

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

My temporary stay here at St. Charles Borromeo is coming to an end after the 8 AM Mass this Sunday morning, April 20th, when Fr. Dennis returns.

I am grateful to all of you who have been so receptive of me during my short stay here. You are a very welcoming and vibrant parish. Your support and appreciative words have touched me in a very personal way. A special "Thank You" to all members of the parish staff and to the many volunteers of the various parish committees. I was hoping to be able to see the lake fully thawed out before I left Meredith, but I guess I will have to return at a later time to see and appreciate the beauty of the lake. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers asking that you do the same for me. I don't have a new assignment yet but I'm sure the Bishop will not delay in presenting me with another possibility to help out in some other part of the Diocese.

Fondly, Fr. Marcel

MIRACLES HAPPEN EVERYDAY

This month you will be asked to donate to the 2008 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Each year we ask you, as part of the Catholic community, to answer this call to help people who face hardship and unbearable challenges. Your gift goes directly to feeding the hungry, healing the wounded hearts of children, comforting the elderly, and providing hope through our Parish and Community Outreach program. For instance, an elderly client in a mobile home park with limited retirement resources faced electrical disconnection. With advocacy by NHCC and a payment plan instituted, she was able to keep her electricity on and will probably try to stay in her home for another year. Meanwhile, linked with additional information by NHCC staff, she is applying for subsidized senior housing and should be ready to move as her name comes to the top of the waiting list for such housing.... Your generosity in this appeal offers an opportunity to truly make miracles happen for so many people in New Hampshire, some of whom may be from our own community.

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, May 3rd, 4:45-7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Hall in Laconia to benefit J.H. Teacher Kristina Conti of Holy Trinity School. Ms. Conti has breast cancer and has incurred many expenses throughout her treatment! She is a single mom with three young children. Come and enjoy a great dinner and show your support. Donations are gladly accepted as well and may be mailed to Holy Trinity School, 50 Church St., Laconia 03246. Advance ticket sales will be available the week of 4/28 at Holy Trinity School from 8 AM – 3 PM.

Cost: Adults: \$5 & Children: \$3
Family Price: Max. \$20



Monday (21)	
5:30 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting / OLV
Tuesday (22)	
11:00 AM	Golden View Visit
12:30 PM	Craft Group / Hall
3:15 PM	Youth Group Swim & Pizza / Hall
Thursday (24)	
4:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting / OLV
7:00 PM	Traditional Choir Rehearsal / Church
Friday (25)	
9:00 AM	Adoration / Chapel (<i>unless a funeral is scheduled</i>)
Saturday (26)	
3:30 PM	Music Ensemble Group Rehearsal / Church

Gospel: John 14: 1-3 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be."



Theme: Jesus our cornerstone. How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?

ITEMS OF NOTE

Over recent weeks titles of pamphlets located in the Narthex and the lower level of the church by the elevator have been listed and the final three are:

- ❖ Pornography
- ❖ Annulments
- ❖ Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration, an opportunity to strengthen your own spirituality, is Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass unless a funeral is scheduled.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

279-8691

**SR. HARRIET CUTTING, S.N.D.
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CINDY OSSOLA
CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

Religious Education

Now is the time for **Registration for the 2008-2009 year** of Religious Education

Children who will be in kindergarten through Confirmation beginning in September need to register in the spring each year. Registration forms have been sent home through the classes. Forms are also available in the narthex and the Religious Education office.

Please address questions to Sister Harriet 279-8691.

Any student who did not take home his/her textbook is asked to please do that.

THANK YOU for so many ways of support for the First Eucharist candidates. Parishioners' prayers, cards, liturgical celebration and reception, as well as staff input is greatly appreciated.

Youth

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a Swim and Pizza evening on Tuesday, April 22nd. We will go to the Laconia Athletic & Swim Club from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and pizza here at the parish hall. This is open to all parish youth grades 7 -12 as well as you bringing a friend from outside the parish. All youth **NEED** a **Permission Slip** that you can obtain from Cindy or find on her office door.

Come and Join us for some Fun!!!

YOUTHFEST: HOPE

On Saturday, May 3rd at St. Anselm College, there will be a Youthfest with Matt Maher and others. There will be great music, entertaining speakers and other events. It will be an exciting day for Catholic teens, grades 6-12. If you are interested in attending this, please see Cindy as soon as possible so that we may purchase tickets.

