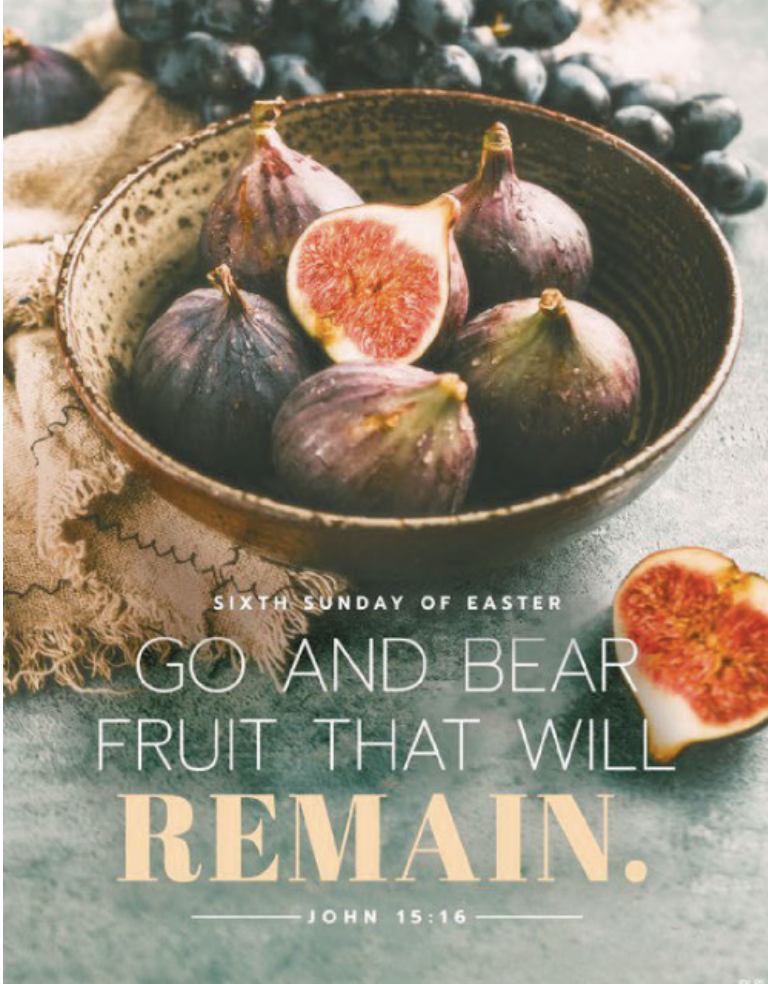




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MAY 5 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Weekdays –St. André Bessette Parish at
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- ◆ **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, 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**

Monday, May 6

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Tuesday, May 7

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

No Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Wednesday, May 8

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

No Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Thursday, May 9 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

5:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

6:00 pm **Mass at St. Joseph Church, Belmont**

Friday, May 10

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

No Mass Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Saturday, May 11

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm **Dorothy Hilbrunner by the Hilbrunner Family**

Chet Lewandoski by Friends

Geraldine Parichy by her Daughters

Sunday, May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Offertory	\$	2,685.00
Vanco	\$	847.39
Total	\$	3,532.39

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS - WEEK #44

Budget Amount	July 1 - April 28	\$	206,800.00
Actual Amount	July 1 - April 28	\$	221,968.00
Surplus Amount	July 1 - April 28	\$	15,168.00

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

NH Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all who made their gift to the NH Catholic Appeal. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please bring it to the Office or drop it in the collection box. *We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.*



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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. Please help us repeat last year's amazing success.

About this week's Mass Schedule...

There will be **No Mass or Confession on Tuesday afternoon, and no Mass Wednesday morning at Sacred Heart Church in Laconia**, because all priests will be at the Priest Convocation.

Ascension Thursday - Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at St. Joseph Church: 6:00 P.M.
Sacred Heart Church: 8:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Mass.



PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

**Ron & Cheryl Hrasna and
John & Yolande Weston**

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

Digging Deeper into the Paschal Mystery

The process of Mystagogy – reflecting on the Paschal Mystery – is one that continues throughout every baptized person's lifetime, as we grow in our appreciation of the life of Christ within us and within our community.

