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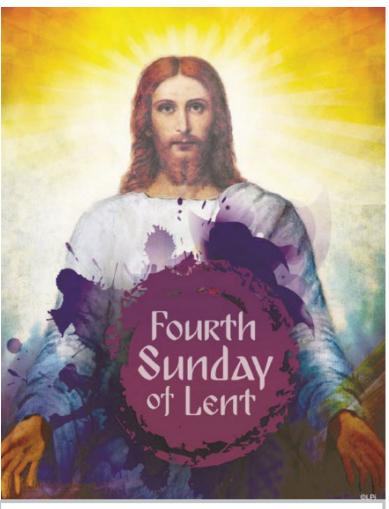
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4th Sunday of Lent

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays –St. André Bessette Parish at Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave, Laconia.

- ♦ **Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.
- Baptisms: Contact the Parish Office for details regarding preparation that is required prior to the baptism.
- Marriages: Please call the Parish Office for a first meeting at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.
- Anointing of the Sick: Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by calling the Parish Office.
- Homebound and Hospital Ministry: Kindly call the Parish Office if you are homebound so we may bring Holy Eucharist. If you are entering the hospital, inform the staff you are Catholic so you may receive Holy Eucharist during your stay.
- ♦ New parishioners: Please call the office to register.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

¹Saturday, March 9 Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm Elizabeth Conlon by Kristopher Langan

Sunday, March 10-4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14 -21Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

9:30 am For our Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Monday, March 11

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

5:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Wednesday, March 13

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

5:30 pm Lenten Rosary with K of C 6:00 pm For all the souls in Purgatory Adoration, Sacred Heart Laconia until 11:00 pm

Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 8:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church

March 15 Friday,

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

5:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

⁷Saturday, March 16

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, March 17-5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

9:30 am Adrienne Lemay by her Family



PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS Ron and Cheryl Hrasna

If you would like to pray for a week, contact Bob Gonyea at 603-340-4300.





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Vanco		\$	1,167.53				
Total		. \$	8,122.53				
Fuel	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$	340.00				
Building Fund		\$	991.00				
FISCAL YEAR TOTALS - WEEK #36							
Budget Amount	July 1 -March 3	\$	169,200.00				
Actual Amount	July 1 - March 3	\$	184,397.04				
Surplus Amount	July 1 - March 3	\$	15,197.04				

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET IS \$4,700.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION





This weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously.

I have called you by name

Scriptural Stations This Friday

The Becoming Catholic Team is sponsoring the Stations this Friday, March 15, using a Scriptural Way of the Cross introduced by St. John Paul II and approved for public use by Pope Benedict XVI. In this service, each station is based on a

Gospel passage describing Christ's Passion. All are welcome to come and reflect more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's redemptive action.

A soup supper will follow in the church hall after the Stations. Cooks are welcome to bring a meatless soup or casserole to share.

Prayers for Our Elect

This Sunday, we celebrate the second set of prayers for our Elect, Amy Murray, as part of her preparation for the Easter Sacraments. As she nears the climax of her faith journey, our community prays that God will strengthen Amy against any temptation to stray from that path. Please keep Amy in your prayers throughout the rest of the Lenten Season, that she may continue to be blessed and strengthened by God.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Blood Drive on Thursday

The Knights are sponsoring a blood drive this Thursday, March 14, 12:30 to 5:00 PM, in the church hall. To donate blood, please make an appointment online at *www.redcrossblood.org*. If you'd like to help check donors in at the site, please call Bob Chapman at 603-630-0874.

Knights Welcome Help with Parish Dinner

Our Belmont Knights will staff the parish's Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday, 3/16, and we welcome any volunteers to join us. If you'd like to help with kitchen activities, set-up, or clean-up, please contact Grand Knight Aarron Clark at 603-728-5136 by Thursday

Old Testament Wisdom Literature

At our March meeting, Council Lecturer Don Roberts began a new series of presentations with an overview of the Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament. These books typically do not refer to God's covenant with Israel or the historical events under Israel's kings. Rather than stressing religious practices or Jewish history, they present general instruction on living a good life. These writings generally were composed after the Babylonian Exile, from the Fifth to the First Century B.C.

A handout on the presentation is posted on our bulletin board in the church hall and is available on our Council 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.

Pray the Rosary with the Knights

Providing another Lenten prayer opportunity, the Knights will lead a Scriptural Rosary in church at 5:30 PM each Wednesday during Lent, before the Mass. All are welcome to join in!

