office when anyone cannot attend Mass so we can visit or bring Holy Eucharist.

New parishioners:

We welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish!
 Registration forms are available at the Church entrance or at the Parish Office, which is located at 6 High Street in Belmont. Please register as soon as possible.

Making Estate Plans? Consider remembering St. Joseph Parish, Belmont in your will.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held in the Parish Hall.

Please refer to schedule inside bulletin for days and times.

Christian Initiation for Adults and Children:
 Very Rev. Marc B. Drouin, V.F. 267-8174
 Rev. Monsignor Richard B. Thompson 267-8174
 Coordinator for Family and Youth Formation and Education:
 Wanda Gilson 267-8174

TELEPHONE LISTINGS

PARISH OFFICE (M-Th 8:30 am to 4 pm) Closed on Fridays
 Adrienne Mazzei, Secretary 267-8174
 Church Hall & Sacristy 267-8648
 Parish Ministries
 Pastoral Council
 Al Nix 524-6834
 Finance Council
 Don McLelland 387-4358
 Parish Liturgical Ministries/Scheduling
 Lucille Leroux 267-8105

Music Director
 Jeanne Breton 524-8469
 Sacristan
 Janet Leroux 267-8105
 Sexton
 Mark Messier 267-8174
 Cursillo/Ultreya
 Lionel & Annette Maurier 279-4320
 Separated/Divorced Support Group
 Ginny Timmons 581-9559
 Knights of Columbus
 Robert R. Leroux, Council 10,943
 Robert Chapman 630-0874
 Scripture Sharing
 Martha Levesque 267-6101
 Community Assistance
 St. Francis Nursing Home 524-0466
 N.H. Catholic Charities 528-3035
 St. Vincent de Paul Society 524-5470
 Catholic Schools
 Bishop Brady High School 224-7418
 Holy Trinity School 524-3156
 St. John Regional School 225-3222

Answering Our Call To Discipleship



Saturday, March 9 - Vigil of 1st Sunday of Lent
 4:30 Intentions of the Celebrant

Sunday, March 10 - 1st Sunday of Lent
 Dt 26: 4-10/Rom 10: 8-13/Lk 4: 1-13
 9:30 Estelle Greenwood by Carol Seely and
 Anne Lambert by the Andersen family

Monday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday
 Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Mt 25: 31-46
 8:30 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia

Tuesday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday
 Is 55: 10-11/Mt 6: 7-15
 5 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia, followed by
 Confession

Wednesday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday
 Jon 3: 1-10/Lk 11: 29-32
 8 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia
 6 pm Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Belmont

Thursday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday
 Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7: 7-12
 8 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church Laconia

Friday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday
 Ez 18: 21-28/Mt 5: 20-26
 5 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Saturday, March 16 - Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent
 4:30 Merilda Leroux by her daughters

Sunday, March 17 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/Phil 3: 17--4:1/Lk 9: 28b-36
 9:30 Joan Lewandoski by her family and Barbara Tremblay
 by Chet and Joanne Stevens by her family

**FOR THE WEEKEND OF
 March 2-3, 2019**

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Your Offerings | \$5,101.00 |
| Building Fund | \$1,826.00 |
| Vanco | 675.88 |



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Parish Budget requires weekly offertory income of \$5,300 per week. In the past, we have been able to offset that requirement by drawing on other revenue resources i.e. Christmas Fair, 300 Club, Bake Sales, Yard/Tag sales, etc.

As a parish, all expenses should be paid by the offertory income and not by fundraisers. Fundraisers should be used for savings and incidentals that arise that are not budgeted. I would like to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their offertory pledge in thanksgiving to God for all that God has done for you, through the gift of his son Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generosity and continued dedication to our Parish.
 God Bless, Fr. Marc

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Do you have a couple of hours to spare during your weekly schedule?

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help make up and distribute the boxes of food on Monday mornings from 9 am to 11 and on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm.

If you have 1 or 2 hours available, please call the parish office.

Thank you for your generous support of the Saint Joseph Parish Food Pantry.

CHURCH LANDSCAPING PROJECT

The Parish has contracted with the Belknap Landscape Company to repair the front entryway of the church to include the steps, brick patio under the portico and the gap between the patio and walkway.

The planned work and landscaping will be completed in the spring when the weather is more favorable.

Thanks to all who continue to donate to the Capital Campaign.

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Music for the Liturgy

Gathering:

Hold us in your Mercy

Psalm Response:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

Preparation of the Gifts: Beyond the Days #125

Mass Responses: Mass of Creation

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Holy | #872 |
| When We Eat this Bread | #873 |
| Amen | #874 |
| Lamb of God | #875 |

Communion: On Eagle's Wings #436

Closing: In These Days of Lenten Journey #128

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Lk 4:6a, 7-8

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

Men of St. Joseph Mass and Breakfast

Bishop Libasci invites men of the Diocese of Manchester to Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral on March 16 to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of our diocese.

Saturday, March 16, 2019 at St. Joseph Cathedral Manchester, NH 7:30 - 10:30 A.M.

To register for the event go to mensbreakfast2019.eventbrite.com

Open seating for Holy Mass. Seating for breakfast is limited to the first 275 registrants. Cost is \$10.00.

For Information Contact: Bill Donroe, 432-6066, bdonroe@comcast.net

Welcome to Father John!

