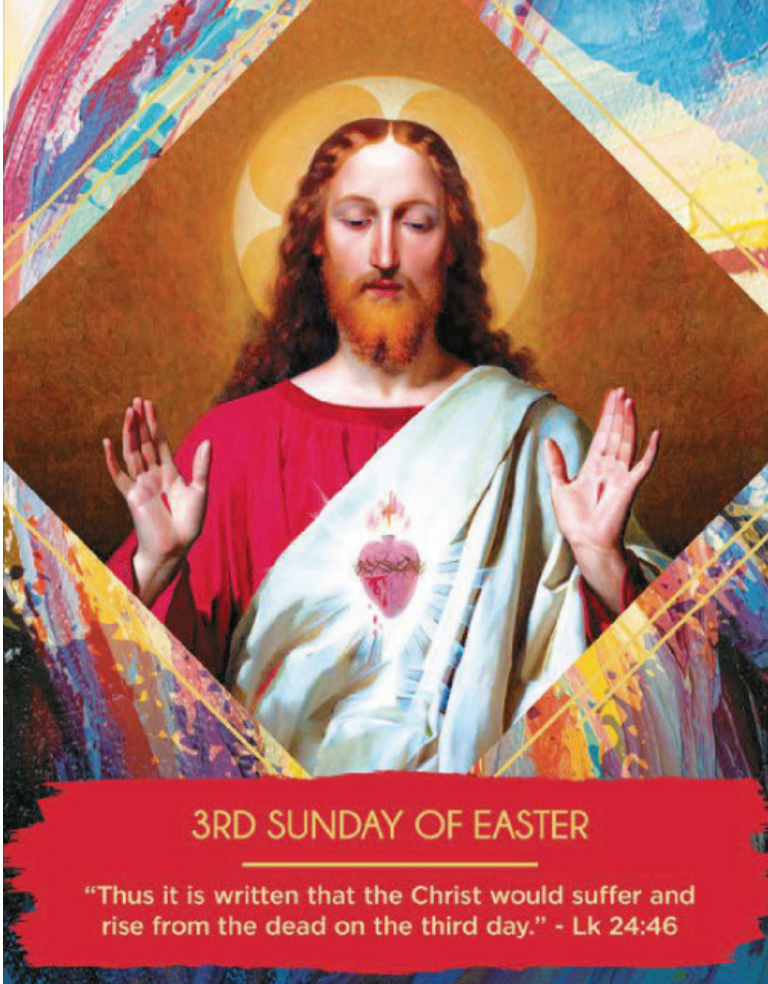




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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:46

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APRIL 14 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Answering Our Call To Discipleship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm **Joshua Shoemaker (B-Day) by the Family**

Rose Schumacher

by Adopted Daughters, Kathy & Lisa

Donny Best by his good friends, Kathy & Lisa

Sunday, April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

9:30 am **Adrienne Lemay by her Family**

Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Monday, April 15

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Tuesday, April 16

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

5:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Wednesday, April 17

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Adoration, Sacred Heart Laconia until 11:00 pm

Thursday, April 18

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Friday, April 19

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

No Mass Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Saturday, April 20

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm **Deceased Family & Friends**

by the Bolduc & Gaudet Families

Kelly O'Connor by daughter, Kathy

Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish


Sunday, April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

9:30 am **George Franz (4th Anni) by his wife, Ann**

Deceased members of the Picard Family

by Yolande Weston



I have called you by name

Mystagogy – A Time for Reflection
 The final period of the Becoming Catholic process is called Mystagogy, from the Greek meaning “to lead into the mystery.” It’s a time for reflecting on the experience of the sacramental life of the church and God’s ongoing revelation of himself through the life of the faith community. It’s also a time for the community to joyfully welcome its new members. So in that spirit we continue to welcome Amy Murray to St. Joseph’s Parish and keep her in our prayers!

