



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Readings for the week of March 1, 2009

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE:

There are still photos in the SACRISTY to be picked up after Masses.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PRESENTS THEIR
14TH ANNUAL



MARDI GRAS AUCTION

Saturday, March 14th, 5:30PM

Castleton, Windham, NH

Call SJCRS at 893-6811 for tickets.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

THIS WEEK (Mar 1st)

No Classes – School Vacation

NEXT WEEK (Mar 8th)

10:00 PK – 6th classes
4th Grade “Circles of Care”
6:00 Jr. High Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:15 Confirmation I – Group Sessions
Confirmation II – “Evening with Your Sponsor” (auditorium)

CONFESSIONS FOR 3rd GRADE FAMILIES

Our Third Grade students and their families are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance next Saturday afternoon, March 7th, at 2:30 in the church as a Lenten preparation for Easter.

CONFIRMATION II PARENTS/SPONSORS

The Confirmation II Parent/Sponsor Evening with our pastor will take place on Sunday evening, March 15th, at 6:00 in the Family Room. This gathering with Fr. John will focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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!

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.



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 in memory of Paula Pelletier-Novello** requested by Louise Pelletier.

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.

Your Sacrificial Offering

February 21-22, 2009:

Envelopes	\$3,335.24
Loose	<u>1,056.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,391.24

Second Collection: Fuel & Heat \$1,189.00

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.* **ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT ANNA WILLIS 898-5729.**

Join us for 'Lent- in Song and Story'

On Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm our choral ensemble will offer six readings about the coming Passion of Christ punctuated by hymns and sacred songs appropriate to the Scriptural unfolding.



CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

2:00PM

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

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.

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.



Join us for a
Pot Luck Dinner



Our Parish Potluck Supper will be on Wednesday, March 4th at

5:30PM in St. Julie Hall. Bring a dish to share, and come enjoy good food and friendship! All are welcome!

REMINDER: New CD's will be available after each Mass next weekend. There is a wide variety of topics to choose from. Make this Lent a special time for you to realize that God is truly with us during these difficult days. CD's include: The Life of Christ, which includes quotes from scripture, the rich teachings of the early Church Fathers, along with inspirational Gregorian chant and beautiful orchestral music. There is also a CD about the last 3 popes: Untold Stories of the Last Three Popes reveal the fidelity, humility and humanity of the men to whom Christ entrusted the Keys of St. Peter. Many other offerings are available. **COME and view our many selections.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, February 28

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

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

Monday, March 2

7:15 Joseph Berube r/b Jim & Janet Frahm

Tuesday, March 3

7:15 Joseph Berube r/b Ed & Loretta Kulesz

Wednesday, March 4

7:15am Eucharistic Service

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

Thursday, March 5

7:15 Mass for Respect Life

Friday, March 6

7:15 Bill Fiedler r/b Al & Adele Raymond

Saturday, March 7

4:00 Joe Nastasi r/b Al & Carol Righini

Sunday, March 8

7:30 Joseph Gilbert r/b Family

9:00 Bertrand Poulin r/b Al & Adele Raymond

11:00 Eleanor Adams r/b her Family

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Bereavement Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00PM in the Parish Family Room. This group is free, confidential, and supportive and all are welcome. For more information, please call Linda O'Reilly 893-6061.

QUILT GROUP

Our Quilter's Group meets in St. Julie Hall every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00PM and every third Wednesday 6:30-9:00PM. All are welcome to make quilts to warm the hearts and

bodies of those in need. Call Anna Willis for more information at 898-5729.

Lenten Prayer

Oh loving Lord, during this Lenten season I lift up my voice to you. Instill in my heart the desire to hear your voice in the voices of the poor, your people. May I find in their example the path to my conversion. Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning, and Giving in this season of grace. May these actions answer the call to transform our world. Amen.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Lent, that "joyful season," is upon us. As the first Preface of Lent reminds us, Lent is a time when we prepare our hearts and our lives to meet the risen Christ at Easter. Just as the ground is preparing for spring, so we through prayer, reading, fasting and turning away from sin, prepare for a deeper walk in the Holy Spirit, a deeper walk with the Lord.

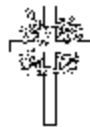
Given all the problems with ice and snow in December and scheduling in January, we have gotten pictures of about 150 individuals and families for our parish directory. The representative from the company is willing to give us two more days of picture-taking to see if we can reach the 200 mark. Right now it looks like we will have a Friday and Saturday in April after Easter. Pictures taken then might make a good gift for Mother's Day. We will keep you posted.

In talking with the Pastoral Council about how we as Catholics can continue to grow in our knowledge and appropriation of the faith, and recognizing that not everyone is able to attend the parish Bible study on Saturday mornings or the parish mission from March 16-19, I am wondering what you would think of having a question box. You could put your questions in it, and one of the clergy would write up an answer for the bulletin. I don't know if we would get one or 100 questions. What do you think?

Peace in the Lord Jesus,
Fr. John

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn** and **give** as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family. You will find the Rice Bowls at the exits of the Church. Thank you.



EASTER FLOWER REMEMBRANCE...

Parishioners are invited to make a donation in memory or honor of loved ones this Easter. There are envelopes near the exits for you to make your remembrance gift and also with your envelopes. The names of our loved ones will be published in the Easter bulletin and the 9:00am Mass in Church on Easter Sunday will be offered for those whom we lovingly remember. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 29th. Your remembrance gift will help us to give glory to our Risen Lord by beautifying our Sanctuary on Easter.

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