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### Liturgical Life

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday..... 5 pm

Sunday..... 8, 10 & 11:30 am

#### Daily Masses and Holy Days

As announced in the parish bulletin

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30–4:30 pm or by appointment

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to participate in the baptismal catechesis program prior to their child's baptism.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance and before making any other wedding arrangements.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

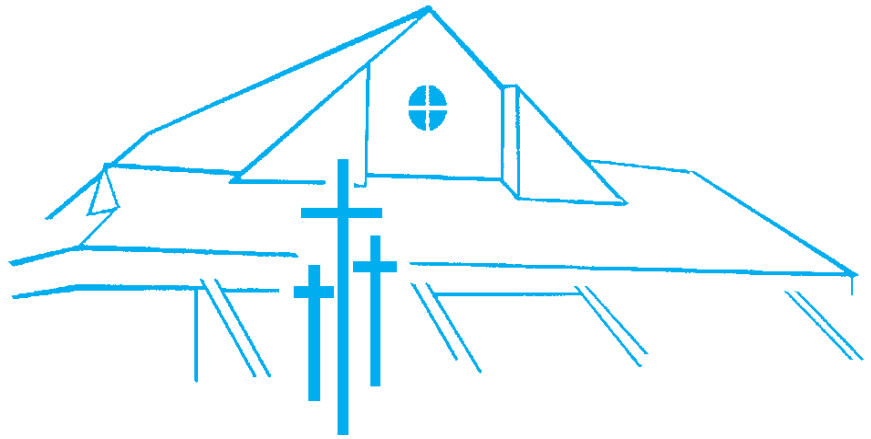
Please call us to request the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive communion in the home.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays..... 5:00 am – 11 pm

First Fridays..... 10 pm – 7 am Saturday

**Prayer Line**.....429-1211



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*As sharers of the one baptism & the one Spirit of the Risen Christ, we have come together as the Parish Community of St. Mark the Evangelist to proclaim our identity as the People of God.*

*The Eucharist is the center of our life and work together. Through the one bread, we become the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise. In our worship of God, the Author of life and holiness, we proclaim our hope in the life of Christ's Resurrection; we open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of God dwelling in our midst.*

*In our work together, we seek ...*

*- to enable our children to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God;*

*- to accompany our young sons & daughters on their journeys of discovery toward adulthood;*

*- to deepen our faith commitment through prayer & study;*

*- to be present to one another in the joys and sufferings, the victories and struggles of life;*

*- to give witness to the Gospel of justice and compassion to our hurting world.*

*We welcome to our parish family all who share our Catholic faith & traditions & our search for God in all things.*

*-Parish Mission Statement*

## Thank you ...



Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$8,353.00 for Catholic Relief Services' work in earthquake-devastated Haiti. Once again St. Mark's parishioners have reached out to help those in need. Thank you.

## Religious Education ...

✍ 4<sup>th</sup> grade school-year students and their families will participate in their **RECONCILIATION RETREAT** next Sunday afternoon, Feb 7, from 1:30–3:30 in the parish hall. At least one parent should attend with his/her child.



✍ **FIRST GRADE** students will meet this Thursday, Feb 11, from 4:30–5:45 P.M. Chapters 15-18 should be completed by this time.

✍ **Reminder: IF LONDONDERRY SCHOOLS ARE CANCELLED** due to inclement weather, the Religious Ed classes are also cancelled.

## Meet me in ...

\* The **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** will meet this Monday evening, Feb 1, at 7:30 in the Cry Room.

\* **SALAD MAKERS** will meet in our kitchen at 3 P.M. on Monday, Feb 8. Please drop off your delicious desserts by that time. If you would like to volunteer to bake this month, you may sign up on the sheets on the table in the church entrance. Thank you for sharing your time and culinary talent!

## Catholic school news ...

\* **INFANT JESUS SCHOOL** in Nashua is holding an **OPEN HOUSE TODAY**, Sunday, Jan 31, from 2–3:30 P.M. Infant Jesus provides grades K–6, a strong academic program and an excellent Catholic education. To learn more, you may also visit their website: [www.ijschool.org](http://www.ijschool.org).

\* **ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL** in Litchfield is presently registering for the 2010-2011 school year. They are a K–6 school that offers a rigorous curriculum in a supportive environment where they help every child reach their personal best. For more information, call the school at 424-3312 or visit the web at [www.stfrancisschoolnh.org](http://www.stfrancisschoolnh.org).

## Today's thinker ...

Plan A and Plan B:

When all else fails, try God's plan "Be"!

## For those who grieve ...

Thanks to a parishioner's research, we have learned of two local bereavement support groups:

\* **JOSEL** (Journey of a Sacred Expression of Love) **BEREAVEMENT**

**GROUP** offers an 8-week seminar on Thursdays at St. Joseph Church's St. Julie Hall from 7–8:30 P.M. Registration is required. Call Linda O'Reilly at 893-6061.

