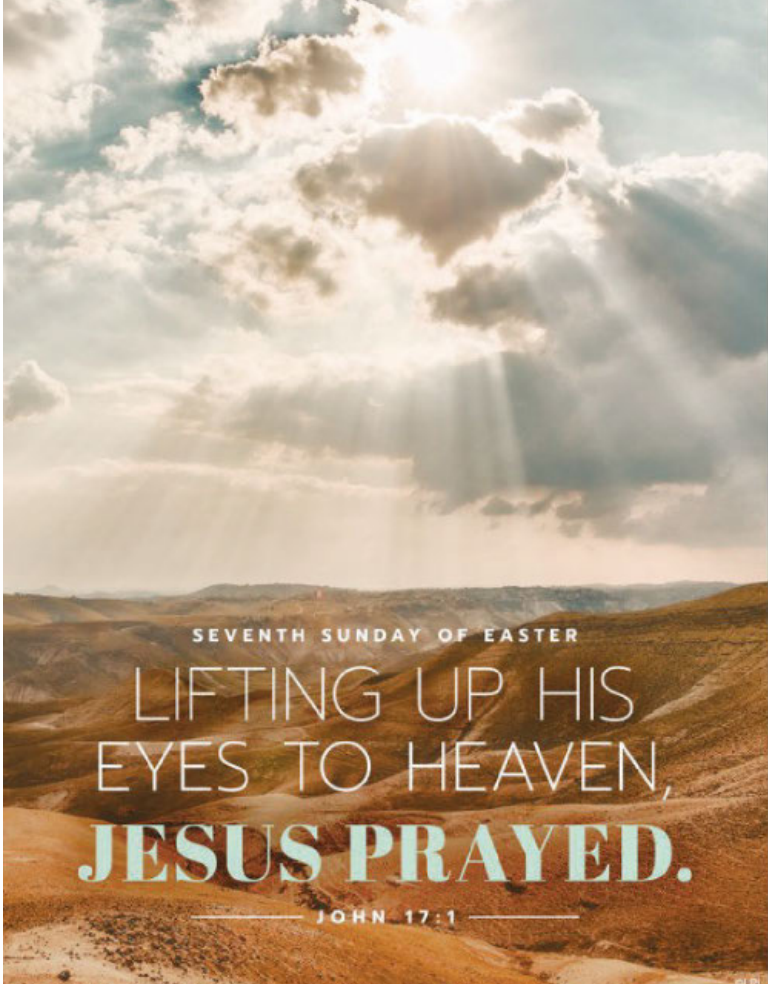




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**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS AS A PARISH - FEBRUARY 19, 1949 TO FEBRUARY 19, 2024**



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFTING UP HIS  
EYES TO HEAVEN,  
**JESUS PRAYED.**

JOHN 17:1

# MAY 12 2024

## Seventh 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.

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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 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**

*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 **Adrienne Lemay by Friends**

**Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish**

**Monday, May 13**

*Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33*

8:00 am **Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**

**Tuesday, May 14**

*Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17*

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

**Wednesday, May 15**

*Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19*

8:15 am **Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**

**Thursday, May 16**

*Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26*

8:00 am **Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**

**Friday, May 17**

*Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19*

**No Mass Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**

**Saturday, May 18**

*Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25*

3:30 pm Confessions—Church

4:30 pm **Sonny Stern by Dominic & Linda Biello**

**Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday**

*Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or  
Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15*

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

**Albert Laliberte by his brother, Robert**

# OFFERTORY

**OFFERTORY FOR MAY 5, 2024**

Offertory	.....	\$	4,103.00
Vanco	.....	\$	2,026.50
Total	.....	\$	<b>6,129.50</b>
Building Fund	.....	\$	509.00
Charitable	.....	\$	100.00

**FISCAL YEAR TOTALS - WEEK #45**

Budget Amount	July 1 - May 5	\$	211,500.00
Actual Amount	July 1 - May 5	\$	228,097.50
<b>Surplus Amount</b>	<b>July 1 - May 5</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,597.50</b>

**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.*



Please make checks payable to:  
**New Hampshire Catholic 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. Please help us repeat last year's amazing success.**

## Missionary Appeal

Fr. Bartholomew Okonkwo, an associate at St. Michael Parish, Exeter NH, will be visiting St. Joseph parish on May 18, to appeal for help for the Catholic diocese of Nnewi, Nigeria.



The Catholic diocese of Nnewi is located in the city of Nnewi, in the ecclesiastical province of Onitsha. At present, the diocese has 121 parishes, 414 priests, 189 religious, and 473,894 faithful.



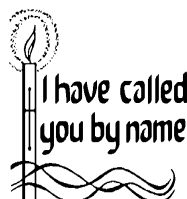
Please welcome Fr. Okonkwo and be generous to his appeal.

