

# Parish Community of Saint Joseph

**VERY REVEREND MARC B. DROUIN, V.F., PASTOR**

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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

Coordinator for Family and Youth Formation and Education:

Karen Ober..... 286-9995

### **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 ..... 267-8019

Parish Liturgical Ministries/Scheduling

Lucille Leroux .....267-8105

Music Director

Jeanne Breton.....524-8469

Sacristan

Janet Leroux ..... 267-8105

Sexton

..... 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*



Mass Intentions

Sat, April 21 - Vigil of 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
4:30 Edna Kleckner by her family & Anne Cioffi by Carmine

Sunday, April 22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4: 8-12/1 Jn 3: 1-2/Jn 10: 11-18  
9:30 Kelly O'Connor by his daughter Kathy and Deceased Members of the Hrasna & Buta families by Ron & Cheryl

Monday, April 23 - Easter Weekday  
Acts 11: 1-18/Jn 10: 1-10  
NO MASS

Tuesday, April 24 - Easter Weekday  
Acts 11: 19-26/Jn 10: 22-30  
NO MASS

Wednesday, April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist  
1 Pt 5: 5b-14/Mk 16: 15-20  
NO MASS

Thursday, April 26 - Easter Weekday  
Acts 13: 13-25/Jn 13: 16-20  
NO MASS

Friday, April 27 - Easter Weekday  
Acts 13: 26-33/Jn 14: 1-6  
NO MASS

Saturday, April 28 - Vigil of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
4:30 Armand Bolduc by his cousins and Deceased Cioffi/Galbo family by Carmine

Sunday, April 29 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9: 26-31/1 Jn 3: 18-24/Jn 15: 1-8  
9:30 Kevin O'Connor by his sister Kathy and Deceased Family & friends of the Bolduc/Gaudet family

FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
April 14-15, 2018

Your Offerings \$2,975.00  
Vanco Electronic Giving 267.73



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

This weekend, Catholic Charities' Parish Appeal begins in our parish. Every year, your gifts to Catholic Charities provide effective services and hope to people dealing with difficult situations and those facing crises.



Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities, your gifts move lives forward and teach people how to fish.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Music for the Liturgy

Gathering:

Rain Down #601

Glory to God #918

Psalm Response:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the Cornerstone Psalm 118

Preparation of the Gifts: Shepherd of my Heart  
St. Joseph Music Ministry

Mass Responses: Mass of Spirit and Grace

Holy #931  
When We Eat this Bread #933  
Amen #935  
Lamb of God #936

Communion: You Are Mine #457

Closing: How Can I Keep from Singing #442

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

Zealous for the God of Israel, Saul of Tarsus was determined to stamp out this new cult surrounding Jesus of Nazareth by whatever means necessary, including extreme violence and murder.

But Saul's zeal was turned upside down when he was humbled by Jesus himself. Join Stephen Ray as he takes you on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Fall from a horse in the desert, hang in a basket over the Damascus Wall, cling to driftwood in the sea, and stride along ancient Roman roads. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle.

Be sure to call the Saint Andre Bessette office to get the code so you can sign up for FORMED.



*"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."  
Jn 10:14-15*

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world. Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold."

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives. While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

### INTER-FAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST

"Many Voices, United in Prayer"

St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall  
31 Gilford Avenue, Laconia, NH

Thursday, May 3, 2018  
National Day of Prayer  
Breakfast Buffet from 7:30 am  
Program Begins 8:15 am  
Program Concludes 9:30 am

Topic: Substance Misuse and Prayer  
Net Proceeds will support "Navigation Recovery" of the Lakes Region

Tickets are \$12 per person  
Contact Chris Ray at 528-2920 for more information.

## CALLING ALL TEENS IN GRADES 9 - 12! STEUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE REVEALED

**"In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him." 1 John 4:9**

**JULY 13 - 15, 2018**

**We will gather following the 9:30 Mass  
Sunday April 22  
in the blue room to answer your questions.  
Or you can contact: Karen Ober 286-9995  
or Megan Pyra 286-9691. SOON!**



### SAINT JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to the generosity of the Parish and the local community, the Saint Joseph Food Pantry is currently well stocked with nonperishable foods for a while, with the exception of **peanut butter and canned meat products.**

We are currently in great need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other personal care products. We also welcome donations of laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, paper towels and all household-cleaning supplies.