Fr. Dick will be away for the next few weeks and we are pleased to announce that we will have Fr. John Nwagbaroacha assisting us on the weekends. Fr. John is the Chaplain at Dartmouth Hospital and has graciously agreed to join us on weekends to assist with Masses both here in Belmont and St. Andre Bessette in Laconia

We hope you will take the opportunity to say hello and welcome to our visitor!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Our parish began a program that encourages families and individuals to pray for vocations. The packet containing a crucifix, instructions, and prayers for the week to assist your daily prayer is handed out to volunteers at the conclusion of each weekend Mass.

New volunteers are still needed on both Saturdays and Sundays, so please sign up on the list provided in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Please contact Leonard Campbell at 455-1105 or by email at lsoup03@gmail.com.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

One of the most compassionate and hospitable things we do as a community is to host families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Breakfast or lunch is available in the Parish Hall following the Funeral Liturgy.

We are looking for Volunteers to CONTRIBUTE FOOD items, (salads, sandwiches, or finger desserts).

We are also looking for HELPERS to make sure things are set-up (place tablecloths and placemats, arrange food on platters, place food on buffet tables, etc.) and made ready for families, and to help clean things up after.

We all work as a team, so helpers are called on to serve in a particular sequence that spreads out the work and time commitment. **If you would like to volunteer for the Bereavement Ministry, please call the Parish Office at 267-8174**

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

If you would like an "end of year" statement of your contributions to the parish for 2018, please make a note on your envelope or call the parish office.

To look up your donations through Vanco:

1. Log in through your account with Vanco with your email address and password;
2. Click the summary tab;
3. In the second box, My Transaction History, enter the date range 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018 and click search;
4. Right click and choose print;
5. You will have to add your contributions for a total.



RESTORE • REVIVE • REJOICE
Saint Joseph Parish, Belmont, NH

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Current total of pledges collected is 190,529!

Thank you to all who have pledged and are making our campaign a success.

MARCH 10, 2019

G.I.F.T.



Growing in Faith Together at St. Joseph Parish

Monthly sessions are held for family faith formation. All sessions begin with a meal and a time of fellowship followed by age appropriate engaging catechesis.

9th & 10th: Sundays

10:45 am - 1:15 pm - Apr 7th

If you have not already turned in your Baptismal record and sponsor form please do so as soon as possible. Deadline for Confirmation name is April 1st.

K-8: Sundays 10:45 am - 1:15 pm

Mar. 10th, Apr. 14th

1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT
SAT. MARCH 16TH 8:30 AM- 2:30 PM
AT ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH CTR
277 UNION AVE. LACONIA, NH

***For more information, please visit our
webpage at stjosephbelmont.org***

On the days that Faith Formation is held and there are storms predicted, please check the weather cancellations on the WMUR website for the latest news about Faith Formation.



MARCH 10, 2019



Sunday, March 10

9:30 MASS (Church) followed by Faith Formation

Monday, March 11

8:30 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia

7 pm Choir Rehearsal (church)

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 am Men's Morning Prayer (church)

5 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia, followed by Confession

7 pm RCIA (hall)

Wednesday, March 13

8 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia

8:30 24 Hour Adoration 8:30 am Wednesday through 7:30 am Thursday - Saint Joseph Church - Laconia

6 pm Mass at Saint Joseph Parish, Belmont

Thursday, March 14

8 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Laconia

Friday, March 15

5 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

6 pm Stations followed by Soup Supper

Saturday, March 16

4:30 pm MASS (Church)



PASCHAL CANDLE

Donations to help defray the cost of the new Paschal Candle for the Easter Season are welcome.

Contact the Parish Office at 267-8174 for details.

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

ATTENTION PARENTS

Would you please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass.

This is for their safety and your peace of mind.

Thank you for your assistance.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VITA)

The Laconia VITA site needs Intake Specialist and Tax Preparers for the upcoming tax season starting late January. Low and moderate-income individuals and families avoid costly tax preparation fees and claim helpful tax credits with this service. Intake Specialists greet tax filers, conduct an intake review to make sure all documents are present for a complete and accurate tax return, and offer resources for other financial needs filers may have. Tax Preparers need not have previous tax or finance experience, just computer aptitude, a willingness to learn, and can volunteer a few hours a week or every other week from late January to mid April.

To volunteer please contact Cathy Dumais at 603-528-4295, or cdumais@metrocast.net

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Cornerstone community of Holy Trinity Parish, Plymouth, NH, cordially invites you to join us for our 2019 Women's Cornerstone Retreat at the Silver Fox Inn located in beautiful Waterville Valley. Our theme this year is "Seeking Paths to Holiness". The retreat begins on Friday evening May 3rd and ends at noon on Sunday, May 5th. While each of us in on our own personal faith journey our destination is the same. Our Lord Jesus Christ has tasked us all with living holy lives, serving others and being the hands and feet of Christ to those around us. Come deepen your relationship with Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith. For more information on the retreat and registration please contact Simone Cushing at (603) 279-0223 or Marilyn Oliver at (603) 786-9726. Brochures and registration forms are available in the back of the church.

SAINT GIANNA'S PLACE NEWS

St. Gianna's Place, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a benefit banquet on May 1 from 5:30 pm - 9:15 pm at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, Manchester, NH. Our guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. Reservations are \$60 per person / \$600 per table before March 15, and \$65 per person / \$650 per table thereafter.

Make checks payable to St. Gianna's Place and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit stgiannasplace.org for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

We are celebrating our 70th Anniversary as a parish, February 19, 1949 – February 19, 2019.

