



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31---11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

THIS WEEK (Feb. 15th)

10:00	PK – 6 th classes
6:00	Jr. High General Session Conf. I Communal Penance Conf. II Sessions

NEXT TWO WEEKS (Feb 22nd & Mar 1st)

No Classes – School Vacation
Classes resume on Mar 8th

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE: We have the following photos in the Rectory that were taken before the ice storm: Paul Blais, Joanna Cefalo, Michael Crocco, Anthony Fabrizio, Charles Jacobs, Helen Juges, Helen Moeschen, Tricia Murray, Daniel Norris, and Judith Ryan. Please stop by the Rectory and pick them up! Thank you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

“Behold, I am with you always...”



Jesus invites each and every person to come and spend an hour or more with Him present in the Blessed Sacrament. **We will have Eucharistic Adoration in St. Julie Hall on Friday, February 20th from 6:00PM to Noon on Saturday.** Sign up sheets are near the church exits so that we can ensure that He will never be left alone.

REGISTRATION FOR ST. JOSEPH PRESCHOOL

Located behind St. Julie Hall, our preschool is based on living out the gospel of Jesus by preparing preschoolers through prayer, arts & crafts, reading, playing and service to others. We extend an invitation to all families to register for 2009-2010 school year. We have a morning and a full-day program. If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment to come see our preschool in action, please call Cathy McDonough, Director at 893-5232.



APPLICATIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH KINDERGARTEN 2009-2010 are

available at the Rectory and School. Call Marilyn Byron, Director, at 893-6811 for further information.



ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is accepting applications for grades 1 through 8 for the 2009-2010 school year. At SJRCS Christ is welcome in our school, and prayer is incorporated into every school day. We offer a challenging curriculum, many sports and activities, before and after school care, hot lunch, transportation, an up- to-date library, and a newly refurbished, state-of-the-art computer lab. You may obtain an application from the school office at 40 Main Street, Salem, NH, or you may access the forms online at sjrcs.com. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call the school at 603-893-6811.



“COUNTERS” needed!!

Every Monday from 9:00 to 10:30am volunteers come to the Rectory and “count” the offertory from the weekend. It’s a simple but important job with training available on site! It’s not an every Monday commitment but a “when you can come.” Thank you for considering this ministry Call Dana at 898-4933 if you can help.



RETROUVAILLE.....a Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille Weekend. If you are struggling with your communications, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. Look us up on the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend will be held on March 20-22, 2009 in Marlborough, MA.

TEEN ENCOUNTER

Come join us for an incredible weekend for teens by teens. Don’t miss the opportunity to encounter yourself, others, and Jesus Christ on an amazing weekend. Teen Encounter has to be experienced! The next Teen Encounter weekend, which will be held at the St. Basil’s Salvatorian Center, is:

March 27-29th 2009

For more information go to www.teenencounter.org or contact Fr. Larry Tumminelli at 978-683-2471.

St. Luke the Evangelist

Mass of Healing and Hope

Thursday, February 19 at 7:00

Holy Angels Church

8 Atkinson Road, Plaistow, NH

With Fr. Marcel Martel

(Celebrating 30 years of Priesthood!)

Experience physical, emotional and spiritual healing through the power of the Holy Spirit. The service will begin with Mass and will continue with individual prayer for healing by priest and trained lay persons. Special Reception for Fr. Marcel immediately following in the Holy Angels Church Hall. Call 382-8324 for more information.

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy... April 20-29, 2009 visiting: Rome (Papal Audience), Assisi, Sienna, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Monte Cassino, etc. For more information, please contact: Fr. Charles DesRuisseaux at holytony1@comcast.net or at 603-625-6409, or at St. Anthony Rectory, 172 Belmont Street, Manchester, NH 03103. Departure from Manchester Airport.

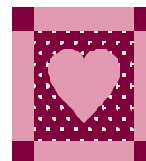


QUILT GROUP

Our Quilter’s Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month (February 18th) in St. Julie Hall from 6:30-9PM.

All are welcome to make quilts to warm the hearts and souls of those in need.