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

### 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.

APRIL 22, 2018

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## ***Family & Youth Faith Formation & Education***

### ***Faith Formation 2017 - 2018***

Grade 1 - 8 classes are once a month, following  
9:30 Mass 10:30 - 12:00

*We invite all parishioners to join us for coffee and  
donuts following Mass, and to join us for our talk and  
discussion the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.*

### ***First Communion Mass - April 29***

***9:30***

***Please keep our 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants in your  
prayers:***

***Lucas Duggan, Calleigh Mazzei,  
Amelia Smith***

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***Grade 1 - 8 Students & Parents***

***Next session***

***May 6 - 10:30 - 12:00***

***Mass - May Crowning- Breakfast -  
Class & Fall Registration***

*Questions? contact Karen Ober, coordinator  
267-8174, 286-9995 or [krober0123@gmail.com](mailto:krober0123@gmail.com)*

## **APRIL 22ND - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD!**

**Question from Life -**

**Who leads you? Whom do you follow?**

**Question from the Gospel-**

**How do you implement a good shepherd's leadership and care  
in your work? Your play? Your life?**



APRIL 22, 2018



**Sunday, April 22**

9:30 am MASS (Church)

**Monday, April 23**

NO MASS

7:00 pm Choir (Church)

**Tuesday, April 24**

NO MASS

7:00 pm RCIA (hall)

**Wednesday, April 25**

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

NO MASS

**Thursday, April 26**

NO MASS

**Friday, April 27**

NO MASS

7:00 pm Movie Night (hall)

**Saturday, April 28**

4:30 pm MASS (Church)

### SAVE THE DATE

A gentle reminder for you to save your new or gently used items for our Annual Parish yard Sale, which will be held on Friday, June 29, from 5 to 7 pm and

Saturday, June 30 from 8 am to Noon.



More information about collection dates will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, please save the date!!



A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$50, with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin.

Availability is limited to the Liturgical calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 267-8174

**RETROUVAILLE.....A LIFELINE**

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), or call 1-800-470-2230.



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

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The current total of pledges collected is **\$136,409!**

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

**VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING NEWS**

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...For those who use the Vanco Electronic Giving program, you are now able to log in to your account with Vanco and make donations for all the special second collections taken throughout the year, as well as, donations to the Building Fund and Food Pantry. You may still continue to make electronic donations for Offertory and the Capital Campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



**MASS** in support of those suffering from  
**INFERTILITY,**  
**MISCARRIAGE, OR LOSS**  
WITH BISHOP LIBASCI

All are welcome to attend this celebration of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in prayerful support of those suffering from infertility or pregnancy related loss.

The Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6 pm at Saint Joseph

Cathedral Chapel in Manchester.



**SPRING SCRIPTURE SHARING**

Our Spring Scripture session on David the King, will begin on Wednesday, April 18 about 7 pm & Thursday, April 19, about 9 am.

It is a 6 week DVD and discussion study and it very interesting.

All are invited. For more information, please call Martha at 267-6101.

**CALLING ANYONE WHO WANTS TO DO CRAFTS!**

On Monday April 30th at 7 pm in the church hall we will be having a meeting of anyone interested in doing crafts.

These are the crafts sold during our Christmas Fair. We are looking for new ideas, and anyone with an interest to help. Come and have fun!

For more information please contact Mary Lacroix at [melacroix@metrocast.net](mailto:melacroix@metrocast.net) or leave a message at 286-7867

**Attention Business Owners, Professionals,  
Self Employed and Families!  
Bulletin Advertising Opportunities Available!**

Jillianne Snow from Liturgical Publications will be in our office the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> working to secure new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. These ads pay for the bulletin printing costs & we need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract quality customers!

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, a family, a charity, In Memory of a Loved One or to support the church or a community service organization like emergency pregnancy counseling, the March of Dimes, etc with 85% of the proceeds going to the church.

Jillianne also likes to help a business that might just be starting out, and not able to afford an ad on their own. If you know a business that might benefit, please email the business name and contact information.

**Reach out to Jillianne before her visit at (603)-918-6035 or via e-mail to [jsnow@4lpi.com](mailto:jsnow@4lpi.com).**

**KEEPING THINGS NEAT AND TIDY AT THE CHURCH**

For those who volunteer in the Parish Hall and the Kitchen, would you please be so kind as to remove the accumulated trash from your events as soon as possible. This includes Bereavement luncheons and coffee and donuts.

If you wish to recycle the boxes, please remove them from the kitchen and hall areas and dispose of them off site.

**Please do not store the trash in the boiler room. Thank you for helping keep things neat.**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

**PLEDGE A PRAYER**

On the weekend of May 3 – 6, Kairos Team #4 will be entering the Federal Prison Facility in Berlin, NH to bring hope and Christ to candidates wishing to change their lives. We ask for your support by signing a prayer vigil poster indicating a time each day that you would say a prayer for the team and the candidates.