We will plan a special celebration in the spring when the landscaping is finished and the Florida folks have returned. The date will be determined.

Janet Leroux is putting together a history of the Parish, which will appear in the bulletin in several parts. Please refer to Part 4 in this week's bulletin.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 267-8174 and let us know your room number.



Because of Federal Privacy laws, the Parish is not made aware of any hospital admissions and therefore cannot get any information from the hospital in order for a priest to visit you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in a spiritual desert? Bring life to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA and June 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

CASA of NH

CASA of NH trains concerned citizens to advocate for abused and neglected children in the Courts. There are children in your community waiting for someone to speak on their behalf. Your common sense, commitment to children, and a contribution of about 15 hours a month will help ensure a child grows up in a safe, permanent home.

To become a CASA volunteer and help the children in your community, please call 800-626-0622, email speakup@casanh.org or apply at www.casanh.org/onlineapplication. Training is scheduled to begin soon.



The First Letter of Peter

At our March meeting, Council Lecturer Don Roberts covered the First Letter of Peter, the second of the New Testament’s “Catholic” Letters. The letter encouraged Christians to remain faithful to the Gospel in spite of persecution and to show the love and mercy of Christ in their interactions with others.

A handout on Don’s presentation is on the K of C Bulletin Board in the Church Hall and also on our website (belmontknights.org). The homepage has a link to the latest handout and you can find previous topics in the “Newsletter Library” section. We invite all our parishioners to share in this and many other faith-oriented resources on our website.

ST. VINCENT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to assist with the Food Pantry on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A number of their volunteers have gone south for the winter and they find themselves to be short-handed.

If you are able to help, please contact Leigh at 603-271-7124.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Mahatma Gandhi

CHURCH MEETING SPACES

If you and your group use the Church Hall for meetings, breakfasts, Bible Studies etc., would you please make sure that the dates you meet are scheduled through the parish office. Dates for meetings cannot be guaranteed to be available unless you do.

Thanks!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
The 2019 Confirmation Mass for Grades 3-10 has been scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 7 pm at Saint Joseph Church in Belmont.
Rehearsal for Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, May 22 also at Saint Joseph in Belmont at 6:30 pm.



Sidewalk Prayer Vigil, 38 S. Main St, Concord, NH all day, all night from March 6th - April 14th

- **March 23rd** - *Sanctity of Life Conference* at Christ the King Parish, Concord, NH. 9am-4pm. Cost: \$50.00 www.eventbrite.com/e/sanctity-of-life-conference-tickets-55445004501
- **March 26th 4 pm** - Matt Britton from 40 Days for Life Headquarters at the Concord Vigil with discussion at Gibson’s Bookstore.
- **March 28th 6 pm** - Eucharistic Procession from Christ the King Parish to 38 S Main St. 5:30 pm Mass.
- **April 5th 7 pm** - Rachel Mass of Healing at Christ the King Parish, 72 S Main St, Concord, NH.
- **April 14th 11 pm** - Close the Vigil at the public sidewalk of EHC, 38 S Main St, Concord, NH.

40 Days of Prayer in the community
 33DaystoMorningGlory.com – a do-it-yourself retreat Feb 20-March 25
 Weekly 40 Days for Life rosaries at assisted-living facilities.
 Padre Pio 24hr Adoration Chapel - Sanctity of Life intentions

40daysforlife.com/concord
concord40dfl@gmail.com



Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – February 19, 2019

PARISH HISTORY Part 5

“The old has passed away, behold the new has come.” II Corinthians 5:17

**1949: February 19 REVEREND ARTHUR L. MASSICOTTE, Founding Pastor
Born: February 19, 1905, in Manchester, New Hampshire**

Parents: Arthur and Georgiana (Provencher) Massicotte

**Father had four sisters: Miss Ida Massicotte; Mrs Aïvina Belanger; Mrs
Georgiana Perreault; and Mrs. Eva Senecal.**

**Education: L’Academie S. Augustin,
Petit Seminaire de Nicolet,
Grand Seminaire de Montreal**

Ordained: June 14, 1930

Parish Assignments:

June 19, 1930 – St. Mary, Claremont

September 8, 1933 – St. John the Baptist, Suncook

January 10, 1936 -St. Anne, Berlin

January 19, 1939 – St. Marie, Manchester

May 31, 1940 – St. John the Baptist, Manchester

December 29, 1943 – St. Charles, Dover

February 19, 1949 – St. Joseph, Belmont

Appointments/Special Assignments/Additional Ministry:

Come have Breakfast with Us!!!!!!



**The Belmont Knights of Columbus Council 10943
Sunday, March 17.**

In support of Council 10943 Programs

Breakfast will be served following the 9:30am Mass.

**Tickets will be available at the door on the morning of the breakfast.
The cost of admittance is \$7 per person or \$25 per family of 4 or more.**

**Come spend part of your Sunday morning with us. Relax, visit, and
enjoy a breakfast prepared and served by the Knights.**

The breakfast menu will include:

Hospitality!