\* The Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester offers an **ADULT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** using the facilities at Elliot Hospital Senior Health Center at 138 Webster St., Manchester. Registration is also required. Contact Gary Andy at 663-4005.



## On the First Friday ...



Can you give an hour for the Lord? **NOCTURNAL ADORATION** will be held on Friday, Feb 5, starting at 10 P.M. We need people to join us in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel each hour until 7 A.M. on Saturday. If you're interested, please call Dennis at 437-6051.

## Cenacolo can make the difference ...

Are you struggling with someone in your family that needs help due to drugs or alcohol? You will not want to miss an opportunity to meet other families who have found hope for their loved one. You are invited to join them for First Saturday meetings here in our parish; Mass begins at 8 A.M., followed by the rosary and sharing. For more information about this group and *Comunita Cenacolo*, please contact Ken or Monica at 432-7062 or visit the website [www.hopereborn.org](http://www.hopereborn.org).

## Women of Mary ...

Please join us in honoring our Blessed Virgin on **FIRST SATURDAY, FEB 6**. We begin at 7 A.M. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by recitation of the Rosary. Mass will be celebrated at 8 A.M. We will then share a potluck breakfast. Our guest speaker this month will be Trish Derr of St. Patrick Parish, Nashua. Trish will speak about "Living Wills & Critical Care Decisions."



We will conclude by 10 A.M. Questions? Call Lorraine at 432-9485.

### Next weekend ...

Please remember **CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION** in the second collection to be taken up after Communion next weekend. Keep in mind your donation will help us defray our \$23,300 yearly diocesan-targeted assessment to support Catholic schools. Please read Fr. Thom's column today for his insight on this collection.

### This week ...

"**A CONVERSATION ON THE DEATH PENALTY**" will be held this Monday, Feb 1, in our parish hall. A video based on a statement of The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be viewed followed by a conversation and an opportunity to ask questions. Learn what the Church has to say on the important issue of the death penalty as we are encouraged to move toward a culture of life. Time: 7-8:30 P.M. Please register with the Parish office at 432-8711. Direct questions to Judy Nelson, New Hampshire Catholic Charities, at 603-893-1971 or [jnelson@nh-cc.org](mailto:jnelson@nh-cc.org).

### Youth Happenings ...

The High School Youth Group will meet on **WEDNESDAY, FEB 3**, at 7 P.M. in the parish hall. Keep in mind that this group is open to anyone in grades 9-12. You don't have to be a member of the parish to attend.

### Right to Life news ...

This week we continue the series of educational materials, see table. This week it is on how abortion often wreaks devastation on the women who have them. Two books, "Victims of Choice" and "Lime5—Exploited by Choice" provide courthouse evidential records and personal testimonies of incomplete abortions, assault by abortionists, infection, hemorrhage, damage to internal organs, and even death.

Further, one of the pamphlets on the table at the rear of the church asks: "Why aren't women being told?"—that twenty-eight out of thirty-seven studies show an increased risk of breast cancer with induced abortion. Please, make abortion unthinkable—abortion is bad for women. Pope John Paul tells us it is not right to leave the woman alone. Our Bishops and Cardinals have stated very clearly, help is available to keep your baby—anyone of any faith or nationality, come to the Catholic Church and we will provide help (1-800-562-5249).

Please call John (434-4098) with questions or to get on the respect life email list.

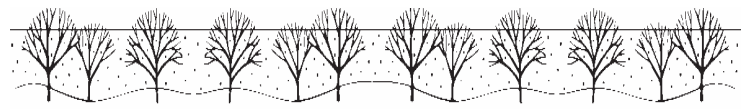
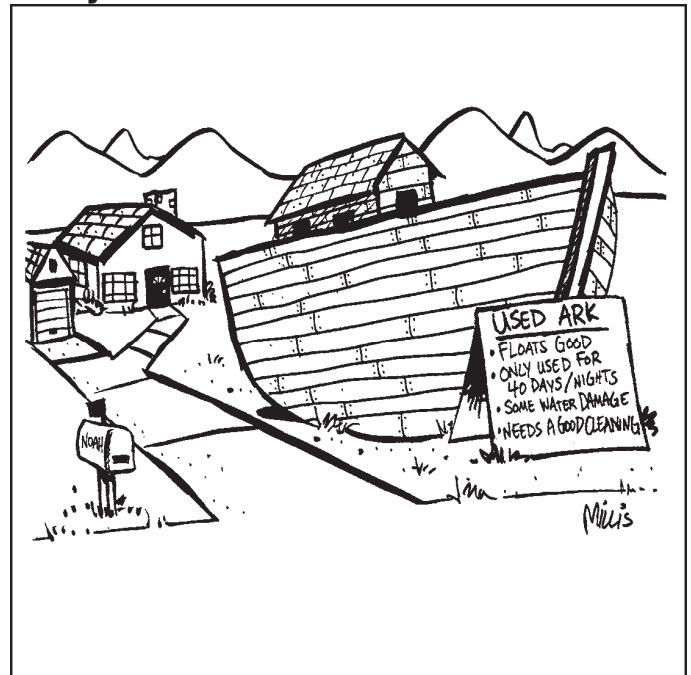
### Blessing of throats ...

