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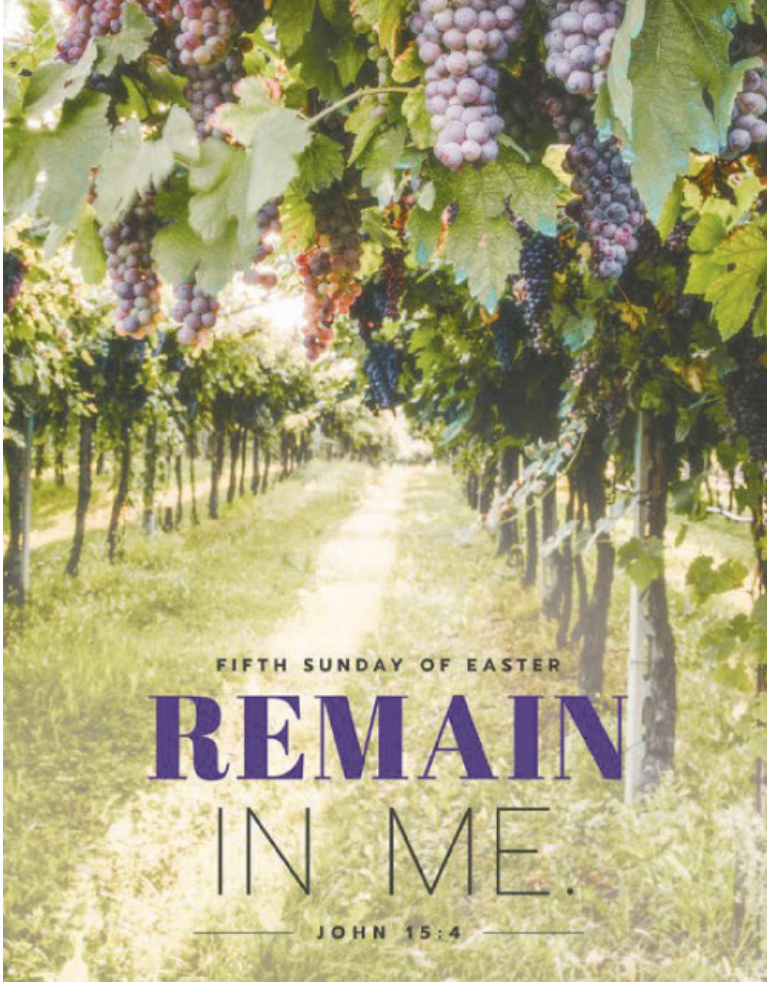
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APRIL 28 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

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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 27

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm **Kevin O'Connor by his sister, Kathy**
Chet Lewandoski by Friends
Robert & Merilda Leroux by their Daughters

Sunday, April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

9:30 am **Edwin Blow by his wife, Jo Ann**
Robert & Marion Laliberte, Sr.
by their son, Robert, Jr.
Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Monday, April 29

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Tuesday, April 30

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

5:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Wednesday, May 1

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia
Adoration, Sacred Heart Laconia until 11:00 pm

Thursday, May 2

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Friday, May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

No Mass Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Saturday, May 4

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm **Donnie Best by good friends, Kathy & Lisa**

Sunday, May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

9:30 am **Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish**

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY FOR APRIL 21, 2024

Offertory	\$	2,638.00
Vanco	\$	620.70
Total	\$	3,258.70
Building Fund	\$	114.00

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS - WEEK #43

Budget Amount	July 1 - April 21	\$	202,100.00
Actual Amount	July 1 - April 21	\$	218,435.61
Surplus Amount	July 1 - April 21	\$	16,335.61

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




This weekend we kickoff the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II, One Bread, One Body

This initiative in our Diocese is to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It has consolidated six of our annual collections under one Appeal along with the Catholic Charities NH in-pew special collection appeal and the Parable magazine drive. I am grateful to all who donated to the NHCA last year. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal again will help fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, Parable magazine, the Community Services program Catholic Charities NH and more.

Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. As you consider making your gift, please consider what you have given to these individual collections (Seminarian Fund, Retired Priest Fund, Parish to Parish Support Fund, Catholic University of America and USCCB, Catholic Education/Catholic Schools, N.H. Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH) plus to Parable Magazine and the Catholic Charities NH Special collection appeal.

Our parish goal this year is \$27,769.00 and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs.



The Extended Mystagogy Period
 The Extended Mystagogy Period extends from Pentecost to the first anniversary of baptism. During this time, the Becoming Catholic Team may meet only monthly with the neophyte to continue the deepening of their Christian formation and incorporation into the full life of the faith community. Christian initiation is not just receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil – it is a lifelong and life-changing process of commitment to Jesus Christ, experienced in the community of believers.