French Toast

Scrambled Eggs

Home Fries

Sausage

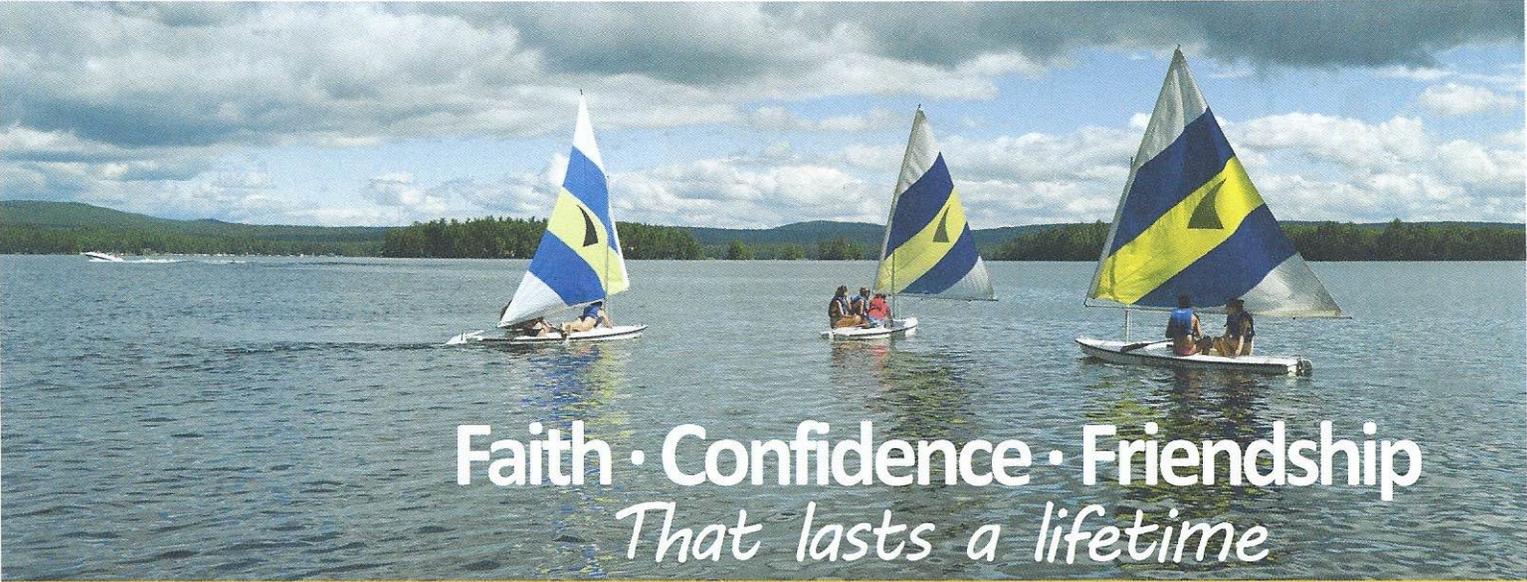
Juice

Coffee

Milk

**Thank you for supporting the
Knights of Columbus**

Plan for May 19 and June 16



Faith · Confidence · Friendship
That lasts a lifetime



Camp Bernadette for Girls

70%
of first-time campers
returned to camp the
following year!

*Proud to be accredited by the
American Camp Association*



ONE CAMP. TWO EXTRAORDINARY LOCATIONS.

“ I am so happy that our son experienced Fatima. The friendships he made, the confidence he’s developed, we just couldn’t be happier with the young man he’s becoming! Thank you Fatima!!

-Fatima Parent

Bus Transportation is available from Long Island, NY. We offer transportation from the Manchester, NH airport for long distance and international campers.



Camp Fatima for Boys



OUR VISION:

A joyful Catholic community offering a fun, active camping experience and a sense of belonging for all.

SESSION & REGISTRATION INFORMATION



DON'T MISS THE BALL:
 REGISTRATION OPENS
NOVEMBER 16

| SESSION | DATES |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| SESSION 1 | June 30 - July 13 |
| SESSION 2 | July 14 – July 27 |
| SESSION 3 | July 28 – August 10 |
| SESSION 4 (BERNADETTE) | August 11 – August 24 |
| SESSION 4 (FATIMA) | August 11 – August 16 |
| STARTER WEEK (AGES 5-9) | June 30 – July 6 |

“ Absolutely loved Shrine and Mass. My wife and I love the Catholic tradition being carried into camp. ”
 -Bernadette Parent

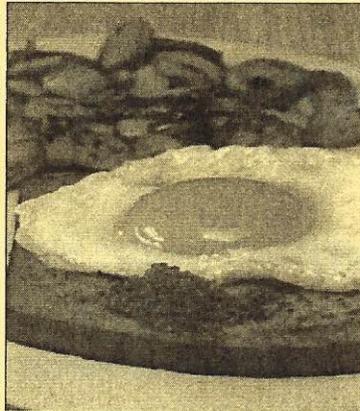
Scan to see our video!



Learn More at bfcamp.com



Come have Breakfast with Us!!!!!!



**The Belmont Knights of Columbus Council 10943
Sunday, March 17.**

In support of Council 10943 Programs

Breakfast will be served following the 9:30am Mass.

**Tickets will be available at the door on the morning of the breakfast.
The cost of admittance is \$7 per person or \$25 per family of 4 or more.**

**Come spend part of your Sunday morning with us. Relax, visit, and
enjoy a breakfast prepared and served by the Knights.**

The breakfast menu will include:

Hospitality!

French Toast

Scrambled Eggs

Home Fries

Sausage

Juice

Coffee

Milk

**Thank you for supporting the
Knights of Columbus**

Plan for May 19 and June 16

ATTENTION

SCAM ALERT

There is a scam taking place using Fr. Marc's email and cell phone asking people to buy EBAY and ITUNES or any other Gift Cards and scratch the card number off, take a picture of it and send the information to him.

DO NOT DO THIS

Police have been notified.

