



So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." - Jn 6:34-35

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Saturday	August 1st – Alphonsus Liquori, priest & doctor
8:00 AM	Holy Hour
9:00 AM	James Keery, III by Tricia & James Simpson
4:00 PM	Norman Caplette by M/M Walter Michaud (5 th anniv)
Sunday	Aug. 2nd – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Rita Peck by Neil & Kathy Lachapelle
	Debra Maxfield by Doris Maxfield
11:00 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
Monday	August 3rd – Weekday
8:00 AM	Rita Thurston by M/M Raymond Bernier
Tuesday	August 4th – John Mary Vianney, priest
8:00 AM	Mary Harding by Frank & Dot Callaghan
Wednesday	Aug. 5th – Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major
8:00 AM	Arthur Alimi by Jeanette Alimi
Thursday	August 6th Transfiguration of the Lord
	No Parish Mass
Friday	August 7th – Sixtus II, pope & martyr & companions, martyrs: Cajetan, priest
8:00 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
Saturday	August 8th - Dominic, priest
4:00 PM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Sunday	Aug. 9th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Elizabeth Bolduc by Nell & Kathy Lachapelle
11:00 AM	Robert "Butch" Rouleau by Doris Maxfield
	Barbara Jean Smith by Jo Wade, Mother
	George Wade by Jo Wade, Wife

GERRY'S FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Through your generosity this past weekend, the Parish donated 76 bags of food and \$547.00.

When you wish to write a check to contribute to Gerry's Food Pantry, please make the check payable to the Share Fund and note in the memo section that the donation is for Gerry's Food Pantry.

**ROCHESTER ROTARY
"BACK-TO-SCHOOL" CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

Last year, the Rochester Rotary conducted its first ever "Back-to-School" Clothing Giveaway at the Rochester Community Center. The event was wildly successful with over 200 families receiving over 1,000 bags of clothing, as well as school supplies and vouchers for footwear from Bootlegger's.

St. Mary's will be collecting new and "gently" used clothing the weekend of August 8th and 9th for the Rotary. They are in particular need of children's clothing - teenagers and younger. They could also use school supplies. If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the church hall on that weekend.



Sanctuary Lamp

July 26 to August 1

In Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Demers

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WEEKEND

On Friday, August 21st through Sunday, August 23rd, the Mercy of Jesus Prayer Group will be hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Rochester. Cost of the weekend is \$20 and includes all supplies and light meals. If you have been looking for spiritual enrichment and a fire of love to be added to your life, this is the weekend for you. The power of the Holy Spirit awaits all who come to seek, or ask, or knock. (Luke 11:9-13) For more information or to register, call Jackie at (603) 332-3576.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

SEACOAST DEANERY HOLY HOUR

The Seacoast Deanery Respect Life Holy Hour for August will be hosted by Holy Trinity Church, 404 High St., Somersworth on Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 PM.



Dear Friends,

I know that you will give a warm welcome this weekend to Father Eddy Bisson, who is covering for me while I am in Maryland, celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mother Seton's great legacy, her first Catholic school in Emmitsburg. I will be spending a few extra days, visiting friends and relaxing before returning to St. Mary's and St. Peter's. Father Eddy was, of course, my predecessor at St. Peter's, so it will be a homecoming of sorts. Father Joseph will celebrate the daily masses while I am away, and of course I thank him as well!

I am hopeful that we will be able to accomplish a number of yard & building tasks this summer, if the weather will cooperate. Some of you have noticed that the wooden posts that the parish bell sits on have rotted away, and that the bell is sitting on a precarious angle. I have met with Steve Roy (of Roy Monument Co.), who has made arrangements with a heavy-duty crane to lift the bell while we pour a layer of concrete under the framework. This will be followed by bolting the framework directly to the concrete. If all went according to plan, the work is complete! In addition, Craig Painting was scheduled to look over the building again for what has become an annual "touch-up" of the shingles. Never a dull moment!

Our pastoral associate, Sister Lucie, was scheduled for surgery on her wrist on Thursday, July 30. Say a prayer for her rapid recovery!

Blessings!
Father Pierre



Stewardship/Sacrificial Giving

Envelopes	\$3,236.50
Loose Collection	\$794.00
Total Collection	\$4,030.50
Parish Tithe – 6% of Actual Collection	\$242.00
Parish Use	\$3,788.50

Thank you for your generosity!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CHURCH STORE?

Beautiful Mary Note Cards are now available in the Church Store. The cards are gift packaged and are \$7.50 for ten cards. The proceeds will benefit the NH Council of Catholic Women. Remember, an e-mail is quick and handy, but nothing says love and friendship like a handwritten note. The cards are on display by the Store.

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: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Second reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel reading: Mark 9:2-10

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:
- **Where do you go when you need to be alone with Christ? Or where do you find your heart turning toward Him most often?**

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.

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.

The good Lord didn't create anything without purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

WELCOME

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MASS / CANDLE INTENTIONS

August 2 Eighteenth Sunday
Rose Saucier by Lemay and Canton families

August 9 Nineteenth Sunday
Donald Meatey by Mary Kolesar

*Mass intentions are not available until Dec., 2009.
Donation, \$10. Sanctuary Candle Donation, \$5.
The sanctuary candle burns during August in memory of Joe Powers by Jewell Grey and Fr. David Powers.*



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

New schedule out NOW



PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKEND OF: July 12, 2009

Offertory: \$1275

50/50 \$11 Nick Ivone

100 Club weekly winner:

Mary Kimball, Peggy Elder, Capt.

Big Drawing August 9—Big winners, too.



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.

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.

Communion from the Cup

Jesus' command to us at the Last Supper is clear: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it." In the three decades since the Second Vatican Council, communion from a common cup for all the faithful was gradually re-introduced as a sign of obedience to the Lord's command. But centuries before that, sharing both the body and the blood was so much the norm that to refuse the cup raised suspicions about one's beliefs.

For a number of reasons, the practice of sharing the cup became the exception rather than the rule. Popular piety placed an increased emphasis on seeing the sacred elements. Because of the difficulty of seeing the wine in the chalice, the wine became secondary. A change in the posture for communion from standing to kneeling made reception from the cup more awkward. Fears of spillage and disease also played a role. Complicated theological disputes eventually resulted in a decision at the Council of Trent in 1562 to avoid further misunderstandings and to withhold the cup from the laity.

Good liturgy demands that our actions be consistent with our words. At the preparation of the gifts, we bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. We pray that "the fruit of the vine and work of human hands" become "our spiritual food and drink." These gifts are offered to the Father, who changes them into the body and blood of the Lord and gives them back to us. The fullness of the mystery is lost when we do not accept the gifts in return. Good liturgy also demands respect for the power of our symbols. Wine calls to mind not only the joys of the heavenly banquet table, but also the price of the covenant which led to Jesus' suffering and death. We neglect the power of such images when we ignore the cup.

Prudence, of course, dictates that education and common sense be used so that sharing in the one cup is not a cause of fear or discomfort. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta have not found it necessary to recommend that the church abandon its ancient practice; however, out of courtesy, a communicant with a contagious illness, whether a mild cold or something more serious, may wish to refrain from drinking from the cup.

"When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory." May our actions be consistent with the words we sing. May we eat and drink in obedience to the Lord's command.