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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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5th Sunday of Lent

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 5

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

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

**4:30 pm Rose Schumacher by her adopted daughter,
Kathy O'Connor**

Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, April 6 - 5th Sunday of Lent

*Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny:
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 Joshua Shoemaker (9th Anni) by his Family

Monday, April 7

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Tuesday, April 8

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

5:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Wednesday, April 9

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

5:30 pm Lenten Rosary with K of C

6:00 pm Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Adoration, Sacred Heart Laconia until 11:00 pm

Thursday, April 10

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Friday, April 11

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

5:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart (No Soup & Stations)

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper, St. Joseph

Saturday, April 12

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

**4:30 pm William McCarthy (1st Anni) by his wife,
Christine, and Children**

Deceased Family and Friends

of the Bolduc & Gaudet Families

Sonny Stern (1st Anni) by the Family

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

*Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49*

**9:30 am Joshua Shoemaker (B-Day) by his Family
Susan Hilliard by Anne & Debbie Ford**

33 Day Personal Consecration to Jesus through Mary

April 10 - May 13, 2025. Open the door to the power of the rosary.

Join the Children's Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Each evening at 7:00 P.M. Bishop Libasci will lead the day's prayer and readings livestreamed from the Cathedral in the Diocese of Manchester. All are most welcome to join him. This is for everyone and a wonderful way for parents and grandparents to pray for and with their children and grandchildren - or for anyone to pray for the children in their lives and around the world. The prayers and readings for each day are available online at:

<https://childrensconsecration.com/manchester>

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY FOR MARCH 31, 2025

Offertory	\$	1,715.00
Vanco	\$	634.71
Total	\$	2,349.71
Catholic Relief	\$	280.00

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS - WEEK #40

Budget Amount	July 1 - March 31	\$	204,000.00
Actual Amount	July 1 - March 31	\$	197,834.35
Deficit Amount	July 1 - March 31	\$	(6,165.65)

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET IS \$5,100.00.

Donation Update:

As a reminder, any online donations and checks received at the parish for eliminated second collections will be credited to the Saint André Bessette or Saint Joseph fundraising goal for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. The following second collections were eliminated and collapsed into the NHCA in 2022: Seminarian Fund, Catholic Charities NH Appeal, Parish to Parish Support Fund, NH Missionaries Abroad and Multicultural Ministry, Catholic University of America and USCCB, NH Priest Retirement Fund and Catholic Education.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Ashford at 603-663-0152 or aashford@rcbm.org

Prayer for Vocations

Thank you to the following parishioners who will be praying for vocations:

**April 7 - April 13 - Bob & Lisa Lord, and
Lionel, Annette and Alexander Maurier**

**April 14 - April 20 - Bob & Lisa Lord, and
Lionel, Annette and Alexander Maurier**

Let us pray for a deeper faith, hope, and love among all, especially those He is calling to serve as a priest or religious sister. Contact Aaron Clark if you would like to pray for a week 603-728-5136.



Fire of God!

Regional Charismatic Prayer Meeting

SPECIAL DIVINE MERCY EVENT

All are welcome to join us on **SAT. APRIL 26**, from 10-noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 180 Loudon Rd., Concord. Our Special Guest Speaker will be **Fr. Bartholomew Ogumelu** of OLMM, Hampton. Father Barth will be speaking about the **MERCY OF GOD**. Join us for lively praise and worship, fellowship and an opportunity for healing prayer.

For more information, call Jackie Morganti 603-332-3576. Sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of NH.

Welcome to Parishioners & Visitors!



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Lenten Rosary

The Knights continue to lead a Scriptural Rosary at 5:30 PM (before Mass) on Wednesdays, through Holy Week. Please consider joining in this prayer opportunity for the final two weeks of Lent.

Signs of Hope

At our April meeting, Council Lecturer Don Roberts covered another topic related to the Jubilee Year – signs of hope in our world. Believers need to recognize elements of hope in the “signs of the times,” to point them out not only to one another, but also to a world that has yet to share our vision of the future. Sometimes we need to not just see the signs of hope, but to become them. Longing for peace, respect for life, care for the sick, the imprisoned, the migrant, the elderly – all these present opportunities to witness to the hope we have from our belief that the Kingdom of God is our future.

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.

Scholarship Applications Due by April 30

This is the second and final month for college-bound students – whether new or returning – who are in a Knight’s family to apply for a scholarship award. The Belmont Council offers up to three \$400 scholarships to help member Knights with higher education expenses for themselves and family members. Active members, their spouses, dependents and certain others whose college costs are paid by knights may apply. An application form and additional details are available on our Council website, belmontknights.org.

The Board of Holy Trinity School is thrilled to announce that we have hired Dawn Florino to be our new principal. Dawn earned a B.A. in Psychology and an M.Ed. in Elementary Education, both from Notre Dame College. She is a doctoral candidate at Rivier University in Educational Leadership with a focus on literacy education, writing development, and instruction.