Apply Now for Belmont K of C Scholarship

College-bound students – whether new or returning – who are in a Knight's family may apply for a scholarship during March and April. The Belmont Council is offering up to three \$400 scholarships to help member Knights with higher education expenses for themselves and family members. Active members, their spouses and dependents may apply – forms and additional details are available on our Council website, *belmontknights.org*.

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Bishop Libasci invites men of the Diocese of Manchester to Mass and breakfast at St.

Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St.

Joseph, patron of our diocese on Saturday,

March 16, 2024. There is open seating for Mass but breakfast is limited to the first 240 registrants.

Cost is only \$12.

Register: https://www.catholicnh.org/community/lay-groups/men/mosj/

LET'S BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE





HUMAN EMBRYOS HAVE RIGHTS – The

Supreme Court of Alabama issued a ruling in February that frozen human embryos conceived by IVF (in vitro fertilization) are children with human rights, including the right to life, under their state law. In 2018 a Constitutional Amendment was adopted which

applies to all children, born and unborn, without limitation and regardless of their location. As a result of this ruling, three couples whose frozen embryos were destroyed, when a wandering hospital patient dropped the specimens, can sue for wrongful death.

Alabama's view of the sanctity of life encompasses the following — "God made every person in His image; each person therefore has a value that far exceeds the ability of human beings to calculate; and human life cannot be wrongfully destroyed without incurring the wrath of a holy God, who views the destruction of His image as an affront to Himself." (Source: Live Action)

IS IVF MORALLY WRONG? Many couples struggle to have a child, and initially IVF might sound like a good idea. After all, we are pro-life and pro-family. However, IVF is wrong for two primary reasons. (1) With IVF, life begins in a petri dish in a lab where the wife's eggs and husband's sperm create a human being, infused with a soul. It separates the pro-creative act from the unitive nuptial act as God designed. (2) Typically multiple embryos are created. Sometimes only the strong or those of a specific sex are selected—this is basically eugenics which itself is wrong. Another moral dilemma is what will be done with the unused embryos that are often indefinitely left frozen in a vault? A child is a gift from God and is not a piece of property, but a life to be respected from the moment of conception. (Source: Dr. Taylor Marshall) Fertility Care is now available at St. André Bessette Parish. It can help couples in many areas, including infertility. Call Kathleen at (603) 530-1757.

Monday, 3/11 – Culture of Life monthly meeting, 8:45 A.M. Pastoral Center

Wednesday, 3/13 - Sunset Vigil from 7:00-8:00 P.M., at Equality Health Center, Concord

WE ARE HEALED!

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." *Isaiah 53:5*

Take advantage of the opportunity to receive Christ's gift of healing by attending the

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

Sunday March 17, 1:30 P.M. Sacred Heart Church.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY.

MARCH 10, 2024

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday,	March	9
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3:30 pm Confessions—Church 4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

Sunday, March 10

9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church 10:30 am K of C Coffee & Donuts

Monday, March 11

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

3:00 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 12

5:00 pm Mass at SAB, Laconia

Wednesday, March 13

8:45 am 11:00 pm Adoration at Sacred Heart, Laconia

5:30 pm Lenten Rosary with K of C 6:00 pm Youth Group, SAB Laconia

Thursday, March 14

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church 12:30 pm K of C Blood Drive - church hall

Friday, March 15 8:30 am Food Pantry

3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Laconia

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16

7:30 am Men's Breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral

3:30 pm Confessions— Church 4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church 5:30 pm Spaghetti Supper - Church Hall

Sunday, March 17

9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

1:30 pm Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart, Laconia



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MARCH 10, 2024



4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be

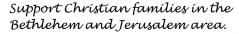
some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir ©LPi







Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on display on the 16th and 17th of March after all Masses. Holy Land Bethlehem Artworks is an organization that provides assistance to over 100 suffering families each week. Handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities will make wonderful presents for family and friends; or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item for your home to be cherished through generations. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy-Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago. The population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 1% just within the last ten years. **Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.**



Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 - 2024

PARISH HISTORY Part 3

1939: November —The stained glass windows in the Catholic Church are being repaired by a Boston concern.

December 9 – Church parking lot acquired following demolition of surrounding buildings.

December 16 – Holy Name Society Beano party held in Belmont on Thursday night awarded turkeys and chickens.

......Quotations from the Pastor's Journal

1947: July 20 – Members of Saint Joseph are invited to assist in the Triduum in honor of Saint Mary of the Assumption in Tilton beginning Wednesday night at 7:15. It will end Saturday at 7pm. Preacher will be Fr. Joseph Manton, a Redemptorist Missionary.