**Benefiting from Mystagogy**

The entire community should be involved in the Mystagogy experience, for all can benefit:

- The newly baptized, who are experiencing the community's sacramental life for the first time and need extra reflection on it;
- The godparents of the newly baptized, who get an assist in their responsibilities to share faith and to help the baptized join in the community's life;
- All parishioners, who reflect on the Easter Season's Sunday readings, welcome the neophytes into their community, and witness the action of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

We continue our mystagogical growth well beyond a one-year period – deepening our understanding of God's mysteries is a never-ending process of wonder and discovery. It continues until we reach the eternal fullness of God's Kingdom in the world to come.





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**Happy Mother's Day!**

To honor many important women in our parish family, the Knights will present carnations to all mothers as they leave Mass this weekend. You stand as examples for all in giving life and giving love – thank you!

**Baby Bottle Campaign Kicks Off**

Please take a baby bottle on your way out of Mass this weekend, fill it with your donation for the Aspire Women's Center in Laconia, and bring it back on Father's Day (June 16). The bottles and their contents (your donations) will be given directly to Aspire, so if you're using a check, make it payable to Aspire Women's Center, not the parish

**Blood Drive This Tuesday**

The Knights are sponsoring a blood drive this 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org). If you'd like to help check donors in at the site, please call Bob Chapman at 603-630-0874.

**Knights' Breakfast Next Sunday**

May 19 will be our last breakfast until Fall. Join your parish family for a good meal and good company. The insert in today's bulletin has details.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** Today let us honor, bless and pray for . . .

Moms who each day joyfully welcome their new baby into the world.

Moms in unplanned pregnancies who lovingly decide to parent their child or to put the baby up for adoption if they are unable to care for the infant.

- Stepmothers who take children into their hearts as their own.
- Moms and Dads who adopt or foster children when the birth mother is not able to care for the child.
- Women who desire motherhood but due to infertility issues are not able to conceive.
- Moms who have lost a child through miscarriage, accident or illness.
- Aunts, friends and other relatives who help with "mothering" duties.
- Single Dads who take on dual roles of father and "mother."
- All our cherished grandmothers and great-grandmothers.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY** – In support of Aspire Women's Center, bottles will be handed out after all weekend Masses. We encourage you to take a bottle home and place it where it will be a reminder. Save your coins or cash for the month -- or checks in any amount payable to Aspire Women's Center can be placed in the bottles. Return the bottles to the church any weekend through Father's Day on July 17, or drop off at the church office during the week. Your donations make a difference in the lives of Moms and Dads in our community who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

**MONTHLY MEETING** – The Culture of Life Ministry will meet on Monday, May 13, at 8:45 A.M. in the Pastoral Center at SAB in Laconia. *Please join us – all are welcome!*



**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

*Evclyn & Aarron Clark and  
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If you would like to pray for a week, contact Bob Gonyea at 603-340-4300.

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**1949 - 75TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY - 2024**

REMEMBER, RENEW, REJOICE

Saturday, June 8, 2024 ★ Mass - 4:30 PM ★ Gala Evening - 6:00 - 9:00 PM




**DON'T WAIT!**

**June 8 will be here before you know it. Get your tickets today and be ready to celebrate our 75th Anniversary as a parish. We've come a long way! Tickets are available after Masses.**

MAY 12, 2024

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Saturday, May 11**  
3:30 pm Confessions  
4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

**Sunday, May 12**  
9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church

**Monday, May 13**  
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia  
8:45 am Culture of Life Meeting, SAB PC  
3:00 pm Food Pantry  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. Joseph Church

**Tuesday, May 14**  
12:00 pm K of C Blood Drive, Church Hall  
5:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

**Wednesday, May 15**  
8:15 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia  
8:45 am 11:00 pm Adoration at Sacred Heart, Laconia  
6:00 pm Youth Group, SAB Laconia

**Thursday, May 16**  
8:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia  
6:00 pm Junior Youth Group, SAB Laconia

**Friday, May 17**  
8:30 am Food Pantry

**Saturday, May 18**  
3:30 pm Confessions  
4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church

**Sunday, May 19**  
9:30 am Mass - St. Joseph Church  
10:30 am Knights Breakfast (Last one 'til Fall)



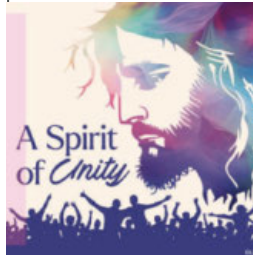
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**Worth Thinking About:**

“ Your faith will grow only in the measure that you give it away. The minute you walk outside of church on Sunday, you are in mission territory. Turn your car into a monastery. Love is not a sentiment or feeling. Love is actively willing the good of the other.”

~ Bishop Robert Barron



### Seventh Sunday of Easter

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity.

The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "**that they may be one, even as we are one**" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

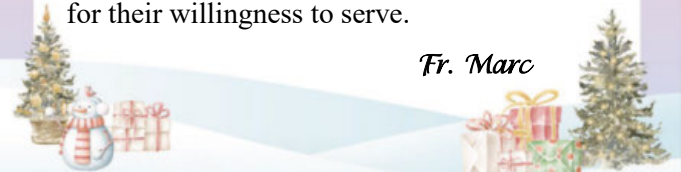
— Father John Muir ©LPi

## Christmas in the Village Fair

*Thank You! Thank You!*

Thank you to Mary LaCroix and Bette Paquet who have volunteered to Chair our annual Christmas in the Village Fair. I'm grateful for their willingness to serve.

