

Weekend of February 10/11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10

OL 4PM For Our Parishioners

SJ 6PM No Mass

Sunday, February 11

OL 8AM Calvin & Arilda Brown by the Brown Family

SJ 10 am Doris Emond by Claire Emond

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 am OLOL

Tuesday, 12 noon OLOL

Monday February 12 No Mass

Tuesday February 13 Mass of the Day

Wednesday February 14 Masses

OL 8am Samantha Volpe

SJ 6pm

Thursday February 15 Mass of the Day

Friday February 16 Mass of the Day

Saturday, February 17

OL 4PM For Our Parishioners

SJ 6PM No Mass

Sunday, February 18

OL 8AM Charlie Hunt by Mary Sanders

SJ 10 am Jesus's blessings upon Young Life Ministry

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget Requirement:

\$ 4,000

Weekend of February 4, 2018

Weekly Offering \$ 2,472
Catholic Education \$ 1,273
Souper Bowl \$ 380

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Lay Ministries	February 10/11	February 17/18
	Eucharistic Ministers	
4 PM	Richard Boucher Ben Brown Annette Bilodeau	Gay Ann Cooney Geri O'Brien Mary Jane Colbert
6 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Crystal Noble Will Noble Richard Vincent	John Kost Gary Bates Will Noble
10 AM	Katrina Allan Virginia Drew Mike Bascom Teresa Bascom Joe Michaud	Nicole Rodler Paul Belliveau Jim Klingensmith Jeannie Garcia Julie Roberts
	Lectors	
4 PM	Donna Brown	Ellen Barbasso
6 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Charles Hauck	Pat Cotton
10 AM	Chris Allan	Rob Rodler
	Altar Servers	
4 PM	J. Clark	J. Clark
6 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	A. Glusco J. Garcia	L. Desgroseilliers C. Desgroseilliers

e GIVING

For your convenience, we are offering an additional method of financially supporting your Parish.

- ◆ Set up payments through your bank's online payment service
- ◆ Set up an account with Vanco Payment Solutions
- ◆ Click on the donation link on the Parish Web site
- ◆ Call or visit the Rectory during business hours—435-6242

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA - Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

Special Collections

February 14, 2018—Aid to Churches in Europe, and Africa

READINGS

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“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Cor 11:1)

Question of the Week



Are there conflicts in your family, church or community that need healing? What can you do to be a uniter rather than a divider?

HIS WORD TODAY

It is no secret that today there are deep divisions in our society and in our churches. This Sunday's Scripture readings remind us that there were deep social and religious divisions in the Judaism of Jesus' day as well and in the Christian communities founded by Paul. They also remind us that in their own contexts, Jesus and Paul tried to be uniters, not dividers.

In today's passage from Mark's Gospel a man suffering from "leprosy" approaches Jesus in faith and asks for healing. Jesus takes pity on him and heals him immediately and completely. He then directs him to go to the priests for verification of his healing. In response the healed man proclaims what Jesus had done for him, and the result is increasing popular enthusiasm for Jesus. The term translated "leprosy" most likely refers not to what we call Hansen's disease but rather to various skin diseases that were then regarded as infectious. Such conditions not only brought physical sufferings to the victim but also caused separation or quarantine from family and friends, and from Jewish society in general.

More than the other Evangelists, Mark gives attention to Jesus' emotions. He tells us that at the leper's request, Jesus was "moved with pity." His compassion was undoubtedly a factor in his positive response to the leper's request for healing. In restoring the man to physical health, Jesus was also returning him to full participation in human society and in the people of God. That is why Jesus instructs the man to show himself to the priests in accord with Leviticus 16—so that he might again be a full member of his social and religious community. In this text Jesus appears not only as a powerful healer but also as a compassionate uniter seeking to overcome separation and isolation from God's people.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Ash Wednesday this year is on February 14th. It is the beginning of the Lenten season. What am I going to give up this year? We're all familiar with questions like this one. They come up every year around Ash Wednesday. What should I give up? What can I give up? Is it enough? Of course, these are good questions to ask, but all too often, they can be limited, and we forget to ask, "Why am I giving up these things?" We examine all kinds of things in life—our health, our budget, our weight—because we want to make sure we are heading in the right direction. So let's examine our spiritual condition as well. Can I make it a point as I pray to quiet my heart and try to sense God's love? Will I try to forgive people today, or will I let resentment get the upper hand?