August 3 – Most important items of expense in the Parish are the heating and lightning of the church. Last year, thanks to an extra donation from the Junior Holy Name, we are lacking only \$75. This collection will be taken up on August 17.

August 10 –This Thursday – Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, a day of fast and abstinence for those obligated by law. Working men and their families by special indult may eat meat once on this day. Friday, the Feast is a holy day of obligation – all Catholics must attend Mass. Masses will be at 5.30am and 8am. By special indult of the Holy Father, working men and their families are permitted to eat meat on this holy day.

August 24 – Parish Bazaar will be held Friday/Saturday, August 29 and 30. The Pastor asks that all Parishioners and friends of the Parish to help. This will be at the Community Hall (Town Hall).

1st Sunday of Advent – There are more than 50 adults who have not yet given their share of lighting and heating of the church. Oil is now selling at 11 cents a gallon.

4th Sunday of Advent – Most Reverend Bishop grants permission for the Midnight Mass if the Pastor of the Parish desires to have it. The Pastor announces there will be a Midnight Mass on Wednesday, which will be a High Mass. Those receiving Communion should not eat or drink after 9pm. All school children – grade and high will not be permitted at the Midnight Mass.

Within the Octave of Christmas –Thursday – New Year's Day – Masses will be at 5:30 am and 7am. All Catholics are bound to hear Mass. On Friday, we open the 40 hour devotion. This is a time of special grace for the entire Parish. Mass is at 7:30am. Holy Hour devotion Friday at 7pm. Confessions following. Saturday Masses at 5:30am and 7:30am.

Benediction, Saturday at 7pm. Women of the Parish will serve as guards of honor Friday during the day and the men all day Saturday. The 40 hours will close at 10am Mass next Sunday.

1948: Holy Name Sunday –Cost for plants for Christmas is \$47. An order has been placed for the tiling of the Sanctuary floor and the three aisles in the church, for new doors for the front entrance, and the rebuilding of the church basement and foundation. We are planning this work for the spring of this year.

Holy Family Sunday – To conserve fuel there will be no catechism classes.

Septuagesima Sunday – Due to shortness of funds for fuel there will be no catechism classes. Next Sunday, Holy Communion Sunday for all school children. To save fuel oil, the priest will be here at 7am on Sunday to hear the children's confessions.

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Managing and/or Overcoming Fear and Anxiety

March 20, 2024 10:00 a.m. Repeats 6:30 p.m.



The ABBA House at St. Andre Bessette Parish is pleased to welcome Shaun Dutile of Dutile Christian Counseling! Pastor Dutile is a Board Certified Christian Counselor with a M.A. in Professional Counseling. He holds a B.A. in Vocational Ministry and is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Shaun has volunteered to give a talk on Wednesday morning, 3/20 at 10:00 a.m. repeating on Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m. Among other things, he is experienced in:

- ⋄ Anxiety
- ⋄ Depression
- Addictions
- Marriage Counseling
- Adolescent Issues
- Spiritual Problems

The talk will be followed by a brief Scriptural PowerPoint presentation given by the ABBA House of Mercy and Healing Prayer coordinator, Jude Christopher.

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A free-will offering will be collected.

Pre-registration would be appreciated at

Jude Christopher—603-524-9609 or ABBAHealingCenter1@gmail.com

Life in the Spirit Seminar

"Wait for the promise of the Father, you will be baptized in the

Holy Spirit"

Acts 1:4-5

APRIL 19-20-21, 2024

St. Andre Bessette Parish/Sacred Heart Church Pastoral Center, 277 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH

This weekend seminar primarily serves to:

- *establish or deepen relationship with Jesus.
- *lead to an awakening of the power of Sacramental Baptism and Confirmation
- *provide an experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit a fuller expression of the Spirit, as in a <u>personal Pentecost</u>.
- *is most effective when approached with faith, openness and expectancy.

Weekend's cost is \$30 (\$50 for couples) includes all light meals and supplies. FINANCES SHOULD NOT KEEP ANYONE FROM ATTENDING ALL ARE WELCOME, "WITHOUT MONEY, WITHOUT COST" Isaiah 51:1

Sessions begin Fri. evening 6:30-9:00 p.m., Sat. 9-9, Sun. 9-1:00 pm.

TO REGISTER: Jude Christopher at 603-524-9609 <u>abbahealingcenter1@gmail.com</u> or Jackie Morganti at 603-332-3576 <u>jspmnt@gmail.com</u>

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