*Fr. Marc*

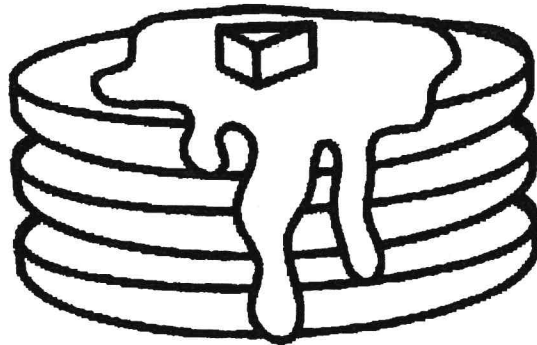


### Thought for the Week:

“Motherhood is the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It's huge and scary—it's an act of infinite optimism.” ~ Gilda Radner



**Next Sunday (5/19) –  
Last Knights' Breakfast  
Before Our "Summer Break"**



Feast on a favorite meal with your parish family:

**PANCAKES: PLAIN, BLUEBERRY, OR CHOCOLATE CHIP**

*Maple Rolls // Scrambled Eggs // Sausage // Home Fries*

*Fruit // Coffee // Juice // Milk*

**Cost: \$9 per person // \$32 family of 4 or more**

*Thank you for supporting  
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& St. Joseph's Parish Community!*

**== KNIGHTS' BREAKFASTS WILL RESUME IN OCTOBER ==**



## **Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – 2024**

### **PARISH HISTORY Part 10**

**July 6, 1952 – Masses in Winnisquam: 7-9-11am No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Church during the summer months.**

**July 20 – Nest Sunday, we will take up a monthly collection. Please try to be generous. Must pay over \$400. for insurance.**

**August 3 – We are again asking each family to kindly accept raffle tickets and to cooperate by disposing them. The success of our lawn party depends a lot on the sale of the tickets which in turn can only succeed with every family doing their little share.**

**August 10 – Friday – Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish Masses at 5:30 and 7am. One Mass in Winnisquam at 9am (Father penciled in should have had two masses (8 and 10.)**

**August 17 – Lawn party will continue Friday and Saturday with drawing of raffle tickets on Saturday evening. Members of the committee will call you to collect ticket stubs and money between today and Wednesday. Kindly cooperate by having everything ready for them. Door prizes will be given every night. A special attraction, a kiddies' ride, will be added on the grounds for next Friday and Saturday evenings. Next Friday – Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Mass at the Chapel in Winnisquam at 8am – no Mass in Belmont.**

**Summer School, 1955. Attending: John C. Wareing, III, Joseph Marcoux, Marie Dionne, Linda and Francis Ellsworth; Sandra Hawkins, Sandra Dionne, Kimmy Gosselin, Robert Dube, John Dionne. Teacher: Elaine Fortin**

**“Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.” Luke 6:16**

**1965: November 14 – Father Arthur L. Massicotte died suddenly. Funeral was on November 17. Newspapers said, “there were many tears shed for the man who had become a warm friend to the community as a whole.” This was Father’s first assignment as Pastor. At the expressed wish of Father, there was no eulogy. Father had a great devotion to St. Therese de Lisieux which he shared with his parishioners. He considered the relic of St. Therese de Lisieux his most precious gift.**

**November 14 – Father Karl Dowd was assigned temporary Administrator.**

**November 17 – Father Arthur O. Houle was named Administrator for 6 weeks.**

**1966: January 19 – Reverend Robert J. Larouche was named Second Pastor.**

**Born: August 25, 1916, in Nashua, New Hampshire. Father Larouche was the sixth child of 16 children, 11 boys and 5 girls. Parents: Alfred and Ernestine (Lafrance) Larouche. Father’s surviving sisters are: Sister Mary Agnes, Monastery of the Precious Blood, Manchester; Oliva Beaulieu; Rose Leor, Gertrude Labednick all of Nashua. His surviving brothers are: Rosaire Larouche of Nashua and Armand Larouche of San Pablo, CA.**

**Education: St. Louis de Gonzague 1-8; Assumption Prep 8-12; St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained on April 10, 1943.**

**Parish Assignments: May 6, 1940 – St. Joseph, Berlin; December 9, 1943 – St. Augustine, Manchester; November 3, 1960 – Woodsville, Pastor; January 19, 1966 - St. Joseph, Belmont, Pastor; June 25, 1975 – St. Leo, Gonic, Pastor. Appointment/Special Assignments/Additional Ministry: June 3, 1951 – Diocesan Scout Chaplain – 9 years.**

**Father Larouche passed away on August 14, 1976.**

**To be continued.**



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