The prayer vigil sign-up sheet will be posted at the rear of the church through April 29. Your prayers can be helpful in changing hearts and transforming lives "inside the wall."

For further information, contact Lionel Maurier at 279-4320 or e-mail at: [lamtam2008@hotmail.com](mailto:lamtam2008@hotmail.com)

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR WEEKEND**

Join us the weekend of May 11-13 for a wonderful time of renewal, empowerment and joy of the Holy Spirit! This weekend seminar will help deepen or establish a relationship with Jesus, empower and renew the sacramental graces of Baptism and Confirmation, and provide an opportunity to experience the life-changing love of God! The Seminar will be held at St. Matthew Church, Plymouth. For more information or to register call Peter and Kathy Drexel at 536-7580, or Jackie Morganti at 332-3576.

Also, this is Mother's Day weekend. **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GIFT FOR MOM? HOW ABOUT THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!** And nothing would make mom happier than to have YOU attend with her! Make this a special time for family, and for mom!

Cost of the weekend is \$25 and includes all light meals and supplies needed for the weekend.

*"Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Rom. 11:33*

**CATHERINE OF SIENA:  
A WOMAN FOR OUR TIMES**

Saint Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH, has the joy of welcoming Sister Nancy Murray, O.P., who will present a one-woman performance based on the life of Saint Catherine of Siena. This presentation will be offered in the church on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Sister Nancy, a Dominican Sister from Adrian, Michigan, brings to us a wonderful performance, revealing to us the greatness of Saint Catherine and the beauty and depth of her relationship with Jesus Christ. There is general admission for this performance, so register NOW for complimentary tickets at <https://catherine-of-siena.eventbrite.com>! We only have enough tickets for the number of seats in the church. Once they are gone, they are gone—so don't delay!

For additional information, please contact Charlene Maniotis in the parish office at 603.882.7793

**MASS INTENTIONS**

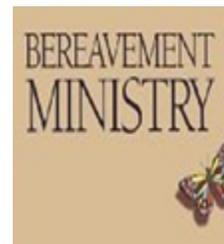
Did you know that dates for Mass Intentions are now available for 2018 and 2019? We gather at the Eucharist to pray for anyone, living or deceased.



If you would like to request a Mass for a particular intention such as thanksgiving for a new birth, healing for a sick friend or family member, or for a deceased loved one or friend, please call the Parish Office at 267-8174. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Ruth Mooney read the article in our bulletin regarding preparation classes for adults who have not been confirmed. After choosing a sponsor, she and her sponsor attended the confirmation preparation classes. Ruth was confirmed at St. Joseph Cathedral last Sunday. She is very happy she made the decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and she would like to encourage anyone who has not been confirmed to attend the adult preparation classes which will be offered again in the fall and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



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**

# Come have Breakfast with Us!!!!!!



## **In support of the RSVP Program**

The Robert Leroux Council supports seminarians each year with educational expenses

“Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life can only flourish in a spiritual soil that is well cultivated.” Pope Benedict XVI

**The Belmont Knights of Columbus Council 10943 is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, April 22.**

**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:**

**Pancakes  
French Toast  
Eggs  
Home Fries**

**Sausage  
Juice  
Coffee  
Milk**

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

# MOVIE NIGHT!

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY, APRIL 27th

7:00 pm

St. Joseph Church- Belmont, NH

Featured Movie is:

## FIREPROOF



In the wake of his daring rescue of a complete stranger, decorated firefighter Caleb Holt (Kirk Cameron) realizes the extent to which he has failed as a husband. In a desperate attempt to save his relationship with his wife, Catherine (Erin Bethea), Holt turns to "The Love Dare," a Christian self-help book. At the prompting of his devout father, John (Harris Malcom) -- and guided by the book itself -- Holt embarks on a 40-day mission to rescue his marriage from the looming specter of divorce.

This movie is rated PG\*

**\*Parents, make sure you're comfortable bringing your children.**

**Popcorn, pretzels, and drinks will be provided.**

**~ ALL ARE WELCOME ~**



For questions or comments, please call  
Karen Gallagher 603-305-8250

# EASTER FLOWERS

2018

*In memory of*

Our Mothers

Francis Nolan

William Chavanelle

Albert Ouellette

Michael Provencal

George & Elsie Clairmont

Bill & Rita Channell

Paul Raymond

Stephen Decato

Dominic & Ethel Biello

Ronald & Beatrice Mooney

Ron King

Hanna Woodard

Frances Anderson

Emile & Dolores Levasseur

Amos & Marie King

Deceased members of the  
Bolduc & Gaudet families

Deceased members of the  
Drouin & Rolfe families

Deceased members of the Johnson family

Deceased members of the St. Louis, Ober & Moulton families

Deceased family & friends of Norm & Carol Lettre

Deceased members of the Dumais & Chaput families

**The Paschal Candle for the Easter Season was generously donated by:**

**Paul & Helen Gaudet in memory of the Bolduc & Gaudet families**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## The Cornerstone

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you reveal your great love for us in your  
Son, Jesus.

