



"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Luke 15:10



Saturday 4:00 PM	September 11th – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lorraine Gelinas <i>by Family</i> Twombly & Rumazza Families <i>by Family</i> Jack Kollias (<i>1st anniversary</i>)
Sunday 7:15 AM 11:30 AM	September 12th – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Donald & Elizabeth Bolduc <i>by Felicia</i> Intentions of the Parishioners
Monday 8:00 AM	Sept. 13th – John Chrysostom, bishop/doctor Vincent & Mary Anne Petriello <i>by Family</i>
Tuesday 8:00 AM	September 14th – Exaltation of Holy Cross Joseph Bernier <i>by John & Pat Roesse</i>
Wednesday 8:00 AM	September 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows General Intentions
Thursday	September 16th – Cornelius, pope & martyr and Cyprian, bishop & martyr No Parish Mass
Friday 8:00 AM	Sept. 17th – Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor Elaine Noel <i>by Family</i> Richard Furbush <i>by Family</i>
Saturday 4:00 PM	September 18th – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Harry Chase <i>by Pomeroy & Couture Families</i> Tyler Stimson <i>by Gagnon Family</i>
Sunday 7:15 AM 11:30 AM	September 19th – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Intentions of the Parishioners Richard Pecor & Robert Johnson <i>by Family</i>

ST. MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education classes will take place after each Mass on the weekend on September 11th and 12th. It is important that we have updated information for all children enrolled in the program. Classes for Grades 6-9 will begin on **Monday, September 20th**, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Classes for K-5 will begin on Saturday, September 18th, during the 4:00 pm Mass and on Sunday, September 19th, during the 11:30 am Mass.

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Thinking about becoming Catholic? Know someone who might be? Want more information about the Catholic Church? Call Sister Lucie at 332-1869.

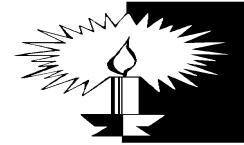
MARIAN SOCIETY

The Marian Society will meet on September 13th at 6:30 pm at the church. This is the first meeting of the new session. We will have elections and are planning for the new year as part of the agenda. Please save the date and note the change due to the Labor Day holiday.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

NHCC in conjunction with St. Ignatius Parish, Somersworth, will host a Bereavement Support Group. The group will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8:30 pm for six weeks starting September 30th and ending November 4th. We will meet at Holy Trinity Church hall on High Street in Somersworth.

Please register by calling Sr. Helene at NH Catholic Charities at 332-7701. There is no fee for participating in this group.



Sanctuary Lamp

September 12 - 18

*In Honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Demers*

ST. MARY CHURCH STORE

St. Mary Church Store has a new selection of books, which will be on display in the gathering area after all the Masses next weekend, September 18th and 19th, and on the weekend of September 25th and 26th.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS

Thursday, September 16th at the St. Patrick School in Portsmouth from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Please register by e-mailing Amanda Norris at anorris@stpatssportsmouth.com.

Thursday, September 23rd at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Rochester, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Please register by e-mailing Robin Langlois at rlanglois@hrsl.org.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

There is a special collection today for the Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar we give directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the bulletin had to be submitted early. Collection information for September 4-5 will appear in next week's bulletin.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

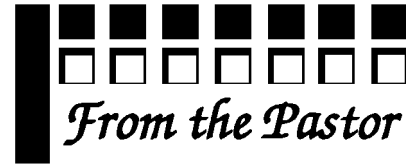
Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

"Or what woman having ten coins, and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine is dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

Luke 15:1-32

Be intent on searching out the lost; no matter how "small" or "insignificant."



From the Pastor

Today we contemplate the fact that the father waited patiently for his son to return. He did not send out a search party. The dad must have known that his son **would** return. He trusted his Heavenly Father.

Father Daniel

CURSILLO MASS

Please join the Cursillo community in celebrating 46 years of Cursillo at the Statewide Cursillo Mass on Friday, September 17th, at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Rochester. All are welcome. Witness and fellowship after. Please bring a dessert to share. For more information contact Therese Finegan at 232-3583 or go to www.nhcursillo.org.