The police have recommended to never do this!

Always call and verify with the person requesting any monetary items before taking any action.

If I was ever in need, I would call you directly myself.

Thank you,

Fr. Marc

40 Days for Life Prayers

March 6, 2019 to April 14, 2019

Courtesy of Council 10943 K of C, St. Joseph Parish, Belmont, NH

(From www.40daysforlife.com/devotionals)

- **March 6**
Prayer: Lord, we ask for the strength, courage, wisdom, determination and stamina to carry out this mission according to Your will. Guide us, we pray, as we go forth and proclaim Your truth, always doing so with a spirit of love and compassion, as was demonstrated to us through the work of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, amen
- **March 7**
Prayer: Father, in the Church's desire to engage our communities with the gospel let her not disengage from those who need their care and company the most. Let us gain wisdom from those who have gone before us and cherish their experiences and perspectives. Help us to appreciate every soul in the body of Christ and minister properly to everybody. Amen.
- **March 8**
Prayer: Loving heavenly Father, help us to see the worth of all human beings by the way in which you provide for us. We would ask that you provide also the faith, grace and courage to enable us to protect that which is so precious to you. Through Christ our Lord, amen.
- **March 9**
Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have made the womb of each woman a very special place. Help us to hold fast to the sanctity of this first home of humanity, remembering the wonderful mystery, that God inhabited the womb of a young woman and came forth as the savior and deliverer of the world. We ask this in the Name of the one who came forth, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- **March 10**
Prayer: Gracious and merciful Father, we gladly embrace your Word, in which you counsel us to care for the least of your children. We renew our dedication to defending the unborn and all whose right to life is compromised by our godless society's selfish lack of concern. Free us from our own failures and sins so that we will be truly pro-life in every area of our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
- **March 11**
Prayer: O God, we too often try to live in ways that ignore our coming death. We forget that our days are numbered by You, that at the end of our days your judgment awaits; that You are the Lord of our destiny. Help us to repent daily, and then to live each day in joyful obedience. Lead us to live in the light and promise of eternity. Prepare us to live fully and sacrificially. Prepare us to die faithfully and hopefully, so that we might live forever with you. Through Jesus Christ, who has gone before us, we trust and hope and love and pray. Amen.
- **March 12**
Prayer: Lord, You empower us with Your Spirit to do your will in the earth. Send us to the poorest, the most broken, the most captive, the most blind and the most oppressed in the world, the innocent pre-born children in their mother's wombs that are scheduled for destruction. Help us to bring them healing, liberty, sight and justice through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
- **March 13**
Prayer: Father, we are moved by the lesson of the Good Samaritan, who allowed compassion to influence him more than fear. Give us the same heart. Grant that we may never count the cost of standing up and speaking out for the unborn. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- **March 14**
Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank you for your love and saving grace in Christ Jesus. Help us to realize every day the great blessing we have in our Savior. I pray that we will rise every morning with excitement and zeal, looking forward to walking another day in your footsteps fully knowing that you continue to dwell among us. Amen.
- **March 15**
Prayer: Father, we praise you for this one sister who gave herself, heart and soul, to rescue this one mother and baby. O may you empower the hundreds more today who are serving in our pregnancy help centers. Grant those answering calls, providing ultrasound and following up with a bold spirit of truth, love and perseverance.
- **March 16**
Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we are humbled that you have called us and appointed us to be ambassadors of Christ in a world that is not our home. We pray that your Holy Spirit will empower us to walk worthy of the calling. We pray that Your unconditional love will flow through us to those who desperately need Your saving grace. In the name of Christ who is worthy, amen.
- **March 17**
Prayer: Lord, during these forty days, we ask that with each day of this sacred vigil, everything in us that separates us from your perfect will would be pruned from our hearts and souls. In this blessed freedom may we experience a powerful anointing of your Holy Spirit. Filled with confidence and trust may we proclaim with the mother of Jesus, "let it be done to me, according to your Word."
- **March 18**
Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for caring about each of us so deeply. Help us to see and know you as our Father in heaven each and every day of our lives. Your loving hand also rests on every child today carried in its mother's womb. May they be born into this world and come to know fully and personally your endless love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- **March 19**
Prayer: Dearest God, You tell us in Proverbs that the foolish and the wicked lack wisdom and understanding. I pray you will trouble the souls of those in the abortion industry so that they hunger for truth and cry out for freedom. I pray that my life would reflect my redemption so others may see it and trust in You. In obedience to You, and by your grace, I choose to forgive others as you have forgiven me. In the name of Christ I pray, amen.
- **March 20**
Prayer: Father, help us to embrace the fact that we are our "brother's keeper." When, due to selfish motives, we try to cast off this responsibility please call to us to account. We would be pleasing to you and to our "brother." Through the help and grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- **March 21**
Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we are humbled that you have called us and appointed us to be ambassadors of Christ in a world that is not our home. We pray that your Holy Spirit will empower us to walk worthy of the calling. We pray that Your unconditional love will flow through us to those who desperately need Your saving grace. In the name of Christ who is worthy, amen.
- **March 22**
Prayer: Lord, we are yours. Thank you for breathing into us the breath of life. Thank you for claiming us as your own. May our words and actions in defense of human life proclaim to all the world that you alone are Lord of life and death, Lord of our freedom and of our choices. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.
- **March 23**
Prayer: Heavenly Father, please keep me from taking for granted the gift of children. Help us to remember this heritage that you have given us. Make us faithful stewards of these precious lives, that each generation might be raised in the nurture and admiration of the Lord. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.
- **March 24**
Prayer: God, forgive us when we try to explain away the obligation we have to help others who need help. Enable us to not devalue them because they are in the circumstance that they are in, but to see them for what they are, those, who like us, were formed by your hand in their mother's womb. Amen.
- **March 25**
Prayer: O, God, you formed us in our mother's womb and planned a unique and special life and purpose for each of us, and we do thank you. Grant that we may pray and work for an end to abortion, especially in these 40 days, so that no unborn baby you have made may fail to achieve your divine intention for him or her because of intentional abortion. We pray this for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
- **March 26**
Prayer: Dear Lord, as you lead us into the spiritual battle of abortion may we be reminded that the