By his dying and rising,  
we have been made your children  
and so, we lift our voices to give thanks  
for your goodness.

May Christ the cornerstone,  
provide us with the strength  
and courage

to build up your Kingdom.

Grant us a faith and love  
that moves us to lay aside our desires  
in order to work for justice.

Implant your will deep within  
our hearts

so that, we offer all that we are to you  
and for your glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 22, 2018  
The Rejected Cornerstone



*Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 4:8–12; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1–2; John 10:11–18.* Together, the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect on the saving power of God. Many thought that the Messiah would usher in war, and once he conquered, would reign as a powerful king. Jesus' reign is one of peace and love. The images our readings provide are that of a rejected stone and a shepherd. When Peter is confronted about the healing of the cripple, he tells the Jewish leaders that they are like builders who put aside a stone unfit for building. The reality is, they didn't examine it closely enough, and the stone that they reject is the Messiah. Think about the brutality Jesus suffered and the confrontations he experienced. The one who

saves is the one who many humiliated and hunted down. Jesus is the foundation that keeps us from collapsing.

Similarly, in the Gospel, Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, lays aside everything for his sheep. Jesus isn't the warrior some were expecting, but a loving Savior in whom we take refuge. In the name of this unexpected Savior, the cripple was healed and we are healed. Who in our communities, like Jesus, is rejected or ignored? Reach out to those and help them know they are loved and have gifts to share in building up the Kingdom. Engage in some active imagination with the image of Christ the cornerstone. How does this image comfort or challenge you?



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 23

#### The Gate

The Gospel shows Jesus as the gate through which people must enter to be saved. Imagine a gate. It can keep things in or out. It has the potential to protect. By his death and Resurrection, Jesus has opened the Kingdom of Heaven. By uniting ourselves to him, we enter into his sheepfold. Meditate on Jesus as the gate, and see how he leads you to the Kingdom. *Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 5; John 10:1-10.*

### Tuesday, April 24

#### All Nations

In the Scriptures, reference to the Gentiles usually is a reference for all non-Jewish people. Our First Reading helps depict how the Church is growing beyond Jerusalem and spreading to all nations, even the Greeks. As disciples, we are called to give witness to Christ the Shepherd to all peoples. In your prayer today, include a petition that all nations might know the peace and love of Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30.*

### Wednesday, April 25

#### Feast of St. Mark

Today's readings provide three ideas on which to reflect. First, in the Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles to preach to all nations. Second, Peter tells us to be sober and vigilant in order to remain steadfast in faith. Third, the Psalm invites us to praise for all God has done for us. Be attentive to Christ's presence as you share time with another today. *Today's Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16:15-20.*

### Thursday, April 26

#### Bold and Confident

Scripture's portrayal of Paul is bold and confident. As Paul speaks to the people in the synagogue, he recounts Israel's history, showing that Jesus is the Chosen One sent by God, the One foretold by the prophets. Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to share your faith boldly? We are heirs of God's promise who go forth sharing the Good News. We are the messengers Christ has sent. Send a message of Good News to a friend to reconnect. *Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; John 13:16-20.*

### Friday, April 27

#### Light and Path

God truly has kept his promise by raising Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the true light of life and the path of salvation and anyone who comes to him becomes a child of God. If you were sitting in the synagogue listening to Paul preach, how might you have responded? Paul invites unbelievers to follow the Light and believers to show forth the Light. Spend time praying with the Psalm refrain. *Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14:1-6.*

### Saturday, April 28

#### Jealousy

In the First Reading, the Jews are jealous of the crowds who gather to hear Paul and Barnabas. Jealousy is a problem. It can lead one to embrace malice. The disciples teach us a lesson by dusting their feet and moving on. When have you felt jealous and what incited those feelings? Dialogue with Jesus about a time you were jealous and hear his advice. *Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; Psalm 98, 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14:7-14.*



### American Eyecare

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www.eyecarenh.com

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

### InFocus Eyecare

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Scott Krauchunas, O.D., Ph.D.  
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www.infocuseyecarenh.com



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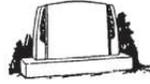
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