

God
is my
Light
and my salvation



Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2010

Welcome

TO ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

Please contact our Parish Office for further information about Parish Life at Saint Francis of Assisi. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are here celebrating with us this day. As you worshiped at this Mass, we sincerely hope that you found nourishment for your life and faith journey. If you have recently moved to this area, please introduce yourself.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Weekly Offertory

Sunday, February 20 & 21

Offertory:	\$5,149.92
Debt Reduction:	\$ 100.00
Aid to Eastern Europe:	\$1,321.76
Easter Flowers:	\$ 15.00

Parish & School Loan Balance (Approximate)

Parish Debt Balance:

Updated from to \$263,099.48 to \$261,059.37

School Debt Balance:

Updated from \$408,247.85 to \$405,382.51

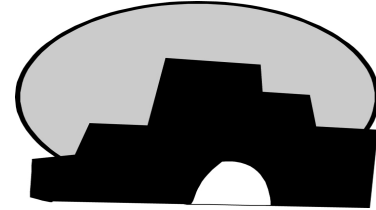
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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



The Transfiguration

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.



First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

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LENTEN SCHEDULE 2010

Lenten Evening Masses:

Mondays after Adoration, 6:30pm

Lenten Weekday Masses:

Monday – Thursdays 8:15am

Lenten Penance Service:

St. Mark's, Londonderry
February 28, 4:00pm

Friday Stations of the Cross & Chowder Supper:

6:00pm, February 26, March 5, 12, 19

Youth Passion Play & Interactive Stations:

Friday, March 26, 7:00pm
(following Stations & Chowder Supper)

LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST

The New Hampshire Diocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites you to a Lenten Prayer Breakfast which will take place on Saturday, March 20, at Saint Raphael Parish in Manchester. Additional information is available on the Bulletin Board. In the Gathering Space.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Are you incredibly busy? Who isn't? But how do you know what God is asking of you if you don't take the time to be still and listen? Have you made a life-commitment yet? This retreat is for those who have yet to discover whether God is calling them to marriage, single life, priesthood, or consecrated life as a religious. Come pray, learn a little more about the different vocations, take quiet time with your God, ask some questions, and pray some more. We only have 13 rooms so sign up quickly. The retreat will take place Friday March 12th at 7pm until Sunday March 14th at 1pm in New Ipswich, NH. Please contact Sr. Lorraine for more info at srlorrainea@yahoo.com or 603-668-1791.



“Is This The Face of Jesus?”



To millions of faithful Christians through the centuries, this serene facial image of a crucified man appearing on a linen burial cloth has been venerated as the face of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But what do we know about this mysterious cloth that has long been referred to as “The Shroud of Turin”.

A controversial Carbon 14 test has dated The Shroud of Turin to the 1300's, however countless hours of scientific study have strongly indicated that it could be an authentic 1st century cloth. The presentation will begin with a discussion on a testing, and strong circumstantial evidence that the Shroud of Turin is not only of 1st century vintage, but indeed the authentic burial cloth of our Lord Jesus. Please join us on March 14, at 6:00pm for the Shroud of Turin Presentation, with excellent pictures and graphics at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Litchfield.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

“You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. I have appointed you to go and produce fruit that will last...” John 15:16

The 2010 Women's Retreat will be held March 5-7 at the Franciscan Center in Andover, MA (<http://www.franrcent.org/>). The weekend will consist of a Life in the Spirit Seminar. Team Leader: Jackie Morganti Spiritual Director: Fr. Paul Gousse (Holy Rosary Parish, Rochester) Please visit www.vitanova.org for more information and to register.

CONFESS-A-THON' & MISSION

The Franciscan Friars of the Primitive Observance, who live poor among the poor in Lawrence MA, will be offering a 'Confess-a-thon' (available for 42 hours of confessions) and a Lenten Mission entitled 'Staying God-centered in me-centered culture' at St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH from March 6-10. Whether its been days or many years, the friars will be there to welcome you to experience the Lord's Mercy in confession from 8am-9pm March 6, from 12N to 9pm March 7, from 8am-9pm on the 8th & 9th and from 6am to 9pm on the 10th. Mass & Mission Talk will be at 9am and 7pm on March 8-10, with a reflection on the Lord's Passion at 4pm on Sunday, the 7th. All are welcome! Bring an inactive Catholic with you! *AI will offer an informative presentation*

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR CLERGY

February 28	Bishop Odore J Gendron DD
March 1	Rev Richard H Wegman Rev Gerard Bertin
March 2	Rev Gerald E Auger Rev Roger P Bilodeau
March 3	Dc Frank Gallinaroi Dc Joseph A Mazzuchelli Jr.
March 4	Rev Michael E Gendron Rev Robert G Boisvert
March 5	Rev Robert Campbell MS Rev David Steffy
March 6	Rev Georges F deLaire Rev Peter Boucher

MASS AND MEN'S BREAKFAST TO CELEBRATE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH



Bishop McCormack is inviting men of the Diocese of Manchester to Holy Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of our diocese on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Please respond to Rev. Jason Jalbert at or 669-3100, Ext. 132 or Bill Donroe at bdonroe@comcast.net.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

LIFETEEN

Pass the Salt February 28 (6PM – 8:30PM)

The Communion of Saints

Ever wonder where you belong in the Church Family! Come and discover what role you play in the Body of Christ, His Church. There are the Saints in Heaven, Pilgrims on Earth, and those in Purgatory. What can we do for one another? Can we really help get someone out of Purgatory? Are those in Heaven really spending their time fighting for us? How do we help one another here on Earth? Come for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Heroes!

