

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

### THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

To you – **OUR VOLUNTEERS** - we extend our deep gratitude to each of you who came forward this year to assist in this all important ministry. Your time and dedication for our young people and young adults will not go unrewarded. God sees all!

To you – **OUR PARENTS** - thank you for allowing us to be a part of shaping the faith of your child(ren). Passing your faith and love of God to your child(ren) is your primary responsibility before God and all of us in the Religious Education Ministry are grateful that you have shared that awesome calling with us.

To you – **OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS** – thank you for being here on Sundays and bringing with you an open mind and heart to draw yourself closer to God. God can work wonders with us if we just “give Him space.”

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!



We congratulate our young adults who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday afternoon with Bishop Francis Christian presiding.

Geraldo Acosta  
Peter Alfano  
Morgan Allen  
Vanessa Andrade  
Haley Baril  
Jared Beaudin  
Mitchell Bertowski  
Patrick Callahan  
Ryan Carney  
Lindsay Croteau  
Shannon Daher  
Stanley DiCato  
Dayla Fernekees  
Molly Ganley  
Christopher Gatta  
Daniel Given  
Alex Gomes  
Kimberly Greenwood  
Kyle Henrick  
Lauren Husson  
Caitlin MacDonald

Samantha MacPhee  
Naeleh Marin  
Kenneth May  
Christopher McCann  
Mary Mersereau  
Alaina Moglia  
Derek Moury  
Zachary Munroe  
Kelly O'Brien  
Michael Richardson  
Gina Righini  
Elizabeth Shambarger  
Sam Shepard  
Trevor Thomas  
Najib Wakim  
Annan Walker  
Conor Woelfel  
Trevor Wright  
Zachary Wright  
Matthew York

## REHEARSAL FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Rehearsal for children receiving First Communion on the weekend of May 9-10 will take place on Thursday afternoon, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30PM. Parents are asked to drop off the children in the Family Room by 3:25PM. There will be a short parent meeting in the church at 4:30PM following the children's rehearsal. **PLEASE NOTE:** we will begin in the Family Room and not in the auditorium as previously announced.



### GROWING IN FAITH TV SERIES – SCTV 17

Week of Apr 26 Reaching out to Catholics who are Dormant;

Fr. Thom Fitzpatrick, SJ

Week of May 3 Return to Mexico; Lee Alphen

Week of May 10 Called to Mission; Peter Herbeck

**Growing In Faith** airs on SCTV17 Mondays at 9:00PM, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:00PM. Occasionally show times may vary, so please consult the latest schedule at [www.sctv17.com](http://www.sctv17.com).

## St. Joseph Parish Centennial Celebration

Plans are underway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph Parish in 2010. A group of parishioners, Father John, Deacon David, Claire Simensen, Mike Courtois, Edie Shea, Brian Grady, Marty McDonough and Cathy & Shawn McDonough, have come together to begin the process of planning the 100th celebration of our parish community. We are looking into the following possible centennial events: *Celebration of the Eucharist, Social Hour and a Dinner, St. Joseph Day at Canobie Lake Park, A Parish Talent Show, Display of Pictures on the Story of our Parish, A Centennial Memento to Remember the Celebration, and Production of a DVD to honor and remember the people and events of our parish.* We are looking for more individuals to serve on the committee to assist with the planning and the celebration of our parish centennial. If you would like to be part of the Centennial Committee, or have pictures or stories that recall the history of the parish, please feel free to call Fr. John or Deacon David at 898-4933, or Cathy or Shawn McDonough at 893-0144.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46*

### Readings for the week of April 26, 2009

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 or St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26---2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

### QUILT 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.

### Your Sacrificial Offering

April 18-19, 2009

Loose: \$1388 Envelopes: \$5121.24 Total: \$6509.24

Second Collection for Parish: \$591

Many thanks to all of you who support our Parish.

### NH Catholic Charities Annual Parish Appeal



#### MIRACLES HAPPEN EVERYDAY

Next weekend we will be asked to donate to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. As part of the Catholic community, we are asked to answer this call to help people in our communities who face hardship and unbearable challenges. Your gift goes directly to feeding the hungry, healing the wounded hearts of children, comforting the elderly, and providing hope through Catholic Charities' Parish and Community Outreach program. For 2009, our parish donation goal is: \$28,381. Your generosity can make *miracles happen* for so many people in New Hampshire.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Breakfast at Salem Knights of Columbus Hall, Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8-Noon, \$5/pp, \$12/family. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Menu: eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, tea and coffee. COME HUNGRY FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.

### TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Salem Knights of Columbus is holding its ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE on FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>. All proceeds will go to the Greater Salem Mentally Challenged & Handicapped Population. Please be as generous as you can. Contact Ken Akerley, Grand Knight, Council #4442 at 893-9682.

### Crafters...

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for our big CRAFT FAIR in the Auditorium. Call Annette Smith at 898-4246 to reserve your table. The Parish will also have a table to sell donated crafts. Most of the key positions are filled, but we still need a few good people to round out our team. If you are willing to serve as Advertising Manager, Bake Sale Manager or Parking Director, please call Lee Alphen, 898-1927.