This Wednesday, Feb 3, is the **FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**. Parishioners may have their throats blessed after the 9 A.M. Mass on Wednesday or after all Masses next weekend, Feb 6/7.

### A resource for the visually impaired ...

Do you know someone who has poor vision or is blind? Do you know someone who has trouble holding a magazine or a book? The **XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND** has religious material in Braille, large print and audio CDs, at no charge. For more information, check the web at [www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org) or call (800) 637-9193.

### Today's tickle ...



### Readings for the Week of January 31

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**Weekly Mass schedule ...**

**Sat** *Vigil*  
5:00P John Kelly † by his children

**Sun** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00A Ted Giguere † by the Giguere family  
10:00A Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Mark's  
11:30A Alice Zinsmeister † by Jack & Peg Agati

**Next Week: February 1 – February 7**

**Mon** 9:00A Manny Joaquin, Jr. † by the Thrower family

**Tue** *The Presentation of the Lord*  
9:00A Souls of George, Frances & August †

**Wed** *Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr;  
Saint Ansgar, bishop*  
9:00A Tina Birkheimer † by the Templeton family

**Sat** *Vigil*  
5:00P Mary Foley Murphy † by the Mitchell family

**Sun** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00A George Lowe † by his family  
10:00A Nora Elizabeth & Charlotte delCarmen  
Dowd † by their grandparents  
11:30A Catherine Kelley † by the Kelley family

**The week's events ...**

**Sun Jan 31** 7:15 A.M. Rosary (Church)

**Mon Feb 1** 8:20 A.M. Chaplet/Rosary (Chapel)  
7:00 P.M. Death Penalty Presentation (Hall)  
7:30 P.M. Community Affairs (Cry Room)

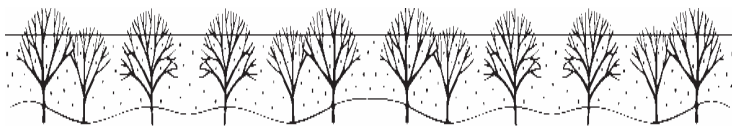
**Tue Feb 2** 5:00 A.M.–11:00 P.M.  
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
8:20 A.M. Chaplet/Rosary (Chapel)  
8:30 A.M. Liturgy of the Hours (Church)

**Wed Feb 3** 8:20 A.M. Chaplet/Rosary (Chapel)  
7:00 P.M. H.S. Youth Group (Hall)

**Thu Feb 4** 6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen)

**Fri Feb 5** 10:00 P.M. Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

**Sat Feb 6** 7:00 A.M. Women of Mary (Church/Hall)  
8:00 A.M. Cenacolo (Church/Rm. 201)  
9:30 A.M. Al-Anon (Rm. 209)  
3:30 P.M. Confession (Church)



**Your Generosity ...**

**JAN 23/24:** 275 parishioners contributed \$6346; Loose Cash: \$576; Development Fund: \$335; Charitable Fund: \$325; Youth: \$7. Thank you for your generous support.

## Pastor's pen ...

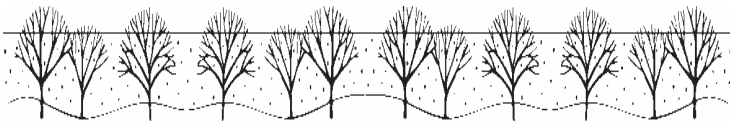


As we approach Catholic Schools week, it has led me to think about my own time attending St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Keene. This was years ago, as most Catholic Schools underwent the transition from mostly religious sisters on staff to mostly lay teachers. For me it was a safe and nurturing environment which, I am sure, helped me to later discern my vocation. I am number five child in my family, and we all attended Catholic elementary school. As I look back on it I wonder how my parents ever were able to afford it. What sacrifices did they make, what was cut out of our family budget, to allow me and my siblings to attend St. Joe's? These many years later I have also come to realize that they did not do it alone.

Over the years funding for our Catholic Schools has changed. In the past parochial schools drew all their funding from the home parish and regional schools drew from parishes in their region. Eventually this led to cooperation and coordination at the diocesan (state) level. For me that means that all those people who sat around my family in church each week were also helping to send me to a Catholic School. As I realize this I am thankful for their sacrifice and support as well.

Next week will be our annual Catholic school collection. In our time this is how we all work together to assist families with Catholic school formation. For those of us who attended Catholic schools in the past and have benefited from the generosity of our fellow parishioners it is an opportunity to 'pay it forward.' Our generosity now will enable a new generation of students to attend and benefit from a Catholic education. I am grateful for the help my family got in the past, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help other families now.

God Bless,  
*Fr. Thom*



## What do you see?

Take a look at this line of type:

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Do you read it as "God is nowhere"? Or are you an optimist who read it as "God is now here"?

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