EMMAUS CHRISTING HEALING MINISTRIES

Emmaus Christian Healing Ministries, an Interfaith Ministry, will begin a new series on Healing Prayer. Who can come? Anyone interested in learning about the healing process of their own personal journey and how to pray for those bound by hurt, pain and trauma. The purpose is to find greater freedom and wholeness through inner healing prayer, love and compassion and/or how to respond to a call to serve in the healing ministry. Courses will be held at St. Mary Church in the conference room every Thursday evening from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Level I begins October 7th. You must register by September 25th. Cost is \$50. Make checks out to Emmaus Christian Healing Min. For more information and to register, call Rachelle Arcoite at 332-9682.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Please consider becoming a part of the Birthright family, helping troubled mothers and their unborn babies. Come and find out more as volunteers host a "New Volunteer Coffee on Wednesday, September 22nd, at 9:30 am at the Birthright office at 323 Islington St. in Portsmouth. All you need is a willingness to listen and to love the woman and her baby, a commitment to life, and a desire to help those in need without judgment.

PADRE PIO HOLY MASS OF HEALING & HOPE

On Thursday, September 23rd, the Feast of St. Padre Pio, a very special Mass of Healing and Hope will be celebrated at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Rochester. Beautiful relics of the revered saint will be displayed, as well as a witness speaker. Experienced prayer teams will also be available. Fr. Paul Gousse will be the celebrant. Rosary begins at 6:30 pm.

WELCOME

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Mass Intentions

September 12 Twenty-fourth Sunday

Eric Bean by Sally Sublette

September 19 Twenty-fifth Sunday

Lorraine Chagnon by the family

Sanctuary Candle:

Sanctuary candle for David chase by S. Sublette;
candle in front of Mary for Joe Powers by Jewell Gray
until Sept 15th

Church Support

WEEKEND OF: August 29, 2012

OFFERTORY GIVING: \$1713

Envelopes: \$1452; Loose: \$261 ;Repairs: \$319

August Total: \$7330 Monthly Goal:\$8000

Deficit:\$670 Total Deficit since July 1: \$1146

How Much Should I Give?

The Bible says "our first fruits", not what is left over each week. Some give a portion, eg. \$3.00/wk /\$1000 income; others, a percentage. The Old Testament's guideline was the tithe ~10% of your income to charity and of that 5% to the church. How does that work out in real money?

\$100/week	(\$400/mo.)	5%	\$7 weekly
\$250/week	(\$1000/mo.)	5%	\$14 weekly
\$500/week	(\$2000/mo.)	5%	\$25 weekly
\$600/wk	(\$2400/mo.)	5%	\$30 weekly
\$700/wk	(\$2800/mo.)	5%	\$35 weekly
\$850/wk	(\$3400/mo.)	5%	\$43 weekly
\$1000/wk	(\$4000/mo.)	5%	\$50 weekly

You get the idea! How do you measure up?

Religious Education

- September 5, 12 Registration for ALL UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM
- September 14 Catechists' Meeting, 6pm
- September 19 Catechetical Sunday
- Last registration Sunday

September 21 Religious Education
Classes begin at 6:30 pm in Church.
Parents / children in attendance. No Registration 8/21

Coming Events

- September 12 Coffee and donuts are back!
Join after Mass fellowship
- Joint Parish Picnic, St. Mary's
- Stop in, even if only for a while
- September 15 PENNY SALE MTG.
- September 16 Ladies Guild
- September 20 Parish Council Meeting

50/50 WEEKLY WINNER: posted next week

120 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER:

Lillian AuClair, V. Plante, Capt.

Big Drawing: September 19th

Many, many thanks and what a surprise! Well, it looks like I don't know everything that goes on in this parish. Thank you so much for the lovely gifts, cards, cake, flowers, and well wishes for my 45th anniversary as a member of the Sisters of Divine Providence. A special thanks to our Ladies Guild and the Knights. It was a beautiful day. Ps. The cake was great and the gardenia is still alive! Smm