

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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Sanctuary Lamp

July 26 to August 1

In Honor of St. Anne by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Demers

MENTAL ILLNESS

Do you need to know more about the mental illness of a family member, partner, or friend? And what about taking care of YOU around this person?

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, through NAMI Maine and its local support group, NAMI Lights the Way – Sanford is offering a free 12-week education course called Family-to-Family. This course will present education, problem solving, listening and communication techniques, and current information.

Trained teachers Dick Lowe and Rich Dichirico will present this course on Friday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in Springvale, starting on August 7th. Participants must register. For more information, call (207) 457-5458.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop John McCormack invites to a *Special Anniversary Mass*, all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond wedding anniversary any time during the current year 2009. This celebration will be held on **October 11, 2009 at 2:00 pm** at St. Anselm Abby Church, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, or 50th anniversary, as well as any couple beyond their 50th, or if you know of anyone who is, please call or mail the Parish Office by August 14th the name and address of the anniversary couple. Please indicate their special anniversary.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING

During the summer, Corpus Christi Parish will offer a six-session program to prepare adults for the sacrament of Confirmation. This program is designed for people who never participated in a Confirmation program before or who never completed one. We will also gladly accept older high school students and other young people who did not complete Confirmation programs in the past.

Classes will be from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Eileen Daly Pastoral Center, 2075 Lafayette Rd., Portsmouth. They will begin on Thursday, July 30th, and run for six consecutive Thursdays through September 3rd. If you are interested or know someone who would like to be confirmed, please call (603) 436-4555 or e-mail faithformdir@corpucchristinh.org.

NEW BAPTISMAL SPONSOR REQUIREMENT

All Baptismal sponsors will now need to have confirmation from their home parish that they are parishioners in good-standing or a Sponsor Certificate before the Baptism takes place.



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 4:00 PM | July 25th – James, apostle Carl Harte by Family |
| Sunday 7:30 AM 11:00 AM | July 26th – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Intentions of the Parishioners Joan Lebrun by Family Lionel Dube by Family Winnie Ciccotelli by Peggy Furbush Jose Estrada by Saranglao Family |
| Monday 8:00 AM | July 27th – Weekday Rita Thurston by Sam & Luci Hill |
| Tuesday 8:00 AM | July 28th – Weekday William Colburn by Jim & Theresa Locke |
| Wednesday 8:00 AM | July 29th – Martha St. Anthony for favors granted by Rose LeMay |
| Thursday | July 30th - Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor No Parish Mass |
| Friday 8:00 AM | July 31st – Ignatius of Loyola, priest Dick Furbush by Peggy Furbush |
| Saturday 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 4:00 PM | August 1st – Alphonsus Liquori, priest & doctor Holy Hour James Keery, III by Tricia & James Simpson Norman Caplette by M/M Walter Michaud (5 th anniv) |
| Sunday 7:30 AM 11:00 AM | Aug. 2nd – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rita Peck by Nel & Kathy Lachapelle Debra Maxfield by Doris Maxfield Intentions of the Parishioners |

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who does? Please call the Parish Office for information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

MASS OF HEALING & HOPE

Please join us for a Holy Mass of Healing and Hope to be held at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church on Wednesday, August 5th. Recitation of the rosary will begin at 6:30 pm following by the Eucharist at 7:00 pm. Our main celebrant will be Fr. Paul Gousse. Trained prayer teams will also be available for those who would like more extended prayer. For information and/or directions, call Jackie at (603) 332-3576.

**Stewardship/Sacrificial Giving**

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| Envelopes | \$3,739.00 |
| Loose collection | \$1,093.00 |
| Total Collection | \$4,832.00 |
| Parish Tithe – 6% of Actual Collection | \$290.00 |
| Parish Use | \$4,542.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

**LOOKING FOR A COLLEGE THAT
IS CHALLENGING AND AFFORDABLE?**

Thomas More College of Liberal Arts is still accepting applications for the Fall 2009 semester. Dedicated to classical education in the Catholic intellectual tradition, all students read the great texts of Western Civilization, spend a semester in Rome, and belong to an intimate community of friends and fellow scholars. Financial aid is available. Please contact Jessica Rock, Director of Admissions at (800) 880-8308 or e-mail jrock@thomasmorecollege.edu. Visit our website at www.thomasmorecollege.edu.

**ST. GEORGE RAFFLE CALENDARS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**

LIFELINE SCREENING

Are you, or have you ever been, a smoker? Are you a male over 55? St. Mary's Catholic Church is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology to detect an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Warning signs of AAA often go unidentified and if ruptured, abdominal aortic aneurysms are 80-95% fatal. The screening will be held on August 31, 2009. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com <<http://www.lifelinescreening.com/>>, for more information or to pre-register.

Sister Lucie suffered a fall and broke her wrist. She will have surgery on July 30th. Please keep her in your prayers for successful and quick healing without complications.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK**1. Call to Prayer.**

Leader: My friends, let's pause to spend a few moments in prayer and conversation with each other. (Lead all in the Sign of the Cross.) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. The Word of God

Leader: May the Lord be in our hearts as we recall and re-listen to a reading from last Sunday's Liturgy of the Word.

First reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel reading: John 6:1-15

Reading suggested: **Today's Gospel**

3. The Two Faith Sharing Questions

Leader: As we consider this Sacred Scripture, I invite you to think about it in two dimensions:

First, ask about the text itself, to draw attention to the Scripture

- What word or phrase in this text caught your ear?
- What story did you hear, or image did you get?
- What touched you as you heard this reading?

Second, when this first sharing is complete, ask about the people's lives.

- Use this "Question of the Week" to help people get starting sharing faith:
- **If there were crowds of hungry people and you had money or food, would you give it to them in the name of Jesus?**

4. The Prayer. At the end of the sharing period, invite folks to pray in one of the following ways:

- The Lord's Prayer out loud together
- Spontaneous prayers
- A moment of silent prayer
- Listen to a recorded hymn.

GERRY'S FOOD PANTRY

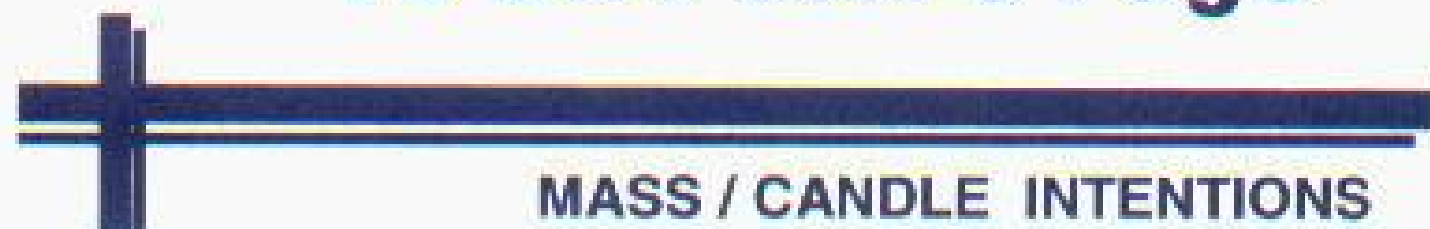
Gerry's Food Pantry is in need of the following items: flour, sugar, coffee, pudding, trash bags, feminine pads, toilet tissue and soap.

SAVE THE DATES:

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| Sunday | September 20 th | Parish Picnic |
| Friday/Saturday | October 2-3 | Fall Yard Sale |
| Saturday | November 14 | Christmas Fair |

WELCOME

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MASS / CANDLE INTENTIONS

July 26 **Seventeenth Sunday**
 James Keery III by the parish

August 2 **Eighteenth Sunday**
 Rose Saucier by Lemay and Canton families

*Mass intentions are not available until Dec., 2009.
 Donation, \$10. Sanctuary Candle Donation, \$5.
 The sanctuary candle is available now upon request.*



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

New schedule out NOW



PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKEND OF: July 5, 2009
Offertory: \$1354
50/50 \$ Posted next week
100 Club weekly winner: Jackie Emerson,
 C. Keery, Capt.



Knights' Yard Sale—Aug. 15-16
 (Hay Day—August 22)
Accepting donations NOW

Please leave your treasures right outside sister's garage (unless it is furniture—leave near back door of the classrooms). The Knights will be happy to collect larger objects, just call Lou Vita, 755-9955. In general, we don't accept old electronics, clothes, and major appliances. The Knights are grateful for your support.

Hay Day weekend—August 22-23—the Ladies Guild will continue the Yard Sale. Items will be accepted up until this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. tysmm

Q&A: Another Wedding

What does it mean to "convalidate" a marriage?

We probably all know at least one couple who were not married according to the legal requirements of the Catholic church. Perhaps the couple were married in a civil ceremony. Or maybe they were married in the church of the non-Catholic partner without having gone through the procedure of receiving a dispensation from the Catholic church. Perhaps one of the partners had been married previously and was not at the time of the new marriage canonically free to marry again.

It is not unusual for such couples to wish later to have the Catholic church formally recognize their marriage. They are encouraged to discuss their situation with their pastor and explore the possibility of convalidating their marriage. Convalidation is the process by which the church recognizes a marriage that did not previously meet the requirements of canon law.

In a simple validation process, a couple in a stable marriage participates in some form of preparation, and then renews their consent—"I do"—in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses. This renewal may take place with as much or as little ceremony as the couple and their pastor decide is right for them.

Each couple's circumstances differ, of course, calling for different procedures. In any event, the process of convalidating a marriage respects the needs of each couple as well as the teachings of the Catholic church. Through it, the couple's experience of married love is interpreted in a new context—the paschal mystery—the pattern at the heart of every Christian marriage.

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Fr. Pierre does tribunal (marriage) work for the diocese. He can answer any questions you have about being married in the Catholic Church. Is it time for you and your spouse to open yourself to fuller communion with the church? We hope so.

Fr. Pierre announced last weekend that he has been asked by the diocese to be pastor of a newly merged parish in Nashua—Blessed John XXIII. We are grateful for the time and gifts Father has given St. Peter's and will plan an appropriate farewell—more news and info to come!

Many of you have commented on how beautiful the flowers along the river look. Thanks to Dottie and George Mucher who helped me plant them. smm