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp with joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is March 9-11 in Duxbury Ma. Call 800.710.9963 for more information.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES You are not alone. Please join us for "The Art of Hope" at the Currier Museum of Art on Mondays, February 5 through 26 from 6 to 8 pm. This winter the Currier Museum of Art is working with Partnership for Drug-Free Kids to provide educational experiences in our galleries and classrooms that support parents whose children have problematic substance use. The dynamic new program, "The Art of Hope," speaks to the urgency that we feel in southern New Hampshire to provide resources for families impacted by addiction. We hope to provide parents a supportive, creative and beautiful place for respite, time for reflection around great works of art, and a sense of togetherness with their spouses, partners and a larger parent community. Parents will receive mentoring from parents that have been there and who will guide them in their children's recovery. They will also experience the benefits of a strong support network. Light refreshments will be served.

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Free and open to the public. Walk-ins welcome. Registration not required. For more information email lthomson@currier.org, or call 603.518.4951.



YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." Suddenly the sky clouded above his head, and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want to." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for wordly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me." The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

After a few minutes God said, "You want two or four lanes on that bridge?"



SAVE THE DATE!

A CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus on March 17, 2018—5-8 PM at the Parish Center in Northwood. Please join us for a fun filled family evening of delicious Irish food and frivolity! Tickets—will be sold before and after Masses for the next few weeks.



Men of St. Joseph's —Lenten Bible Study!

Saturday Mornings 8:30-9:30 during Lent.
Beginning Feb 17, in the Parish Center.

Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our Faith with Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program: Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass.

If you are interested in this fellowship opportunity, please contact Chris Garcia at 269-4143 or 603-319-7021.

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *The next meeting of the Women's Club will be held on February 13th, 7pm, at the Parish Center Hope you will join us .*
- ◆ *The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on February 15th at 7pm at the Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.*

Lenten Fish Dinners



Fridays: starting February 16, thru March 22, 5:30-6:30 in the Parish Center. Meals include "Catch of the Day," soup or pasta, salad, bread and dessert. \$5 per person, \$3 for children under 6. Join us for Stations of the Cross-- 7:00 -7:30 at St. Joseph's Church.

Something to Think About....

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Ash Wednesday is this week. While some of us are keen to begin Lent, some may feel disheartened at the prospect of keeping their Lenten resolutions. If this is you, don't worry. Paul's words have come at just the right time. Not only is this verse encouraging, but it's a fitting theme for Lent—something you can return to again and again for inspiration and direction.

Brothers and sisters. First, remember that you won't be embarking on this journey alone. You are swept up into a vast family called the Church. This multitude will be walking with you arm and arm with you as you follow Jesus on his road to the cross. You can always call on these traveling companions for encouragement and support in prayer. What's more, you can always ask your Father to send down reinforcements of grace if the going gets tough!

Whether you eat or drink.. or whatever you do. Remember, the kingdom of God isn't a matter of eating and drinking (Romans 14:17). Neither is it a matter of *not* eating or drinking. So don't get hung up on the details of your resolution. And don't worry if you slip up every now and then. Instead, keep your focus on your love for Jesus. Running errands . Doing laundry. Caring for a spouse. Even fasting. These can all become opportunities to let your love for God work itself outward into every nook and cranny of your life.

Do everything for the glory of God. If you're still feeling unsure about Lent, cling to the motto of St. Ignatius of Loyola. "For the greater glory of God." God is shown to be glorious when his children offer their daily tasks to him and find happiness in glorifying him. This is the heart of Lent :putting aside temporary pleasures in order to become satisfied in God.

"Lord, here's all my life—for your glory."