

Our Lady of Lourdes

20 River Road, Pittsfield, NH 03263

Saint Joseph's

844 First NH Trnpg, (Route 4) Northwood, NH 03261

February 24, 2019

7th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Be merciful, just as your
Father is merciful.” - Lk 6:36

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Columbus Day) 5:30 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

PHONE LISTING

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie	Pastor
Jeannie Garcia	Religious Ed. Coord.
Ellen Barbasso	Secretary

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 12 PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 23

4:00 PM Intentions of Marilyn Barbour OL
by Fr. Desjardins
5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, February 24

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL
10:00 AM Donald Graves by His Loving SJ
Wife Janet

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OLOL
Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 am OLOL

Monday February 25 No Mass
Tuesday February 26 Jeff Kaufer
Wednesday February 27 Donor's Intentions
Thursday February 28 Intentions of Brunelle
Family
Friday March 1 Mass of the Day

Saturday, March 2

4:00 PM Dorothy Ruh by Ellen Barbasso OL
5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL
10:00 AM Roland Lambert by Rita Lambert SJ

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget
Requirement: \$ 4,000
Weekend of February 17, 2019

Weekly Offering \$ 3,092

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent, and Treasure.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242. If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Lay Ministries	February 23/24	March 2/3B
	Eucharistic Ministers	
4 PM	Gay Ann Cooney	Ben Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Will Noble	Richard Vincent
10 AM	Joe Michaud Paul Pauliukonis	Mike Bascom Teresa Bascom
Altar Servers		
4 PM	Ellen Barbasso	Donna Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Karen Cote	Anne Boisvert
10 AM	Pauline Marston	Chris Garcia
4 PM	J. Clark	J. Clark
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	J. Garcia A. Glusko	C. Nowak E. Marino

eGiving

- ◆ Set up payments through your bank's online payment service
- ◆ Call or visit the Rectory during business hours

Parish Ministries

Serving God, Our Parish and Our Community
Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church
Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Join us for a free home cooked meal and fellowship. Dinner is served at 4:30, take outs available.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA - Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

READING



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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'Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.' (Lk 6:35)

Question of the Week

Where in Scripture or in nature have you learned the lessons of God? In what ways must you still strive to live out those lessons?

HIS WORD TODAY

Christians call Jesus "Son of God" and his disciples "children of God." These phrases have become so common in the Christian lexicon that it is easy to forget what they mean. Some might look around at their fellow Christians and find little that confirms such exalted claims. Others only know the words as signs of the promises God made in Christ: As children of God, Christians can hope for blessings in this life and eternal fellowship with God in the next.

These promises are true, but they tell only half the story. Fellowship with God actually begins in this life, and it requires a disciple to live according to the instructions of the Gospel. Jesus did not craft these commandments arbitrarily; he drew them from the Father's own words and example. As Christians continue to study and live out the Gospel, they can learn, as Jesus did, how to conform their life to the example of the Father. Disciples who do so are truly children of God.

This is Luke's message. Luke understands Jesus to be a prophet, and in this Sunday's Gospel reading, he relates some of Jesus' most challenging and difficult teachings. Jesus' words are easy to dismiss as impossible, or to disparage as ideals that no one was ever meant to achieve. This would be a mistake. Jesus intended his disciples to strive to fulfill these commandments. He drew these lessons from careful study of the Father's ways, and he expected his disciples to pattern their lives after the things the Father had taught him.

His first lesson was the Father's gift of eternal love. At every moment in his life, Jesus knew the Father's love, followed the Father's command to love and sought to fulfill the Father's dream of a world built on love.

Another lesson came from study of the Father's ways in Israel's history. Although the people of Israel strayed from the covenant, again and again the Father sought them out and forgave them. Scripture even records times that God took Israel back when it did not seem sensible (Is 43:19-28; Ez 20:40-44). Divine love always overcame judgment, and God's fidelity to the covenant remained strong regardless of human transgression.

A final lesson came from nature; the sun rises on both sinners and saints, and God's rain falls equally on the righteous and the wicked. Jesus built his own life around these lessons, and he expected his disciples to do the same.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Be Perfect. (Matthew 5:48). Before Jesus spoke these words. A workable system was already in place: "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Deuteronomy 19:21). This system was based on a kind of justice that helped to limit retribution. No double or triple damage claims were allowed. I couldn't kill someone if he simply stole my camel. The most he would have to do is lose one of his camels to make everything "even." But Jesus wanted more than this equal-retribution approach. He wanted mercy to become the law of the land.