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY FOR APRIL 7, 2024

Offertory	\$	4,217.00
Vanco	\$	741.47
Total	\$	4,958.47
Building Fund	\$	55.00

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS - WEEK #41

Budget Amount	July 1 -April 7	\$	192,700.00
Actual Amount	July 1 - April 7	\$	207,668.68
Surplus Amount	July 1 - April 7	\$	14,968.68

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

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 1949 ANNIVERSARY 2024

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
 MASS AT 4:30 PM
 GALA EVENING 6:00 - 9:00 PM

**Gala Evening: \$10 per person - Cash Bar - Live Music
 More Information to Come**



Congratulations!

Friday, April 5, 2024
 Confirmation Mass at 6:00 P.M.

During Mass with Bishop Libasci, the following members of our Year 2 Sacramental Prep program received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation:

Elly Maria Mason
 and
 Lindsay Paige Johnson

*May the Holy Spirit strengthen you, and continue to
 be with you throughout this journey called life.*

In Jesus' name we pray.

Welcome to our Parish!



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The Book of Job

At our April meeting, Council Lecturer Don Roberts presented a summary of the Book of Job. The poetic dialogues between Job and his friends explore the difficult issue of the meaning of suffering in the life of a just person. Job's friends repeatedly insist that the evil things that have befallen him must be God's punishments for Job's sins. Job responds just as repeatedly that he is innocent. Eventually, Job challenges God to explain Himself. God answers by reminding Job of how incapable he would have been to create the world and make it function as God has done. He likewise challenges Job's ability to administer divine justice. Job, confronted with his human limitations, admits that he has challenged God about things he cannot comprehend.

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.

Knight's Breakfast

We will hold our monthly breakfast next Sunday, Apr. 21, as a fundraiser for our Council. See today's bulletin insert for details.

Blood Drive – April 25

The Knights are sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, Apr. 25, 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.

**LET'S BUILD A
CULTURE OF LIFE**



30 MINUTES TO LIVE

A baby in Australia beat the odds and survived after doctors initially predicted she would only live for 30 minutes after birth. During an ultrasound, a large grapefruit-size tumor was seen in the baby's chest. However, Lily Rudd and her identical twin sister Frances just celebrated their first birthday. It is a remarkable milestone for Lily.

When she was born, the tumor was crushing her heart and lungs. Her condition is said to be so rare, that cases like it have only been seen 30 times worldwide. But after birth, doctors did everything they could to save her. Lily was taken to The Royal Children's Hospital for emergency surgery. She remained on life support for two months following the surgery, and her prognosis was very bad. But after 97 days in the hospital, she was able to go home with her parents and twin sister. Her pediatric surgeon called it "miraculous." Parents are often encouraged to abort a child who has a life-threatening health condition. Thankfully, this was never a consideration by these parents for their baby girl who overcame a challenging situation. Her father said, "She's perfect." (Source: Live Action)

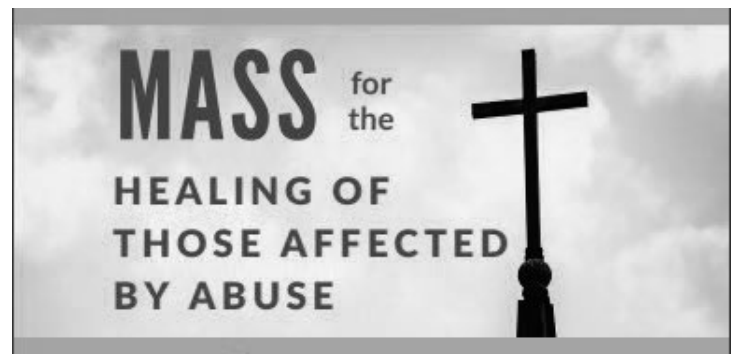
2024 LIFE LIST - Americans United for Life recently released their "2024 Life List" which meticulously ranks each state from the most to the least pro-life. The Life List offers a comprehensive evaluation based on state laws pertaining to abortion, legal recognition of pre-born children, bioethics (including destructive human embryo research), assisted suicide, end-of-life patient care, and healthcare rights of conscience. Arkansas is ranked first as the most pro-life state; Vermont is at the bottom as the least pro-life. Where does New Hampshire fall? NH ranks in the bottom half and is 33rd on the list. (Source: Americans United for Life)