battle is truly Yours. Thank you for hearing our requests for direction and protection. Thank you for the victory that is ours because of Your Son Jesus, amen.

• March 27

Prayer: Thank you Father God for being the Creator of my life and every life. Please give me, and the society in which I live, an appreciation for your gift of life. Please help us set aside our pride and acknowledge that we need you. Show me how I can honor you today in response to all the blessings you bestow freely. In the name of Jesus, amen.

• March 28

Prayer: Gracious God, loving our enemies seems like one of most difficult things you could ask of us. Please remind us that this is how you love and that if you ask it of us then you will give us the grace to do it. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

• March 29

Prayer: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in heaven and in the earth is Yours. We pray for your continued guidance and protection throughout the remainder of this 40 day campaign. May we be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in Your work, knowing that our labor will not be in vain. We pray in the name of Jesus, amen.

• March 30

Prayer: Lord God, we confess that in You we live and move and have our being. Because You are, we are. May we find grace from You to affirm the being of every human and may we labor to make this truth known to the world around us. Amen.

• March 31

Prayer: Beloved Father, remind us today that there is no truth but you. Do not let us fall prey to the evil one's lie that we may choose death. Remind us right now that you, who created all life, are in control of all life, and let us know right now that you who created all life, are in control of all life, and let us choose life always. Father, please let us hear your voice more today than yesterday. Keep lighting the pathway home, for us and for all who participate in this 40 Days for Life campaign.

Father, we're on our way. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

• April 1

Prayer: O Lord, help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Let us humbly and diligently work to restore legal protection for the unborn, the disabled, the medically dependent and all innocent children of God whose lives are threatened. Let us remember the old adage that "He can never lead who has not first learned to obey."

And, Lord, grant us a peaceful heart as we labor in your name. Amen.

• April 2

Prayer: O God, our heavenly Father, give us courage and wisdom as we seek to eradicate the evil in our society. Help us to realize that your divine Spirit alone can change hearts and minds so that all your human creatures may enjoy the fullness of life you intended for them. I pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

• April 3

Prayer: Heavenly Father, eternal, changeless, and faithful Lord, we recognize that we are in need of forgiveness as a nation, for turning our hearts away from you. Hear our prayer of repentance Lord and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We praise you for your tender mercies and your compassion that never fails. Lord, it is only by Your grace that we can live lives that are just, and merciful. May Your Holy Spirit enable us to walk humbly in Your presence and may You be pleased to restore America so that a generation not yet born may praise you. In the name of Christ Jesus, who has done great things for us, amen.

• April 4

Prayer: Jesus, open my eyes to your presence in the life of every child. Open my heart to joy in the birth of every child, a birth that reflects the joy of your own birth in Bethlehem. As you shared life in the womb of Mary, so now send your protection upon every child still in the womb, and grant to their mothers the strength and joy that comes from welcoming the gift of life. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

• April 5

Prayer: Gracious God, help us to appreciate the wonder and beauty of Your creation. Help us proclaim on behalf of every one of our fellow

human beings, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

May the knowledge that we are intimately known by You shape our lives and actions. Amen.

• April 6

Prayer: O God, from generation to generation, you have called your people to be the very aroma of life amidst a culture of death. Now it is our turn. Prepare me. Send me. Use me. I am eager to do my part. Stir your people every where to take up this great work.

• April 7

Prayer: Lord, you are the creator of all things. Guide my thoughts to consider your creation in all of its majesty, beauty and holiness. Guide my heart especially to your creation of precious human life. Help me to comprehend how essential life is in your own heart. Teach me to appreciate, love and protect all human life through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

• April 8

Prayer: Heavenly Father, eternal, changeless, and faithful Lord, we recognize that we are in need of forgiveness as a nation, for turning our hearts away from you. Hear our prayer of repentance Lord and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We praise you for your tender mercies and your compassion that never fails. Lord, it is only by Your grace that we can live lives that are just, and merciful. May Your Holy Spirit enable us to walk humbly in Your presence and may You be pleased to restore America so that a generation not yet born may praise you. In the name of Christ Jesus, who has done great things for us, amen.

• April 9

Prayer: Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for your amazing grace that saved a wretch like me. I come against the enemy of my soul who would have me feel cast down and dejected. Lord, keep your children from falling prey to the accusations of the father of lies. Turn our mourning into dancing and may we bring praise to you as we give testimony of Your healing and restoration in our lives. For by His grace we are saved, amen.