### PAPER RECYCLING AT SJRCS

St. Joseph School has begun paper recycling!

Please drop off your newspapers, catalogues, and all paper recyclables (NO cardboard and NO phonebooks)

in the bins in our parking lot. All proceeds will be used by our Student Council to fund programs at St. Joe's School. All your paper donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.



### RCIA NEWS

"We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the many parishioners who prayed for us, encouraged us and shared our joy at the Easter Vigil. The many cards, gifts and welcoming wishes were beyond our expectations and are very much appreciated. We are blessed to be part of such a caring community." Winono Collins, Amanda Soucy, Adam Soucy and Emmah Ndjungi

We would also like to congratulate Christopher Dasilveira who will be confirmed today by Bishop McCormack at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please keep him in prayer.



**Saturday, April 25**

**4:00 Arthur Graziani** r/b Bob & Jeanette Dufour

**Sunday, April 26**

**7:30 Jane Fritz** r/b Bob & Evelyn Demers

**9:00 Barbara Gaumont** r/b Family

**11:00 Carol Forlizzi** r/b Lee Alphen

**Monday, April 27**

**7:15 Delia Valente** r/b Dennis & Joy Shea

**Tuesday, April 28**

**7:15 Ryan P. McGrath** r/b his Family (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

**Wednesday, April 29**

**7:15a Eucharistic Service**

**6:30p Nancy Burns** r/b her Family (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**Thursday, April 30**

**7:15 Lorraine Taply** r/b Jim & Janet Frahm

**Friday, May 1**

**7:15 Rosemarie Hartnett** r/b Paula Weaver

**Saturday, May 2**

**4:00 Sam & Mary Pappalardo & Eva Lemieux** r/b Chanel & Josie Simard

**Sunday, May 3**

**7:30 Jimmy Johnson** r/b Wes & Marilyn Suszek

**9:00 Anthony Suszek** r/b the Suszek Family

**11:00 Harold Kimball** r/b David & Melanie Costello

*“All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues...” (Acts 2:4)*



Last year we prayed the Lord's Prayer in many languages and proclaimed the reading from Acts in a foreign language. Most people really liked it.

**If you are fluent in another language and would be willing to proclaim one of the readings on Pentecost, please call Lee Alphen 898-1927.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

We will have **First Friday Adoration on May 1st from Noon – 5:00 PM in St. Joseph Church**. Sign up sheets are near the church exits so that we can ensure that Jesus will never be left alone. Contact: Carol Righini at 893-4645.

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

Congratulations to our \$100 April winners of the Pie Club: **Rita Libby, Louis Palazzo and Yvonne Greenwood**. Our next drawing will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck! A special thank you to those volunteers who responded to our request for help for next year's membership mailing—greatly appreciated.

**HUGE YARD SALE--SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**8AM-2PM--AT MARY QUEEN OF PEACE**

**Rain OR Shine!**

If you would like to convert all your unwanted treasures into cash, this is the event for you! If you have a craft to showcase, or a product to sell, this is for you as well. We rent space (12' of grass along the edge of the parking lot) for \$25 and you bring your own table. We do the advertising around town and notify area churches. Hot dogs, popcorn, cookies, browning and soda will be sold. To reserve your space, call 893-8661 ext. 306.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Triduum and the Easter Season are always a time of joy, especially for priests. We get to lead the People of God through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection and then enter into the Season of the Holy Spirit - the Eastertime - when the Holy Spirit builds up the Church in Christ. And so we had four adults bind themselves to Christ in his Church at the Easter Vigil. Then on this past Sunday forty-one young adults chose Jesus for themselves and were anointed with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Over the coming month some sixty children will receive Jesus' Body and Blood for the first time.

Helping all this to happen are those parts of the Body of Christ who act as his hands and voice. There is the RCIA team who helped guide the four adults; Jerry Bergeron and his catechists who helped to teach and guide the young adults and the children as their received Confirmation and First Communion. There are Anna Willis, Brenda Terry, Chris Pelonzi and all the singers and music ministers, who helped us to lift our hearts and voices to God. One can't forget the lectors, servers, ushers and Eucharistic ministers who put their gifts at the service of the community. There is the Arts and Environment Committee who decorated the church so beautifully and who graced us with the empty tomb on Easter. Also a word of thanks to the Youth Group who helped to clean the church on Holy Saturday and to Lee Alphen and Deacon David who organized the Good Friday Walking Way of the Cross.

The efforts of all helped us to praise Christ as the Risen One and will continue to help us to follow him as we journey toward Pentecost.

Peace in the Risen Lord Jesus, Fr. John

**Marian Mass & Breakfast with Bishop McCormack**

The NH Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese of Manchester to celebrate a Marian Mass with Bishop McCormack on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester at 8:30AM. A full catered breakfast will follow in the parish hall. A "good-will" offering will be appreciated. Please RSVP to: [dcurran@rcbm.org](mailto:dcurran@rcbm.org); or 669-3100 X173 by April 30, if you are planning to attend, as a number must be given to the caterer.