Abba House of Mercy 
at St. André Bessette Parish

April 17th - 6:30 PM :
COME ALIVE FOR HIS GLORY - HEALING SERVICE

Have you touched the "Hem of His Garment" with the hope in your heart? This is an opportunity to be in the Presence of Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What will He not do for those He loves? Fr. Marc Drouin will proclaim the Gospel, the Holy Spirit will release words of knowledge for healing, and healing teams will be available to pray for individuals seeking healing.

Come and see what Jesus can and wants to do for you!



WHERE: St. Joseph Cathedral, Corner of Pine & Lowell St. Manchester, NH

WHEN: April 18, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

STREAM: www.stjosephcathedral.org

ALL ARE INVITED: Join us to pray for all of those affected by abuse in the Church in our society.



GLUTEN INTOLERANT?
PLEASE GO TO A PRIEST
FOR COMMUNION



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FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY.**

APRIL 14, 2024

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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3:30 pm Confessions

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Sunday, April 14

9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

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8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

3:00 pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 16

5:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

5:30 pm Confessions, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

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

6:00 pm **Via Lucis - Way of Light**

6:00 pm Youth Group,

Thursday, April 18

8:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

6:00 pm Junior Youth Group

7:00 pm Bible Sharing - The Grace of Les Misérables

Friday, April 19

8:30 am Food Pantry

Saturday, April 20

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

10:30 am K of C Monthly Breakfast

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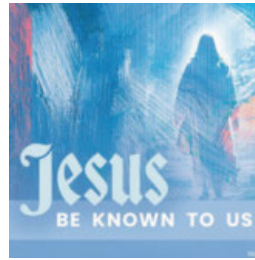
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APRIL 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Holy Trinity Parish of Plymouth, NH is pleased to announce our 2024 Cornerstone Women’s Retreat which will be held at The Valley Inn in Waterville Valley, from Friday April 26 through Sunday, April 28. Our theme this year is "**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, GOD, SELF AND OTHERS**". Please come and join us for a weekend of sharing stories, activities and laughter as we draw closer to God through our love for Jesus. For more information please contact Eleanor Morrison at (603) 520-3746 or email her at emorrison255@gmail.com for more information or to register. **Registration deadline is April 19th.**

Bible Sharing @ St. Joseph Church

“The Grace of Les Misérables”

April 4 - May 9 - Thursdays at 7:00 pm

This six-week Bible sharing session will include two small books (\$20 for both) and will require reading the respective chapter prior to attending the Thursday evening session.

Please contact Annette Maurier for more information.

Phone: 603-279-4320

Breakfast with the Knights

Next Sunday (4/21)

After the 9:30 Mass



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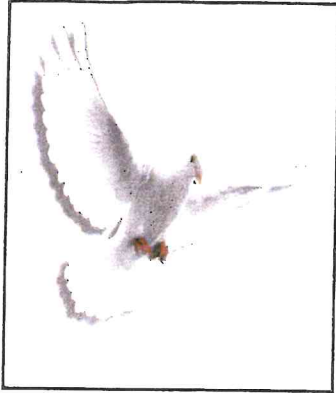
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Life in the Spirit Seminar

“Wait for the promise of the Father,
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Holy Spirit”

Acts 1:4-5



APRIL 19-20-21, 2024

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Pastoral Center, 277 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH

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- *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 personal Pentecost.
- *is most effective when approached with faith, openness and expectancy.

Weekend's cost is \$30 (\$50 for couples) includes all light meals and supplies.

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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 abbahealingcenter1@gmail.com
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"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." Acts 1:8



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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER ADDS TO LIST OF CLERGY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

On April 10, 2024, the Diocese of Manchester added three priests to its list of clergy accused of sexual abuse of a minor as part of its continuing effort and commitment to protecting children and young people. The information, assignment histories, and additional resources are available at catholicnh.org/restoringtrust.