She is a licensed reading and writing specialist, with nearly 30 years of experience as a classroom teacher, specialist, instructional coach, Catholic school leader, leadership coach, and system administrator and educational consultant. She has been an adjunct faculty member in the graduate and undergraduate teacher education programs at SNHU and NHTI since 2010.

Dawn is a member of St. Marie Parish in Manchester, NH. She continues to learn and grow in her faith daily. Teaching in and leading Catholic education with devoted colleagues has been the work of a lifetime. Dawn believes all children deserve to know about God's eternal and unconditional love and experience faith formation and education in unity. She has been married to her husband Mike for 31 years and together they raised two children, Joe and Maggie. She and Mike live in the quiet rural town of Goffstown, NH, with their dogs, Cider and Ruby.

The Board welcomes interested Parishioners families to meet Dawn at an information night to be held at the school on April 7 at 5:30.

**LET’S BUILD A
CULTURE OF LIFE**



PRO-LIFE DOCTOR TO HEAD THE FDA

Dr. Marty Makary recently won approval from the Senate’s health committee with rare bipartisan support. He signaled his pro-life stance several

years ago by speaking about abortion from a prolife medical perspective. He drew attention to the contradictory approach within medicine to babies who have reached the age of viability. Pointing out that *Roe v. Wade* was based on viability, Dr. Makary noted that advances in medical technology have pushed the age of viability earlier in pregnancy. He also pointed out that babies at the same gestational age are treated in opposite ways based on circumstances. “Ironically, we sometimes do fetal surgery on a baby inside the womb of the mother to save the baby’s life, and yet at the same age in other settings, surgical instruments are used to abort a baby.”

He affirmed that beginning around 15 weeks, the baby in utero can feel pain and will react to the instruments of the abortionist. He witnessed an abortion during his training as a medical student and saw the baby avoid the instruments of the abortionist. “It doesn’t matter which side you protest on around this issue. If you see the actual images of what’s happening and a baby resisting an abortion, it’ll weigh on your conscience.” (Source: Live Action News)

CALENDAR Come join us for **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** activities!

Wednesday 4/09 – Sidewalk prayer at Planned Parenthood, Manchester. Call Christine Kingsley (603/548-5717) for time and carpooling information.

Friday 4/11 – Sidewalk prayer at Equality Health Center, Concord. We will leave from the church following the 8:00 A.M. Knights of Columbus Rosary for the Unborn. Call Pat Kiefer (603/455-9308) for carpooling information.

Sunday 4/13 Closing Rallies -- 2:00 P.M. on public sidewalk at Planned Parenthood, Manchester; 11:00 P.M. Candlelight Vigil at Equality Health Center, Concord.



Wedding Anniversary Mass



Bishop Libasci invites all couples celebrating significant years of marriage to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester on **Sunday, June 1st, at 2:00 pm**. To register, please call the Office at 603-524-9609. The Office will gather and submit all necessary information. All couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, **Congratulations!**

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APRIL 6, 2025

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, April 5

- 3:30 pm Confessions**
- 4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church**

Sunday April 6

- 9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church**
- 10:30 am Knights Breakfast, Church Hall**
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Monday, April 7

- 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**
- 3:00 pm Food Pantry**
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice**

Tuesday, April 8

- 5:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**

Wednesday, April 9

- 8:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**
- 4:30 pm HATT - SAB Laconia Parish Gym**
- 5:30 pm Rosary with K of C, St. Joseph Church**
- 6:00 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church**
- 6:00 pm Youth Group, SAB Laconia**

Thursday, April 10

- 8:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**
- 7:00 pm Bible Study - Parish Hall**
- 7:00 pm The Chosen, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia (Zoom)**

Friday, April 11

- 8:30 am Food Pantry**
- 10:00 am Lenten Study - Parish Hall**
- 5:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper**

Saturday, April 12

- 3:30 pm Confessions**
- 4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church**

Sunday April 13

- 9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church**

Save the Date!

Upcoming Mobile Food Pantry



Friday, April 11, 12 - 2 pm

*First-come, first-served.
While supplies last.*

The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of food to distribute to families and individuals.

No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive-thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR PALM SUNDAY & EASTER

Because of deadlines to submit for Palm Sunday and Easter, there are a couple changes to the bulletin deadlines.

Information for the **Palm Sunday bulletin** must be received by **Wednesday, April 2.**

Information for the **Easter Sunday bulletin** must be received by **Monday, April 7.**

Bulletin notices may be brought to the office for Terry or e-mailed to bulletineditor@standrebessette.org

APRIL 6, 2025

John 8: 1-11

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.



The center is what stabilizes a community’s identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you’ll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **“left alone before him.”** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ’s forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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