This new standard can seem unfair because it involves turning the other cheek, going the extra mile, and loving our enemies. We don't always do this with our family members; how are we supposed to do it with people who hate us? When we are at odds with someone, unforgiveness is usually at the heart of the matter. So Jesus calls us to forgive. Of course, he doesn't expect us to feel the same amount of affection for everyone. But he does want us to treat everyone, even our enemies and those who have hurt us, as God treats them: with compassion, mercy, and patience. He wants us to pray for them and to wish them well.

This kind of love not only releases grace to the other person; it also releases God's grace upon us. Recent psychological studies back this up, in fact. They show that holding unforgiveness can lead to depression. It can fill us with resentment, make us cynical, and even affect our physical health. But people who practice forgiveness tend to be healthier and more at peace. So the more we try to follow Jesus' teaching, the more we benefit as well! Do you want to be perfect? Try your best to forgive. It may seem impossible, but with God's help, all things are possible.

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**Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Parish
Confirmation Mass on Saturday, March 9,
11:00 am at St. Joseph's Church
Please pray for our parish children and
youth as they prepare to be sealed with
the Gift of the Holy Spirit!**

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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Formation: [ourladyoflourdes-
stjosephs.org](http://ourladyoflourdes-
stjosephs.org).**

This was written by an 8 year old boy from Chula Vista, CA. for his 3rd grade homework assignment , to 'explain God.'
(Continued...)



'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important.'

'You can pray any time you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!'.....
(to be continued).

Please join **40 Days for Life Manchester** at their kick off rally on March 3 at 2:00pm at Ste. Marie's Church (lower level) in Manchester. Fr. Jeff Pavaglio will speak about what it means to live our call to protect the lives of the unborn. Music and refreshments will be available. The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil is a part of an international effort to end the tragedy of abortion through prayer, fasting and public witness. Every day from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday from 7am to 7 pm, people will gather outside of Planned Parenthood in Manchester and Equality Health Center in Concord to peacefully pray for all who are affected by abortion. See 40daysforlife.com/concord for details about signing up for the vigil or call Beth Gaby, 603 -731-6454 or concord40dfl@gmail.com with any questions.

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ Please support the Women's Club raffle and buy some tickets. It is for the benefit of the Parish. See article below. Thank you for your assistance.
- ◆ The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on February 21st, at 7pm at the Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.



Get excited for the St. Patrick's Day 50/50 raffle!

The Women's Club is sponsoring the raffle to benefit the Building Maintenance Fund. The more tickets sold, the bigger the cash prize! The lucky winner will be drawn after the 10:00 am Mass on March 17.

We hope you will assist us by selling tickets to family, friends and co-workers. You may pick up tickets after any Mass at the rear of the church, with all tickets/cash to be returned by March 10. For additional information, call Betsy Bosiak (736-4477) or Alice Young (998-3217).

Are you living with God's wisdom, or your own?

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life, an 8-part study.

Monday Evenings: 6:30-7:30pm 2/25 - 4/15

or

Thursday Mornings: 11:00-Noon 2/21 - 4/11
in the parish center

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it. In this study, Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—Wisdom will teach participants how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase their sense of peace in navigating life. In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. With this program, small group participants will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and will experience the joy it brings. The participant journal is \$19.95 and is recommended, but not required. Please contact the rectory 435-6242 or faith formation office 942-8716 to register.

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **March 16, 2019—5-8 PM** at the Parish Center in Northwood. Please join us for a fun filled family evening of delicious Irish food. Tickets—Adults-\$7.50, Families-\$25.00. Tickets will be on sale at the rear of each church each weekend until March 10th.

Sharing the Gospel\

Treat others the way you want to be treated. God doesn't want us to treat other people the same way they treat you. Choose to be kind, even when other people are mean. Choose to forgive, even when someone has hurt you.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to love other people the way you love me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping someone who has hurt your feelings in the past.

Mission for the Week

When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.

Word Search

Circle the following words from today's Gospel in this puzzle. Go up, down, side to side, or diagonally.

Jericho
Bartimaeus
blind man
courage
faith
saved
received
followed

I	H	K	A	O	Y	W	R	T	F
B	L	I	N	D	M	A	N	E	O
D	A	E	M	L	E	V	R	I	L
J	E	R	I	C	H	O	E	S	L
W	C	H	T	O	M	A	C	F	O
T	R	F	A	I	T	H	E	T	W
I	H	S	W	E	M	N	I	C	E
G	V	E	H	L	S	A	V	E	D
H	L	I	V	E	W	H	E	W	O
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C	O	U	R	A	G	E	M	C	S



Read the Gospel and Color