Reverend George Desjardins has been listed on the Restoring Trust website under the category “Cases Concluded” for a report of abuse that took place more than forty years ago that was received recently. Fr. Desjardins is alive and has been retired since 2002. He is prohibited from ministry.

Reverend Matthew Schultz has been listed on the Restoring Trust website under the category “Cases in Process,” which are cases involving living Diocesan priests, but where the canonical proceedings are not yet complete. Fr. Schultz is prohibited from ministry. Out of respect for those involved and because the case is still in process, no further information will be disclosed at this time.

Reverend André Thibodeau has been listed on the Restoring Trust website of the Diocese of Manchester as a Deceased Priest accused of sexual abuse of a minor for a report received after his death. Fr. Thibodeau died in 2015.

Law enforcement has been notified of the reports concerning all three priests. Whenever it becomes aware of a report of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, diocesan employee, or volunteer, the Diocese ensures that the New Hampshire Attorney General’s office is notified, even if the misconduct took place many years ago.

Anyone with information pertaining to sexual abuse in the Church is encouraged to make a report to law enforcement. For information on how to report abuse, to request counseling or other services, or to learn more about how the Diocese of Manchester works to create a safe environment in all our ministries, visit catholicnh.org/safety.



Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – 2024

PARISH HISTORY Part 6

March 13, 1949: Monday, 7pm choir rehearsal; Saturday: Feast of Saint Joseph – Mass at 8am.

On Saturday, March 26: 9am in church—Catechism for all public grade school children including those in 7th and 8th grade. Classes for High School will resume after Lent. Please observe “no parking” on the side of the street opposite the church.

March 28: Monday, 7pm – Memorial Hall (Library) – Meeting for all men over 16 years of age interested in the Holy Name Society.

April 3: Passion Sunday – Holy Name Society reorganized – Meetings every first Monday of each month.

April 10: Palm Sunday – Choir rehearsal after 10am Mass and again on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday at 7pm. Work on the Parish Hall every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Holy Thursday, Mass at 7am (Communion only at 6am) Procession and unveiling of the Altar –Adoration during the day was assigned by locale: 8am to 12 noon: Depot, Mill, Johnson, Sargent and Lawrence Street, Gilmanton Road; – 12 to 7pm: Church, Main Spring, Gale, High and Concord Street, Laconia Road, and South Road – Holy Hour at 7pm

April 17: Institute for Teaching Religion under the CCD at Saint John’s Hall, Laconia, every Tuesday (7-9) beginning April 26. Instructors: Sisters of Mercy and Fathers Hathaway and McDonough. Purpose: To train teachers for the summer vacation school.

May 8: Tuesday – 7:30pm – Parish Hall meeting for women and young girls over 16 of age to organize a Parish group. Winnisquam Mission: starting May 15 to June 19. -Holy Mass at 9am: starting June 19 to Labor Day, Holy Mass 7am and 10am; Labor Day to Columbus Day:– Holy Mass at 9am.

May 29: On Memorial Day, members of the Holy Name Society will assemble at the Legion Home at 10:45 am to partake in parade: Memorial Services. Communion breakfast of Holy Name Society on June 12. Men will march to Parish Hall after church.

Starting Wednesday, June 22, and every Wednesday at the Parish Hall: beano parties for benefit of Parish and Parish Hall.

August 21: Wednesday – 8pm – Beano party with \$25. Door prize.

September 11: Monday -7pm – monthly meeting of Holy Name Society— Cribbage Tournament after the meeting. Census will begin in Winnisquam; Fuel collection will be taken up during the census visit.

October 9: Beano parties discontinued until further notice. Census still continues. Instructions for converts taking place.

October 23: Parish census completed. Halloween party on October 29 for Holy Name and Altar Societies and their guests.

October 27: Collection for kneeling cushions.

December 11: 1st Communion on January 1, 1950 New Year's Day, at 8am Mass, during 40 hours followed by Communion breakfast served by Altar Society.

1950: February 12: CCD report cards this week.

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