March 7 (6PM – 8:30PM)

Who are Saints and Martyrs? They are the greatest role models we could ever have! They show us a path through their actions and way of life. Come find out more about them and how we can seek them out in our own life!

CATECHICYM:

Our next meeting is March 7. If you would like to participate in the 30-Hour Famine, email jyl_dittbenner@yahoo.com for information.

CONFIRMATION I

Our next meeting is March 18. Remember to bring an adult, and plan on attending from 5:30-8:30PM. There is one make-up class scheduled. See below for information regarding the Famine, and Passion Play.

CONFIRMATION II

Our next meeting is March 4, 5:30-8:30. Service Projects, Letters of Intent, and Baptismal information should already be submitted. The 30-Hour Famine is scheduled for March 20-21, 2010. Also - if you are interested in helping with the Passion Play contact jyl_dittbenner@yahoo.com.

RCIA

In answering the *Call to Continuing Conversion* at the Rite of Election, Terri Brown and Crystal Santom signed "The Book of the Elect" last weekend. Please continue to pray for them, as they prepare for their Sacraments.

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES

Monday, April 5 at 7pm

BAPTISMAL DATES

Sunday, April 18, at 12:30pm

Please call the Parish Office for more details.

There will be no Baptisms during the season of Lent.



EUCARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR SCHEDULES



The new schedule for April, May and June will be prepared and published in the middle of March. If you have special requests, if the Masses for which you are available have changed, or if you know you will be away during those three months, please notify me by email at cj.williams58@comcast.net or by calling 424-5887. We will be returning to five Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass starting with this new schedule as the diocese has given permission to resume communion under both species as of that date. Remember if you are unable to carry out your duties at the scheduled time, you need to contact other ministers to find a replacement. I am attaching an email distribution list of all ministers that I have email addresses for so that you may find a replacement by email if that is easier for you.

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next breakfast is Saturday, March 6 at 7:00am in the Gathering Space. Our guest speaker will be Chris Gandia. Chris is a father of two boys, Londonderry police officer and husband to Laura who is with the New Hampshire State House of Representatives. The food is cooked hot that morning. Please join us for some food, faith and fun on the first Saturday of each month..

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Francis School is presently registering for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact the school at 424-3312, or on the web: www.stfrancisschoolnh.org



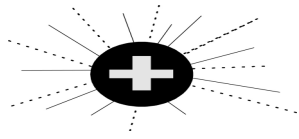
ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

460 Pine Street Manchester, 624-4811; Filling up Fast! Register you child for 7th and 8th grade for the 2010 - 2011 school year! For a registration packet or more information contact the school office of e-mail at frstjoe@comcast.net.

CAMP FATIMA AND CAMP BENADETTE

Once again Bishop McCormack is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette this summer. They must be Catholic and residing in NH. This possible in accordance with the terms of a request received by the Bishop. Those who were granted scholarships in the past had a wonderful and rewarding camp experience. Please call the parish for more Information and Registration.





Week of February 28, 2010

DAY	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	ACTIVITIES
MONDAY March 1	8:15am Richard Trombly by Connie & Cecil Williams 6:30pm Healing for Grace Mappes	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	Adoration to follow after 8:15 Mass 6:30pm Mass
TUESDAY March 2	8:15am Healing for Frank Trombly by Connie & Cecil Williams	Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	6:30pm Folk Group Practice 7:00pm Ladies Guild Meeting
WEDNESDAY March 3 Saint Katharine Drexel	9:00am Ampongan Rodel by The Family	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	3:30pm Youth Choir 6:00pm Religious Education 6-8 7:00pm Traditional Choir Practice
THURSDAY March 4 Saint Casimir	8:15am Pro-Populo	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	5:30pm Confirmation II 7:00pm Women's Scripture Study
FRIDAY March 5	NO MASS	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Office Closed 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Chowder Supper to follow
SATURDAY March 6 Lenten Wednesday	4:00pm Dorothy Shannon by The Carty Family	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	7:00am Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY March 7 February 28 Third Sunday of Lent	8:00am Anna Stanton 9:30am David Heyl by Pat Dwyer 11:00am Aime & Jeanne Lessard by Robert & Claire Carty	Ex3:1-8a. 13-15 1Cor 10:16, 10-12 Lk13:1-9	9:15am Religious Ed 1-5 6:00pm Life Teen 6:30pm CYM