



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"---that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35

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Saturday	September 5th – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00 AM Kevin Bronsdon by Medjugorje Prayer Group 4:00 PM Dorothee & Robert Descoteaux by Family (50 th Wedding Anniversary/Renewal of Vows)
Sunday	September 6th – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM Dr. Roland Cullen by Don & Therese Lesperance 11:00 AM Intentions of the Parishioners
Monday	September 7th – Weekday (Labor Day) 8:00 AM Frank Callaghan by Harvey & Karen Bernier
Tuesday	September 8th – Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 AM Arthur Alimi by Jeanette Alimi
Wednesday	September 9th – Peter Claver, priest 8:00 AM Frank Callaghan by John & Pat Roesse
Thursday	September 10th – Weekday No Parish Mass
Friday	September 11th - Weekday 8:00 AM Sam Gilmore by Family Ron Pierog by Family
Saturday	Sep 12th – Most Holy Name of Blessed Virgin Mary 4:00 PM Frank & Chris Murphy by Their Children Linus Shanahan by Jim & Jean Anne Twombly
Sunday	September 13th – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM Intentions of the Parishioners 11:00 AM Gilbert Colon, Sr. by Linda Hunter & Richard Dawson

**IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH,
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

MARIAN SOCIETY MEETING

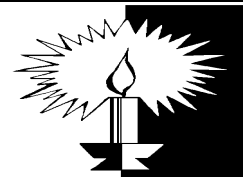
The Marian Society will be meeting on Monday, September 14th, at 6:30 PM at the Rochester Manor. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING

The Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA) thanks you very much for welcoming Fr. Bill Martin. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth, and the aging in CFCA's sponsorship program. Through your willingness to participate with CFCA, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:00 PM to pray the Rosary for Priests. Beginning on Wednesday, September 9th and every month thereafter on the second Wednesday, the Knights will be praying the Rosary for Priests at their council home at 40 Columbus Ave. (across from the Elks Club). The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest from New Haven, CT. What better way to honor him and our local pastors, Fr. Pierre (our prayers will go with him to Nashua) and Fr. Paul, than by praying the Rosary for them and all parish priests. Because our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has declared this "The Year of the Priest," we will be collecting canned goods in honor of any parish priest you may have known past or present and distributing them to Gerry's Food Pantry. Hope to see you on the second Wednesday of each month.



Sanctuary Lamp

September 6 to September 12

In Honor of Pope John Paul II by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Demers

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2009 APPEAL

Total contributions as of 7/31/2009	\$18,777.00
Parish goal	\$28,000.00

HELP WANTED!

Please attend our Christmas Fair Planning Meeting at St. Mary Church on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to bring your creative ideas and the gift of your time and talents to help plan one of our Church's biggest fund raisers.

Thank you, Andrea and Helene

PRAYER

God, Eternal Shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways, and rule us with love. Help the servant you will chose as pastor for Christ to watch over your flock. Help him to be a faithful teacher, a wise administrator and a holy priest.

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: Isaiah 35: 4-7

Second reading: James 2: 1-5

Gospel reading: Mark 7: 31:37

Reading suggested: **Today's 2nd Reading from James**

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:
- **How do you catch yourself discriminating in your heart against people whom you consider to be somewhat less than yourself? Or at least less than fully worthy?**

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.
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ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20th from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Save the date! Come enjoy food, entertainment, games for children and adults, and one another. Watch for the sign up sheets.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA BREAKFAST

St. Ignatius Parish of Somersworth will have the first of their buffet breakfasts on Sunday, September 13th from 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM at the St. Martin Parish Hall, on the corner of West High and Maple Streets. These breakfasts will continue on the second Sunday of the month through April of 2010. Prices are \$5.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 6 to 12. Groups of six or more may reserve a table by calling 692-2848.



Stewardship/Sacrificial Giving

Envelopes	\$3,676.50
Loose Collection	\$ 894.00
Special Collection for Columban Sisters	<u>\$2,020.00</u>
Total Collection	<u>\$6,590.50</u>
Parish Tithe – 6% of Actual Collection	\$ 395.00
Parish Use	\$6,195.50

Thank you for your generosity!

SAVE THE DATES!!

The Mother Angeline Ministry to the Homebound and Sick will be holding a workshop on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 PM. This presentation will be held at St. Mary's Church in Rochester. All ministers to the Homebound and Sick of all four parishes should attend, as well as any other interested parishioners. A presentation will be made by Service Link and Catholic Charities and will explain the many local services available to help the people we serve in our ministry.

On Saturday, October 3rd, a Day of Recollection will be held for the members of the ministry from all four parishes. This will take place at Holy Rosary Church. The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm will be in attendance and will participate with us in this day. Details to follow. If you have questions, please contact Bill & Joan Nelson at 522-5279.

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
700 FAMILY YARD SALE**

Do you have furniture or appliances that you no longer use? Other items? Consider donating them to the 31st Annual Yard Sale at the Church of St. Thomas More in Durham. For bulky items, volunteers will come to your house to pick them up within a reasonable distance. To arrange a pick-up, call the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The office staff will put your name on a list. **Sorry, no computers or older tv's.** Items can be dropped off at the church student center at 6 Madbury Road. For times and other information, visit our website at www.stmdurham.org or call 868-2666. Hope to see you on the 12th.

MASS OF CELEBRATION

Come join the members of the Mercy of Jesus Prayer Group on Monday, September 14, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, to joyfully proclaim God's mercy and love at the occasion of our 14th anniversary. Holy Mass at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome. For more information, call Jackie at 332-3576.

WELCOME

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MASS / CANDLE INTENTIONS

September 6 Twenty-third Sunday
Joseph A. Lamb by Pauline Doucet
September 13 Twenty-fourth Sunday
Mr/Mrs. Lionel Provencher by Pauline Doucet



September 5
Christine Cunningham and Christopher Cartier
September 6 Claire McGarghan and David Fisher

Mass intentions are not available until Dec., 2009.
Donation, \$10. Sanctuary Candle Donation, \$5.
The sanctuary candle burns during September for Paul Pease by the family



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

New schedule out in Sept.
Server Applications will also be available in
September for grades 3--high school
CHECK ENTRANCE



PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKEND OF: August 23, 2009
Offertory: \$1102



Our collection has been very low this summer. Please review your giving and see if everyone (except those on fixed income or without a job) could give ONE DOLLAR MORE; it would help us so much. Thank you

100 Club Mary Kimball, Peggy Elder, Capt.

Brown Bag Sunday

Every Third Sunday of the month food is brought up in the offertory procession for the food pantry. Next official Sunday is SEPTEMBER 20. Be generous and REMEMBER TO BRING FOOD



Religious Education

Important Dates:

Registration—Sundays after the 9:15 Mass
September 6 (A-H); September 13 (J- Z) and
new registrations—please bring Baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. Peter's)
No Kindergarten

September 15 Catechists and assistants' planning meeting, 7:00-8:30 pm

September 22 6:30—7:30 pm
Opening evening parents (required) and kids



September 27 11:00 Confirmation at St. Mary's

Confirmation Candidates from St. Peter's

Jacob Gorton Steven DePalma
John Capello, Jr. Paige Smith
Elizabeth O'Hare Ryan Gibbs

Penny Sale November 7

Please start bringing new items as prize donations. We again welcome food baskets and other creative ideas— we really need the additional income this year—so, please be as generous as you can.

Many thanks