I have called you by name



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Baby Bottle Campaign – Easy as 1-2-3

This year’s fundraiser for the Aspire Women’s Center in Laconia is starting soon, and it’ll be easy to participate:

- 1 – Get a baby bottle from a knight after Mass on Mother’s Day weekend (May 9/10).
- 2 – Put your donation (coins, bills, or a check) in the bottle.
- 3 – Return the bottle with your contribution on Father’s Day weekend (June 15/16).

Scholarship Application Deadline: April 30

The application deadline for our Council’s 2024 Scholarship Program is Tuesday, April 30. Forms and program details are available on our Council website, belmontknights.org.

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

Safe Parishioners - Secure Churches

Following the widespread emotional reactions to the Supreme Court leak and decision overturning Roe-v-Wade, and calls on social media for possible demonstrations and disruptions at Catholic churches, the Diocese of Manchester hired **Blue-U.com**, a security firm specializing in secure premises and training, to provide risk evaluations and basic security protocols for every Catholic church in New Hampshire, and all at Diocese expense.

While we have not experienced any incidents at our church here in Belmont, it was thought prudent to avail the free Diocesan security resources to conduct "walk-through" evaluations of our churches, provide some practical security tips and some basic training of Ushers/Greeters - - to keep our parishioners and visitors safe at mass and preclude any untoward occurrences in church or on church property. Hence, all but main church doors will be locked at start of mass to eliminate any troublesome entry, but yet enable exit at any time.

Being aware of our surroundings and acknowledging the possibility of problems arising from social activism or unrest, even as slight as they might be, is a good first step in personal as well as group safety and security.

**TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 5,
11:00 A.M. ~ OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS.**

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in Your Will

**LET’S BUILD A
CULTURE OF LIFE**



PRE-EMINENT ISSUE FOR CATHOLICS

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) reaffirmed that stopping abortion is a “pre-eminent priority” of the Catholic Church. It is listed as the number one issue in the revised edition of the spiritual manual “Forming Consciences for Faithful

Citizenship,” the U.S. bishops’ voting guide for Catholics. (Source: Catholic News Agency)

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT – Abortion is not just a religious issue. It is also one of human rights. The right to life and the government’s protection of that right is fundamental for a just, humane and flourishing society. Bald Eagle eggs are federally protected, but human life in the womb is not. This speaks volumes! (Source: Bishop Donald Hying)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ABORTION PILLS

In addition to the health risks posed to women who take the chemical abortion pills, there is also an impact on our environment’s water supply. Chemical abortions now make up 63% of all abortions, making it the most common form of abortion in America. This type of abortion results in toxic chemicals and human remains entering our water supply through sewer systems. Water treatment plants do not treat for either. These environmental concerns are turning people, especially young voters, against chemical abortion pills and against the EPA’s lax policies. (Source: Students for Life)

COMING SOON --The Culture of Life Ministry will once again sponsor a baby bottle campaign to support **ASPIRE WOMEN’S CENTER**, our local pregnancy center. The campaign will run from Mother’s Day (5/12) to Father’s Day (6/16). More information will be provided in next week’s bulletin.



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We are grateful for all the donations we receive but find that the following items go quickly. There is a basket in the church by the confessional and a bin in the hall downstairs.

Thank you for being so generous. You are amazing!

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| Mayonaise | Spam |
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| White Tuna | Ramen Noodles: |
| Canned Chicken | Beef & Chicken |
| | Jam & Jelly |



APRIL 28, 2024

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, April 27

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

Monday, April 29

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

3:00 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, April 30

5:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

5:30 pm Confessions, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

6:30 pm Christmas Fair Planning Meeting/Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 1

8:15 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

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

6:00 pm Youth Group,

Thursday, May 2

8:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

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

Friday, May 3

8:30 am Food Pantry

Saturday, May 4

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

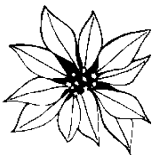
11:00 am Secure Church Training

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Tabernacle Flowers

If you wish to have flowers placed before the tabernacle in honor of a loved one for a donation of \$50, please call the





Fifth Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **“He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit”** (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Christmas Fair 2024 November 1 & 2



It is hard to believe it's already time to begin the planning for the fair, which seems so far away.

The planning process is a long one in order to provide the well-loved event we have here in the parish.

We have scheduled a planning meeting on Tuesday April 30, 6:30 in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

All are invited

We definitely are in need of a chairperson(s), organizer/leader for the Penny Sale and the Christmas Loft.

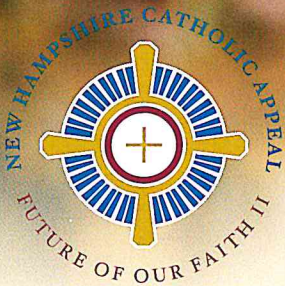
Please, join us! We need you!