Although we don't fully understand the mysteries of our faith – they **are** mysteries,

after all – we can deepen our insights into them through reflection on the Scriptures we hear, the sacramental liturgies we celebrate, and the faith community we experience. We join with our neophyte, Amy Murray, in prayer and reflection on our Catholic identity.





**THE KNIGHTS
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Baby Bottle Campaign Starts Next Sunday

The 2024 fundraiser for the Aspire Women’s Center in Laconia starts next weekend, with the Knights distributing baby bottles after Mass. Please accept one per family, use it to store your contribution, then return it to church on Father’s Day weekend. Put the insert in today’s bulletin on your refrigerator to remind you.

One way to build your contribution would be to add a little each weekend, perhaps in gratitude for something good that happened to you during the week. Or use it as a “penalty bottle” every time you get angry, or fail to do a kind deed for someone, or whatever other behavior you want to “fine” yourself for because it wasn’t so “fine.” Post the insert in today’s bulletin to your refrigerator to remind you.

The Book of Proverbs

At our May meeting, Council Lecturer Don Roberts presented a summary of the Book of Proverbs. It opens with a series of instructions on the value of Wisdom as a guide to right living and warnings about the dangers of other influencers. Wisdom and Folly are each personified as women. Most of the book is a collection of short sayings describing various aspects of proper living. The proverbs are generally two lines, with some parallelism, with either contrast or similarity. For example, “Virtue exalts a nation, but sin is a people’s disgrace” (14:34) uses contrast; “With wickedness comes contempt, and with disgrace comes scorn” (18:3) uses similarity. The book ends with a poem about Wisdom personified as an ideal wife.

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.

Blood Drive – May 14

The Knights are sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, May 14, 12:00 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**



Jesus doesn’t give a prerequisite for giving love. He doesn’t tell us that to love an expectant mother she needs to be in Christ, married, addiction-free, with a job and a plan for her life before He will help her. At Aspire neither do they. Each mother needs support

and help to continue her path of choosing life and, hopefully, transformation in Christ.

They seek to meet her immediate need by first giving her a quiet, safe place, away from the noise and chaos of her situation, to talk things through and truly look at what her options could be. They offer a non-judgmental listening ear to hear each unique experience that has brought her to Aspire. They do not expect that she will leave and have her life completely figured out. They encourage her to keep coming back for continued support for whatever she needs, regardless of the situation. They provide immediate help with needed supplies, offer classes in pregnancy and birth, parenting skills, life and relationship skills, information on community resources and much more.

Thought for the Week:

“ When life’s problems seem overwhelming, look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself fortunate. ”

~ Ann Landers

Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia



Online Support Group

Are you caring for a family member or friend with memory loss?

You don’t have to face it alone.

Join Catholic Charities for a five-week-online support group starting June 11. All sessions are on Tuesdays and run from 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

You will discover a deeper understanding of dementia and practical resources to support your loved one’s well-being.

Contact **Louise Morneau** at lmorneau@nh-cc.org if you are interested, but cannot attend at the times listed above. The program will run again at different times.

Register at: <https://www.cc-nh.org/events/dementia-support-group/>

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 5, 2024

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, May 4

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

10:30 am Coffee & Donuts

11:00 am Secure Church Training

12:00 pm G.I.F.T. End of Year Celebration at SAB

Monday, May 6

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

3:00 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, May 7

No Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

No Confessions, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Wednesday, May 8

No Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

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

6:00 pm Youth Group,

Thursday, May 9 - Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

5:30 pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

6:00 pm Mass, St. Joseph Church, Belmont

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

Friday, May 10

8:30 am Food Pantry

Saturday, May 11

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 12

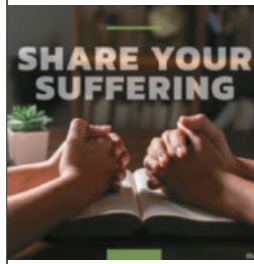
9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

Safe Parishioners - Secure Churches

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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**OPEN MONDAY 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
& FRIDAY, 8:30 - 11:00 A.M.**

For more information or to volunteer contact the office: 603-267-8174.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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!

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



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