



Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." - Mk 2:11-12

**Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009**

Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE:** We



have the following photos available to be picked up in the SACRISTY after Masses: Lee Alphen, Michael Antonietti, Antonio Baroffio, Joanna Bird, Paul Blais, Joanna Cefalo,

Margaret Cai, Michael Crocco, Robert Demers, Charles Dolan, Eugene Donovan, Anthony Fabrizio, Margaret Gunning, Ann Halloran, Suzanne Hums, Robert Jacobellis, Helen Moeschon, Tricia Murray, Daniel Norris, Shirley Riccio, Judith Ryan, and Forrest Thompson. Thank you.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS**

Lenten Booklets (Little Black Books) are available FREE at the exits of the Church. Also, there are Purple Books available for children third to sixth grade. Please take one home to enrich your Lenten Season.



**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.



**NEW CD's**

New CD's will be available once again to provide inspiration, encouragement and prayerfulness during the Lenten Season. A display of these CD's will be in the Family Room after each Mass on Sat. March 7 and Sunday, March 8. A short trip down to the Family Room could be the beginning of a new appreciation of the faith we so often take for granted.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PRESENTS THEIR  
14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



MARDI GRAS AUCTION

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM

Castleton, Windham, NH

Call SJCERS at 893-6811 for tickets.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held this month on Saturday, February 26, in St. Julie Hall at St. Joseph Church. Coffee's ready at 7:30, breakfast is at 8:00 and we're done at 9:30. All men are welcome -- no reservation is required; just set your alarm and show up. This month Lee Alphen and Jim & Janet Frahm will give us a report with photos of their recent trip to Colonia Benito Juarez. This is the Mexican village where we helped establish a water supply for the people.



### 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](http://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 27-29<sup>th</sup> 2009**

For more information go to [www.teenencounter.org](http://www.teenencounter.org) or contact Fr. Larry Tumminelli at 978-683-2471.

### GOSPEL OF LUKE BIBLE STUDY

The ongoing Gospel of Luke Bible Study is beginning its study of the Passion and Death of Christ. Those wanting a deeper experience of Lent are invited to join the Study on **Saturday mornings, from 8:00-9:30am in the Family Room**. There is breakfast, too! Those attending are asked, if they can, to bring something to share...fruit, rolls, or ground coffee, or fruit juice, etc. For further information, please call Anna Willis at 898-5729. All are warmly welcome!



### 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 Ceil Pfaff (Happy 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday)** from children, grandchildren

& Linda.

### Your Sacrificial Offering

**February 14-15, 2009:**

Envelopes	\$5,020.20
Loose	<u>1,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,220.20

Second Collection: Parish \$587.00



### **Ash Wednesday is February 25th.**

As we receive ashes on our heads, usually traced in a Sign of the Cross, we're reminded of who we are: creatures in need of God's love and forgiveness. It has become a way for Christians to publicly mark their sorrow for their sin and to symbolically ready themselves to cast that sin away and open themselves to God during the weeks to come...

### **Ash Distribution will be as follows:**

**7:15am-Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

**Noon-Distribution of Ashes Only**

**6:30pm-Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

### **Our Lenten Sacrifice:**

**Days of Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, no meat should be taken.

**Days of Fast:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all between 18-60, a limit of one full meat-less meal.

**Weekdays of Lent:** No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Self-denial is encouraged on a voluntary basis...** Acts may include daily Mass, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spiritual study or reading, Lenten devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, and deeds of mercy and kindness.

### ***"MONICA'S PRAYERS"***

**Are you concerned about the absence of a family member or loved one from the faith?**

**Join us Wednesday evening, February 25<sup>th</sup> after the 6:30pm Mass & Ashes in the Parish Family Room.**

Any questions, call Anna Willis at 603-898-5729.

## Mass Intentions For The Week

### 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

### Monday, February 23

7:15 Joseph Berube r/b John & Jackie Provencher

### Tuesday, February 24

7:15 Caroline Forlizzi r/b Armand & Anna Beliveau

### ASH WEDNESDAY, February 25

7:15am Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Noon Distribution of Ashes

6:30pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

### Thursday, February 26

7:15 Gretel Maria Spencer r/b her mother & sisters  
(birthday remembrance)

### Friday, February 27

7:15 Concetta Gioso r/b Ann Campagnone (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

### Saturday, February 28

4:00 Ryan Patrick McGrath r/b Peggy & Jim Nesdill

### Sunday, March 1

7:30 Karen Casey r/b Judy Fortier

9:00 Judith Latina r/b Al & Adele Raymond

11:00 Virginia Heggarty r/b Marc & Joan Payeur

## ROADTRIP!

A Pilgrimage is being organized by our Liturgy Committee to the **Icon Museum** in Clinton, MA for **Saturday, April 4th** leaving the Church at 9:30 am. Drivers would be asked to caravan there, catching a quick lunch at the Nashoba Valley Winery nearby, and returning mid-afternoon. Charge would be \$5 for adults, with voluntary donations for children and seniors. *Watch the bulletin for further details.*

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Jesus invites each and every person to come and spend an hour or more with Him present in the Blessed Sacrament. **We will have First Friday Adoration on March 6th from Noon – 5:00 PM in St. Joseph Church.** Sign up sheets are near the church exits so that we can ensure that He

will never be left alone. For questions, call Carol Righini at 893-4645.

Our **Lenten Parish Mission** will begin Monday, March 16th... "Being Church with St. Paul". Watch Bulletin for further details.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Lent is almost upon us and as we have in past years, we have included a Lenten calendar of events in the parish and also at Mary Queen of Peace. The Parish Mission this year will be taken from St. Paul and this is the Pauline year. The Mission: Being Church with St. Paul will be held from March 16-19. The mission will consist in a Mass followed by a presentation. The morning session will begin with the 7:15 AM Mass at St. Joseph's. The evening session will begin with a 7 PM Mass at Mary Queen of Peace. Mass and the presentation should last about an hour. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance beginning with the second night. Please join us and invite your friends to these days of renewal in Christ.

The Valentine's Day Dinner/Comedy Night/Dance went very well. I was delighted to see so many there. For a while I was worried as we had only 100 tickets sold two weeks before the event! In the end, we had some 330 people present for a delightful evening of food, laughter and music. Special thanks to Julie Weymouth who was the driving force behind Comedy Night.

Peace in the Lord Jesus, Fr. John

## **Slice-of-the-Pie Club Winners!**

Congratulations to our February winners of the Pie Club! Each has won \$100: **Beatrice Doyle, Tom Gomes, and Jeannine Landry.**

Our next drawing will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>.



## **R.C.I.A. UPDATE:**

Please keep our candidates in prayer as they enter the final weeks of preparation for entrance into the Church. On Sunday, March 1, they will attend St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester for the Rite of Election. Your continued support, encouragement and prayers are very much appreciated.

## **LOST....A very sentimental pair of Rosary Beads**

that are in a clear pouch with the name "Elaine Valach" on it was lost in the church a while back. If anyone has seen these rosaries, please call Dana at the Rectory. Thank you.