SPRING FLING

Put it on your calendar – **Friday, May 16th**. There will be a dance in the Parish Hall for grades 7 – 10. More information to come!!!!

CHURCH  SUPPORT

April 12/13

Offertory / Envelopes (144)	\$3,892.00
Offertory / Loose	1,544.00
Total	\$5,436.00

OTHER DONATIONS	
Religious Education (14)	\$112.00
Heating & Air Conditioning (1)	2.00
Easter (1)	10.00
St. Matthias (1)	5.00
Total	\$129.00

Total Offering & Other Donations	\$5,565.00
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BUILDING DEBT	
Loan from Diocese, 4/1/08	\$1,050,000
Principal payments	15,000
Loan from Diocese, 4/14/08	\$1,035,000

If you have any questions or comments on Building Debt information, please contact Peg Gavenonis, 253-7418.
Thank you for your generosity!

We thank all of you who mail in your donations each week.

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 26/27

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

The second collection next weekend helps us pay the electricity and oil bills here at our church. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY CIRCLES

NH Catholic Charities and Lutheran Social Services are looking for individuals and families who would support refugees being settled in Laconia. The commitment is for one year and training and support about mentoring refugees is provided locally. For more information about tasks and the application and reporting process, please call Leonard Campbell, 528-3035 or Abigail Stoutimore, (603) 244-8111. "Unity in diversity is the vision that we bishops, as pastors of the Church in the United States, offer to our people as they welcome the new immigrants and refugees who come to our shores." *(Welcoming the Stranger)*

CRAFT COMMITTEE – EVERY TUESDAY!

St. Charles Craft Committee meets on Tuesdays, from 12:30 - 3:00 PM, in the parish hall. If you sew, paint, knit, or love any other form of crafting we'd love to have you join us. For more information please call Connie Bickford at 279-4022.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR
LOCAL BUSINESSES
THAT ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN!**

APRIL 20, 2008

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	(19)	Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:00 PM		Sergio Beguiristain/ Johnson-Beguiristain Family
Sunday	(20)	Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM		Agnes & Melvin Michaelsen/Piper Family
10:30 AM		Robert Allen O'Connor/Lorraine Cahill
Monday	(21)	Easter Weekday
8:30 AM		St. Charles Parishioners
Tuesday	(22)	Easter Weekday
8:30 AM		Peg Burrill/Linda Lafitt
Thursday	(24)	Easter Weekday
8:30 AM		Marilyn Patenaude/Bill & Clelia MacKay
Friday	(25)	St. Mark
8:30 AM		John Bonner/Therese & Roland Boucher
Saturday	(26)	Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:00 PM		Loretta Seccareccio/O'Neil Family
Sunday	(27)	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM		Marilyn Patenaude/Cindy & Martha
10:30 AM		Randolph & Elizabeth Mottram/ George Mottram

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of Jimmy Wilson by Cousin Ed and Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2008

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester will feature child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website throughout April. A coloring book entitled, *Being Friends, Being Safe, Being Catholic* is suitable for children ages 10 and under and can be printed from the website. Please visit www.catholicnh.org during April and share this information with others.

ADDRESS CHANGES

If your address or phone number has changed, *please* notify the Parish Office. Keeping our parish data up to date is important, and saves us money and time! Information may be mailed or emailed. Thank you.

APRIL 20, 2008



THANK YOU

Thank you to our parish for your spiritual and community support for our First Communicants.

Thank you to our catechists for teaching the children about the Catholic Faith.

Thank you to the parents for your dedication in preparing your children to celebrate First Communion. Let us be glad and rejoice with all who have made their First Communion this year.

Audrey Decker
Brandon DePalma
Thomas DeTolla
Kellee Gilcreast
Garrett McCarthy
William Palin
Andrew Shepard
Samantha Sousa
Nicholas Spicuzza



MANCHESTER DIOCESE & LAKES REGION CONTACT INFORMATION

Manchester Diocese

Telephone: 669-3100

Website: www.catholicnh.org

New Hampshire Catholic Charities

Telephone: 1-800-562-5249

Website: www.nh-cc.org

Laconia District Office NH Catholic Charities

17 Gilford Avenue, Laconia 03246-2827

Telephone: 528-3035 - Fax: 524-7153

Email: laconia@nh-cc.org

Holy Trinity Catholic School

50 Church St., Laconia, NH 03246

Telephone: 524-3156 – Fax: 527-3534

Website: www.holytrinity.pvt.k12.nh.us