• April 10

Prayer: Father of mercy and grace, we thank you for the gift of our children. Grant that every fiber of our being may rejoice when a new baby, our own or any else's, is born into the world. Help us to welcome

them as we would welcome you, for whenever a new baby is conceived, another life to bear your image and another voice to praise and worship you, is beginning. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

• April 11

Prayer: God Almighty, You alone are worthy of our praise and worship. Having accepted Your Son's sacrifice on my behalf, I in turn present my body to you as a living sacrifice. Thank you for deeming me holy and acceptable because of Christ's shed blood for me. I pray that you would use me as your vessel to rescue others who are perishing. Through Christ who is Our Glory, amen.

• April 12

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may we reflect your character of grace and kindness to those who hate us and curse us. Guard our hearts and our tongues as we respond in love to words and actions meant to rile us or cause us harm. Let others see the Hope that is Christ in all we say and do. In His precious name we pray, amen.

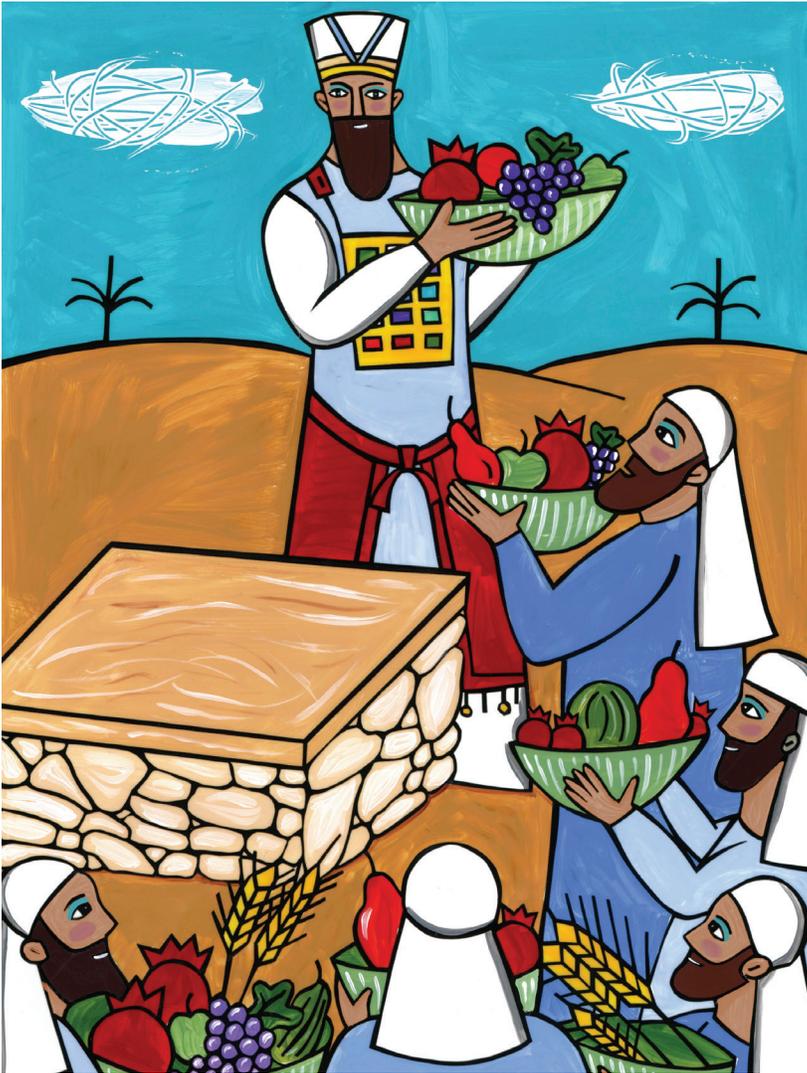
• April 13

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we sing to You a new song, for You have done marvelous things. Forgive us when we allow circumstances to defeat us. You give power to the faint and You increase strength in those who have no might. We rest in You dear Lord, and ask You to empower us again for Your service as You work out Your plan for us and through us. May You receive glory through our victory in Christ, in whose name we pray, amen.

• April 14

Prayer: Father, you are the God of hope. Your word fills us with the vision of the world to come, when every tear will be wiped away, and death will be no more. Father, how we need that hope, how we are strengthened by that vision! Keep our hearts focused on heaven, and diligent in the labors of earth. As we struggle against the culture of death, root our souls in the assurance of victory. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Lenten Journey

Lord God,
you invite us to enter into these desert
days of Lent.
Your Son was filled with the Holy Spirit
and then led into the wilderness,
where he experienced the emptiness
of hunger,
and faced temptations from the devil.
When we stumble and find this
journey difficult,
because we are overwhelmed by our
needs and desires,
or seek to find a quick escape
from troubles,
help us to turn to you in our time
of want.
We ask that you draw us closer to you,
so that we may find nourishment in
your Word,
during these forty days of Lent.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Journey with the Word



Today's readings: Deuteronomy 26:4–10; Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12, 13, 14, 15; Romans 10:8–13; Luke 4:1–13. As a people and as individuals, we turn to God in times of want and in times of plenty, as we live out our covenant relationship. Moses instructs the people to bring their baskets filled with products of the soil to offer at the altar of the Lord, and then to declare before God all he has done for them, from their days of wandering in Egypt to being led to a land flowing with milk and honey. These are the events that have shaped them as a people. As they confessed their faith, they acknowledged all that God had given to them. Following this proclamation, they bow down in the presence of the Lord.

