

# Second Sunday of *Easter* (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

*Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to  
believe because you  
have seen me?  
Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and have believed.”*

*John 20:29*



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**April 28, 2019**

***Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
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# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27th

**VIGIL: Divine Mercy Sunday**

4:30PM: Loretta & John Smiddy req by her family

SUNDAY, April 28th

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:30AM: For all parishioners

10:30AM: Al Iannacone req by his family

Monday, April 29th

**St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jeannine Nolet req by Shirley Small

Tuesday, April 30th

**St. Pius V, Pope**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Paul Guay, love Mom, and family

Wednesday, May 1st

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For deceased parishioners

Thursday, May 2nd

NO MASS

Friday, May 3rd

**Sts Philip and James, Apostles**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Norman Peppin req by his wife

Saturday, May 4th

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30AM: Morning Prayer

7:30PM: Jill Fleming req by the Fleming family

Sunday, May 5th

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30AM: Anne McCann req by Richard & Marilyn Brown

10:30AM: Thomas & Sheila Corcoran req by the Long family

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday—4:30 pm

Sunday—8:30 am and 10:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Friday—8:30 am

Holy Days—8:30 am and an anticipated Vigil @ 7:00 pm

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## Presenters for Engaged Couples Weekends

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part time presenters and part time coordinators for our Engaged Couples Weekends in the following regions: The Seacoast area, Greater Manchester/Nashua area, Western NH and Northern NH areas. These positions will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' Joy-Filled Marriage program. These programs take place on various weekends throughout the year. Couples married at least 5 years are encouraged to apply. Training will be offered for these openings. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Chris Hagen at [chagen@rcbm.org](mailto:chagen@rcbm.org) by May 17th. Visit the following link for a full job description [www.catholicnh.org/employment/#ecs](http://www.catholicnh.org/employment/#ecs).

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for April 14th: \$5626.00

Flower Collection: \$1928.00

Lenten Collection: \$285.00

Online Giving for March: \$8028.50

Thank You!

## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 27th through May 4th will be lit in memory of **Maureen Murray**.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one, please call the parish office at 424-3757.



**Catholic Charities NH: Greater Nashua Report**

This past year Catholic Charities NH was able to respond to the unique needs of community members across Greater Nashua, from newborns and children to adults and the elderly. Our various programs and services touched 16,259 individuals and families in your region, much of which was made possible through your generous support and prayerful gifts. While everyone has a different story, together, we are walking with them to overcome poverty, despair, and significant, unpredictable life challenges. Visit [www.cc-nh.org/impact-south](http://www.cc-nh.org/impact-south) to learn more about the impact of Catholic Charities NH in Greater Nashua.

**Next week Catholic Charities NH comes to our church.** As Catholics Jesus calls us to help our neighbors who are in need. Your gift to Catholic Charities strengthens families, teaches self-sufficiency and moves people from despair to stability.

Your gift bridges the gap for many of our neighbors and moves lives forward. Thank you for considering a gift.

**BOOK OF INTENTIONS**



This is a book located in the main entrance of the church on the weekends where all parishioners may add their prayer intentions. The book is carried up to the altar along with the gifts of bread and wine during each weekend liturgy so your prayers will be presented during the Mass. Fr. Paul, along with all parishioners, will pray for the intentions in the book at each Mass.

Please add any intentions (large or small) that you would like us to pray for.

**Faith Formation Registrations  
for 2019-2020**

Faith Formation registrations for our Summer Programs and the upcoming school year will be available **beginning May 6th**. You may go to our website at [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org) and either register online or print off a registration, fill it out and return it to the parish office. You may also make your payment online or mail that to the office also. As always partial payments are accepted.

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering into 1st grade in the fall, please call the parish office at 424-3757 or go to our website for information on our programs.

**Our Summer Program runs from July 15th through July 26th—Monday through Friday.**

**Believe It or Not**

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." While this was a common greeting, Jesus was using it to remind them of his saying, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). The disciples were hiding in fear, so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

Now that he is raised from the dead, they can take heart that no one can truly hurt them--even death has been overcome. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show that he was not a ghost (a spirit or vision of someone who is still dead). He has risen from death and it has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples when he tells them that they can forgive sins also (John 20:23). Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. As Jesus was sent by his Father, he now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). That includes everyone down to the present generation who has believed on the word of others--from the apostles in the scriptures to holy people in our own time who have experienced the Lord in their lives. We often think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Carol Brown**.



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Carol. We pray that the God of compassion be with you during this time of sorrow and that He welcomes Carol into His eternal kingdom of peace.

### **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete “safe environment” training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to **all** NH Catholic adults and is available online at

<https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>

The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety) and share this information with others.

### **Mass and Healing Service St Joseph the Worker Parish Nashua, NH May 3, 2019**

Rev. Christopher Martel will preside over Mass and offer to anoint those present after Mass. Prayer teams from Rivier Prayer Community will be available to pray with individuals for healing. All are welcome. For more information, call 889-3483.

### **Life in the Spirit Seminar May 10 to June 21st**

The Rivier Prayer Community of Nashua will present a “Life in the Spirit Seminar” at Immaculate Conception Parish, Nashua NH on Friday evenings, May 10th to June 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Registration at 6:30 pm. For more information call 888-0321.

### **MEN OF ST JOSEPH May 4, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:15 am Church Hall**

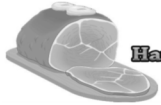
The Men of St. Joseph invites all Catholic men to become members and we desire that all men enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and live a life filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.



## MEATBALL SUBS THIS WEEKEND

We have a number of students and chaperones that will be attending Stuebenville East and also Catholic Heart Workcamp. There is a significant cost for each one of these events and the parish and youth are trying to raise money to help defray the cost.

Deacon John will again be having a Meatball Sub Fundraiser with all the proceeds going towards helping these students pay for the programs. Please show your support for our youth and come to the church hall after Masses on the weekend of **April 27th and 28th to purchase your delicious Meatball Subs.**



## Traditional Ham & Bean Dinner

“Come one, come all to a great family event”.

After rave reviews by

our resident culinary critics, we are proud to say we are back for our Second Annual Ham and Bean Dinner!! The menu is filled with enough for all age groups and palettes.

Sliced glazed ham, hot dogs with or without rolls, 4 varieties of homemade beans, 2 kinds of mac and cheese, brown bread, corn bread, coffee, soda and water.

Cake and cookies for dessert and if you would like to bring a dessert to share (please do)! Bring your own wine or beer. Tickets will be on sale after all masses this weekend and also available at the door the night of the event. Cost of \$7.00 per person or \$22.00 per family.

## INTERFAITH WOMEN presentation on Human Trafficking...

**Jasmine Grace: A Survivor's Perspective**

**NH Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force**

**Local Initiatives Against Human Trafficking**

**April 29, 2019 @ 6:30 pm**

**St. Catherine of Siena School Auditorium, Manchester**

**Register @ [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com)**

**or call 233-7760**

## St. Francis School, Litchfield, NH

We are proud to be named to the National Catholic Education Honor Roll. We provide a foundational education for children through Grade 6 that teaches moral values and discipline. Aid and scholarships remain available. To learn more visit us online at [stfrancisschoolnh.org](http://stfrancisschoolnh.org) or call 424-3312.

## 120 CLUB WINNERS

Week #12: Carol Scopa, Richard Vachon

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**Kathy**