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LITURGY

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am

(6:00 pm, from (First Sunday after Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Holy Days: Vigil – 5:30 pm

Holy Day – 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:15 pm

RECONCILIATION – Saturday 4:30-5:00 pm and by appointment, any time.

BAPTISMS – By appointment. Parents must be involved in an instruction prior to the Baptism. This can be during pregnancy. Call 880-4689 to register.

RCIA – Asking questions about Catholicism? Are you interested in being a member of the Catholic Church? Call 880-0825 for more information.

RE-MEMBER Church – For those hurt by the Church who would like to come back to the Church. Please call 880-4689.

MARRIAGES – Please contact the office at least six months prior to your wedding date.

COMMUNION CALLS & VISITS TO THE SICK – Call



...toward them walking on the sea." The disciples weren't prepared to see Jesus walking on water. They had already

witnessed plenty of miracles at the hands of their teacher; only hours earlier he had been curing the sick, and had multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish into enough food to feed thousands. But this miracle was different. This one wasn't to heal anyone or provide for anyone. This miracle seemed more like a manifestation: a clear revelation of Jesus' divine power. But the disciples were slow to get the message. First, they thought they saw a ghost. Then, Peter tried to step out in faith, but he fell when the wind picked up. It wasn't until the storm ended and the disciples were safe that they made their profession of faith, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Healings, miracles, and manifestations of divinity weren't quite enough to make these men believe. The disciples' faith seems to have been dependent upon the personal experience of being saved. To this point, the mighty signs and works of Christ had been done on behalf of others. They were wondrous to behold, but apparently not enough to elicit a full declaration of faith in Jesus. But when these frightened men had their fears relieved, then they were ready to believe.

This is what Jesus wants to do for every one of us. He became man to save us. He died on the cross to take away our fears, to forgive our sins, and to give us eternal life. These aren't just stories about someone else's life. This is the story of our life. Like Peter, Jesus says to us, "Come." May we respond with confidence, putting our trust in the One who has the power to calm the storms in our lives too.

Help needed!

We are looking for people to assist with our Faith Formation programs this year. We are need of people to lead our children in the classes, to assist in the classes, to lead or assist in Sunday Children's Church, and to assist with Family Faith Formation program. Also, for our Middle and High School students, we are looking for adults to be a part of our core team, which assists with small group time, lead simple discussions and prayer, and most importantly to be a witness to Christ to our teens. Lastly, another way to assist our middle and high school program is through creativity. At each Edge and Life Night the theme and set up is different, and we are looking for help to make each of these nights unique in what our space looks like. If you are interested in helping out in any way or have questions, please give a call to

ferent parts of our country and world who stop by for the Mass. We welcome you, and hope you will bring the joy of our community back home with you!

High School Life Teen Camp

On July 31 to August 5, 16 students, along with three adults and Fr Chris from our community traveled to Life Teen Camp at Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA. The week was filled with uplifting music, games, activities, high and low ropes, The Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession, Adoration, and a personal encounter with Christ. At the camp, the students met up with some 230 other youth from parishes around the United States. Thank you for all your prayers for our Youth.



Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11: 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:1-12



Please call the office to register if you wish to attend this class. Parents must be involved in an instruction prior to the Baptism. Baptism is available to registered parishioners. Baptisms are scheduled only after the parents have participated in the Parish Baptismal Catechesis. We usually have one class a month. Please call 880-4689.

Are you new here?