Jesus is led into the desert to take the journey of his people. A journey of testing and purification. Testing whether Jesus will use his divine power, the devil says, “If you are the Son of God . . .” Jesus responds with words from Scripture, words that give him power and strength. After the temptations are faced, the angels come to wait upon Jesus. Entering into these forty days, be open to discovering the blessings of God’s Word, allowing its wisdom to provide you with strength and protection. What passages from the Bible provide peace to you? Which ones give you consolation in times of sadness or joy in the awe and wonder of God?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 11 The Least among Us

Who would you consider to be the least among us? Those with no voice or power? The poor, the weak and marginalized? The aged or the young and innocent? The Gospel invites us to see the face of Christ in the people who have little status. Who in your family or neighborhood is in need of a smile, a hug, a conversation, or a warm meal? Who would enjoy hearing from you? Make time for them this week. *Today's Readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.*

Tuesday, March 12 Your Will Be Done

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer that we know as the Our Father or Lord's Prayer. Sometimes we say this prayer giving little thought to its words. We pray, "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In heaven, God's will is obeyed perfectly. What would our world be like if his will were obeyed on earth? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–5, 6–7, 16–17, 18–19; Matthew 6:7–15.*

Wednesday, March 13 Repent

When Jonah, brought the message to repent to the people of Nineveh, they listened and turned away from sin. Jesus has revealed God and his Kingdom to us. What is your response? Have you allowed his Word to transform you? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that an examination of conscience is a "prayerful self-reflection on our words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to determine how we may have sinned against God." As a preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, make an examination of conscience, considering where you have not listened to the voice of God. *Today's Readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.*

Thursday, March 14 Seek and Find

How do you pray and speak with God? Jesus offers these instructions: to ask, to seek, and to find. Is it difficult for you to ask for something from God? Is there something that you are struggling with in your life? Write in your Lenten journal what you are most in need of at this moment. Think about where you turn to seek answers when you face problems or difficult situations. Is God a part of the solution? Ask the Lord to give you peace and to find his will for you this day. *Today's Readings: Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25; Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 7–8; Matthew 7:7–12.*

Friday, March 15 Difficult and Messy

We do not need to look too far to know that relationships are difficult and life can be messy. Within every family, group, or community, there are instances of tension. How do we bring acceptance and understanding to those situations? We are called to make peace and to reconcile with one another. Let us ask God to help us bring his mercy and compassion, his peace and his love to every conversation and every corner of our world this week. *Today's Readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 4–6, 7–8; Matthew 5:20–25.*

Saturday, March 16 Difficult Love

Love your enemies. It is easy for us to love those who love us, but loving those who have harmed us is difficult. Loving our enemies is countercultural, so we look different than the rest of the world when we love this way. Who will help us love like this? God will give us everything we need to follow him. Spend time in prayer today asking God to forgive those who have caused hurt, pain, and injury in your life. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.*



American Eyecare

Fred McDonald
 NH Registered Optician
 ABO Certified
 Ph: 603-527-1100
 F: 603-528-2021
 www.eyecarenh.com

InFocus Eyecare

An Eye on the Future
 Scott Krauchunas, O.D., Ph.D.
 Ph: 603.527.2035 • F: 603.528.2021
 Email: infocuseyecare@hotmail.com
 www.infocuseyecarenh.com

InFocus Vision & Therapy Center
 320 Daniel Webster Hwy. - Belmont, NH 03220



Downtown
 Laconia's Best
 Breakfast
 Lunch • Dinner

524-4144

Corner of Fair & Water Streets
 open 7 days

STAFFORD OIL COMPANY

Heating & Air Conditioning
 Installation & Service

524-1480

www.StaffordOil.com

Since 1928 24/7 Service

SOUTH ROAD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Our Mission...Respect & Care

Burial Lots Available

Call Tim Hayes 387-6743

Laconia Monument Company

Next to Union Cemetery
 150 Academy St., Laconia, NH 03246



ROBERT J. DuBOIS
 FRANK SHAW

603-524-4675

www.laconiamonumentcompany.com

PATRICK MOYNIHAN REALTOR®

patrickmoynihan@masiello.com
 603.520.0498 Mobile
 603.286.3010 ext.258945 Office



catholicmatch®
 New Hampshire



CatholicMatch.com/NH

800-654-6043

ALL METALS

Your Complete Metal Service Center

Coated Products-Stainless Steel
 Carbon Steel-Aluminum



www.wilkinsonbeane.com

524-4300

164 Pleasant Street, Laconia, NH

ATTORNEY ALVIN E. NIX, JR., PC

Estate Planner – Wills – Trusts
 Advanced Medical Directives
 Real Estate – Corporate – Business
 aen@nixlawyers.com
 261 S. Main Street, Laconia
524-6834

See What's in Store!

JEWELRY • ROSARIES
 BOOKS
 AND MORE



www.parishstore.com



LAURA EDDINGS
 REALTOR

287 Daniel Webster Hwy., Belmont, NH

Office: 603-527-1111 ext 3004
 Cell: 603-957-0305

laura.eddings@verani.com
 lauraeddings.com



WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com
 www.4LPi.com/careers

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR **BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Jillianne Snow** to place an ad today!
 jsnow@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6550



TIRES | BRAKES | ALIGNMENTS
 OIL CHANGES | CHECK ENGINE LIGHTS
 STATE INSPECTIONS | AND MORE!

603.275.6315

140 LACONIA RD. UNIT 6 BELMONT NH 03220

Franklin VNA & Hospice

WE CARE FOR YOU... AT HOME

CALL US AT 603-934-3454

75 Chestnut St., Franklin, NH 03235

www.vnafnh.org



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Joseph, Belmont, NH 03-0858