Questions? call Karen Ober 603-393-9106

2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II

One Bread, One Body

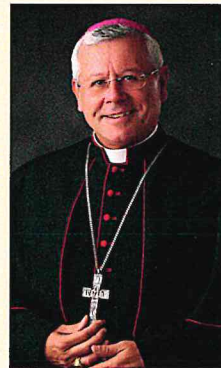


Our Church. Your Impact!

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Please support the 2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal to allow us to continue to work toward a more sustainable and collaborative Church in New Hampshire! Your gift supports these vital ministries that keep our faith thriving in New Hampshire:

- Community Services program at Catholic Charities New Hampshire which provides transformative change through case management and compassionate guidance
- Seminarian education and formation and support of the permanent diaconate
- Catholic education
- Care for our retired clergy
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis at home with *Parable Magazine*
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- Catholic cemeteries



"I am again so very grateful for your past support of all our New Hampshire Catholic ministries and services over the years. Your gifts have made a tremendous difference in our faith tradition throughout our diocese. Thanks to you, we are working to establish a stable future for the Catholic Church in New Hampshire. A future where we all grow our shared faith together in One Bread, One Body.

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) funds imperative Community Services of Catholic Charities NH – enabling them to serve immediate needs at the local level, seminarians, *Parable Magazine*, parishes, Catholic formation - especially for youth and young adults, caring for our retired clergy, Catholic cemeteries, Catholic education, and missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry. The NHCA will provide these ministries with the resources needed to carry out their important missions – but only with your continued help."

+Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Tenth Bishop of Manchester



Each parish has an NHCA goal, and every dollar raised above that goal will be rebated to the parish for any needs of the parish.

To learn more or donate online, please scan this QR code or go to www.catholicnh.org/nhca



Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – 2024

PARISH HISTORY Part 8

1951: January 8 – Joint installation of officers of Holy Name Society and Altar Society.

January 28 – Saturday, 8pm – Parish Hall – Mardi Gras Party. All Parishioners welcome including high school students. Prizes for the best and most original costumes. music, entertainment, refreshments.

February 8 – Confraternity class on Friday at 11am – tournament.

April 2 – Parish Hall will be open to Confraternity Class and their guests on Monday and Wednesday evenings during April –Chaperoned by members of the Holy Name and Altar Societies.

April 15 – Parish Hall – Kitchen Shower. All women and young ladies of the Parish are invited.

April 29 – Holy Year Jubilee visits to four churches with Fr. Massicotte leading the group.

May 20 – Monday – 6pm – Start painting the church.

May 27 – Painting of the church continues.

June 3 – Tuesday, 7:30pm – Parish Hall – meeting of the Parish committee for the lawn party. Raffle tickets will be distributed to each family . Communion for the graduates next Sunday at 8am Mass.

Lawn Pary – sorry weather only permitted one evening. Lawn party is postponed until Thursday – Saturday, July 12, 13, and 14.

July 29 – Next Sunday: Services – Mass will be held in our new Chapel at Winnisquam at 7 and 10am..Bishop came to visit the Chapel yesterday and was pleased with it. Open air bingo on grounds of new the Chapel in Winnisquam every Saturday at 8pm (weather permitting).

August 12 at 11am Mass. Dedication and blessing of the new Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winnisquam by the Bishop of the Diocese. NB People stay outside the church for prayers said by the Bishop and enter the church after the Bishop (except in case of rain). There will be three Masses – 7, 10, 11am at the Chapel now through Labor Day.

August 15 – Wednesday, Feast of the Assumption – Day of Obligation for all. Masses in Belmont at 5:30am, 7:30am; Chapel at 8 and 9am. No seat offering will be taken, but there will be a collection for the Sanctuary and Altar.

August 22 – Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Patron Saint of the Chapel in Winnisquam. Mass there at 8am. No masses at Saint Joseph.

August 23, 24, 25 – Lawn party was a real success notwithstanding poor weather.

October 14 – All parishioners are invited to participate in a pilgrimage to the La Salette Shrine in Enfield. It is sponsored by the Parish societies. Departure after the 10am Mass. May bring lunch.

Under the direction of Father Massicotte, the women of the Parish organized themselves as the ALTAR and ROSARY SOCIETY. Mrs. John (Claire) Moynihan was their first president.

The Altar and Rosary Society: notes from the Diary of Mrs. Yvonne Vaillancourt: “There were 48 members registered.” In her diary, she wrote about their putting on “Church spaghetti suppers with price of \$1.00 per person and children under 12 half price.” The meal consisted of spaghetti and meat balls, French bread and butter, apple pie and ice cream, and coffee.

To be continued

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