We welcome you to our Community and we are glad you are here. We would like to get to know you, please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call. We would love to share with you some of the things that our community has to offer! Also, if you would like to make this your new worship home, we invite you to register with our community

BCAF Reception

The Bishop’s Charitable Assistance Fund raises funds for organizations that improve the quality of life and provide basic essentials for individuals and families in New Hampshire, especially the poor and disadvantaged. The Bishop will welcome donors who have given \$500 or more to the BCAF to a reception on September 7th. To make a donation and get your tickets, visit www.catholicnh.org/bcaf or contact Melanie English at 603-663-0166.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a Special Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office by September 22, 2017. We will need your last names, first names and mailing address. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

Monday, Holy Day Eve Mass at 5:30pm
 Tuesday, Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30-1:30
 Holy Day mass at 12:15 and 7:00pm
 Wednesday,
 Knitting Group 9:00-11:00
 Scripture Study 10:30am
 When does a boy become a man. Meeting
 7:00- 8:15 Room 3
 Thursday,
 Day Away Program 9:00-3:00pm
 Baptism Class 6:30pm
 Friday, Food Pantry 10:00-12:30
 Saturday, Men’s Group 8:30-10:00

Meetings week of August 20th

Sunday, Mass at 8 and 10 am
 Monday, Scouts Committee Meeting 7:30
 Tuesday,
 Wednesday,
 Knitting Group 9:00-11:00
 Thursday,
 Day Away Program 9:00-3:00pm
 Staff Meeting 9:15
 Friday, Food Pantry 10:00-12:30
 Saturday, Men’s Group 8:30-10:00

Adoration

Adoration will be starting up again on Sunday nights beginning on Sunday September 10th. We are currently looking for people to volunteer to spend one hour with our Lord once a month. Please sign up either by logging onto sjnnh.org/adoration to sign up.

Christian Formation Registration

Have you registered for this year’s faith formation year yet? Check out our website, give us a call or stop by the office to register! Classes will be starting mid-September



Summer is here and it brings cookouts full of yummy food and treats. It also brings lines of folks to our food pantry needing help with food. People’s needs do not take a vacation during the summer, especially with children having no access to the school lunch

Thank you all for your continued support of our community. It is through your generosity that helps our parish to grow in the love of Jesus Christ, as we share it through our liturgies, formation and preparation classes, social programs and outreach programs. Our parish community continues to grow, and we are grateful to what God continues to do within our community.

Weekly Offertory collected:

July 16th Free Will Offering

\$2259.00

Offering \$5,563.00

Parish to Parish \$ 557.00

July 23rd

Offering \$9011.00

Parish to Parish \$ 85.00

July 30th

Offering \$7,486.00

August 7th

Offering \$8,507.00

Capital Impro. \$ 52.00

While you are enjoying the summer sun and activity, don't forget your church here at home. Your help will still be needed to meet current expenses.

If while on vacation you cannot contribute regularly, may I suggest you keep unused envelopes on hand and bring your contributions up to date when you return.

May God bless you and keep you safe and well.



Donations	\$31,163.00
Pledge Bal	<u>\$ 8,995.00</u>
Total	\$40,138.00
Goal	\$61,000.00
Difference	\$-20,662.00

It is not too late to make a donation. Pick up a Catholic

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS

August 12th

Sat. 5:30 Roland Arsenault, requested by Debbie Blais
Sunday, 8:00am Gloria Bonenfant, requested by the family
10:00am Frances McElligott, requested by
Frances Cronin
Monday, 12:15 The Parishioners of our Parish
5:30pm Eve of Holy Day
Tuesday, 12:15 Holy Day
7:00 pm Holy Day
Wednesday, 12:15 Paul E. Becotte
Thursday and Friday, 12:15



**The Sanctuary lamps burns this week in
memory of Joseph Thomas requested by
Maureen and Russ Peschier**

The Assumption

August 15th is a
Holy Day of



Obligation. All Catholics are asked to attend to grow closer to the love of Jesus through entering into the Mystery of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assumption into the Kingdom of Heaven. The Vigil Mass will be on Monday, August 14th at 5:30 pm and Mass during the day is on August 15th at 12:15 pm and 7 pm.

Mass Intentions week of August 19th

Sat. 5:30 Parishioners of our Parish
Sunday, 8:00am Marion Dougherty, requested by the
Family
10:00am Claire Demers, requested by Eva Patry
Monday, 12:15
Wednesday, 12:15 Joseph and Lucille DuBois, requested
by their daughter Sandra