Call Anna Willis for more information at 898-5729.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President’s Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00am. Thank you.

Lenten Booklets (Little Black Books) will be available FREE at the exits of the Church next Sunday. Also, there are Purple Books available for children third to sixth grade.

INTRODUCTION TO PARISH NURSING

ST. ANSELM COLLEE

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

8:30-1:00pm

Gadbois Hall, Nursing Building

Contact Hours: 4 Fee: \$49

Are you thinking of becoming a parish nurse? This program will create awareness and education about what parish nursing is and is not, and how to start a nurse program in your faith community. Please call 641-7086 for more information.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, February 14

4:00 Eugene Gaumont r/b Renee C. Dube

Sunday, February 15

7:30 Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Planas & Larocque Family

9:00 Blanche Bogacki r/b Wes & Marilyn Suszek

11:00 Dorothy Gabriel r/b David & Melanie Costello

Monday, February 16

7:15 Albert Krafton r/b Peg & Ken Akerley

Tuesday, February 17

7:15 Eugene J. Gaumont r/b Renee Dube (1st Anniv.)

Wednesday, February 18

7:15am Eucharistic Service

6:30pm Mass-For the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 19

7:15 Sean Powers r/b David & Melanie Costello

Friday, February 20

7:15 Armand & Reina Bisson r/b son, Richard

Saturday, February 21

4:00 Cindy Summers r/b her mother, Annette Bistany

Sunday, February 22

7:30 Clement Bonanno r/b Mr. & Mrs. George Ouellette

9:00 Jane Morin r/b Al & Adele Raymond

11:00 Bernard McCabe r/b David & Melanie Costello



ETERNAL LIGHT

Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and the Sanctuary Candle reminds us of His True Presence. **Our Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Wilfred Pelletier, Jr.** from Louise Pelletier.

Your Sacrificial Offering

February 8-9, 2009:

Envelopes \$4,842.50

Loose 1,141.00

TOTAL \$5,983.50

Second Collection: Capital Reserve \$1,181.00

Shaw's Up-Date



We've collected over \$15,000 in Shaw's receipts to date! AWESOME! Please keep them coming in. The 1% that we will get from Shaws will go toward supporting our Food Pantry. Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

One of the stranger tasks of being a pastor is that you need to write your Easter and Christmas letters over a month before Lent and Advent begin. The envelope companies need lots of lead time. In looking at the schedule for Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, I recognized that if we kept to last year's schedule the priests would have to celebrate 8 Masses on Easter Sunday, plus two Vigil Masses! Because St. Joseph's is so small, last year we celebrated two 9 AM and two 11 AM Easter Masses. One would start in the church and the other in the school auditorium.

In thinking and praying about it and talking to Fathers Tom and Art and checking on their energy levels, I made the following decisions. There will be Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses at both St. Joseph and Mary Queen of Peace. There will also be Good Friday services at both parishes. All of these Masses and services will begin at 7:30 PM. On Easter Sunday, there will be the regular 8, 9:30 and 11 AM Masses at Mary Queen of Peace and just three, rather than five, Masses at St. Joseph's – the 7:30 and 9 in the church and the 11 AM in the school auditorium.

Over the past three months, I've asked people to help me to keep track of the number of people who go to each of the Vigil and Sunday Masses. Partially this is to have accurate numbers to send to the Diocese for the yearly report, and partially it is to help determine how many Masses are needed to serve the Catholic Community in Salem. What I have learned is that by far the largest Mass at Mary Queen of Peace is the 4 PM on Saturday, while at St. Joseph's the 9 and 11 AM Masses are equally full with some people standing whenever religious education is in session. The smallest Mass at either parish is the 8 AM at MQP with an average of 117 present. The capacities of the two church buildings are considerably different with St. Joseph only holding 300 while Mary Queen of Peace holds 720. All of these numbers need to be thought about as we consider how best to serve the Catholics of Salem.

Peace in the Lord Jesus,
Fr. John



LENT will be upon us soon--a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Watch next week for our Lenten Calendar. Ash Wednesday is February 25th.