



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### RCIA – Rite of Sending

We will celebrate the Rite of Sending with the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates at several Masses this weekend. They are taking another step forward toward entering into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Following the Rite they will proceed to St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester where they will be presented before the Bishop who will accept them as "Elect" of the Church. Please continue to keep all of them in your prayers during this Lenten Season.

### SURVEY ACTION COMMITTEE

The Survey Action Committee will meet Monday, February 22, at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall, located in the lower level of St. Timothy Church, Bristol. This will involve the Pastoral and Finance Councils.

### UPPER ROOM HOLY HOUR

Please come and spend an hour in silence and prayer before the Lord this Friday, February 26 at St. Matthew Church beginning at 7:00 PM. This Holy Hour is scheduled the last Friday of each month. All are welcome!

**THE BRISTOL CONFIRMATION CLASS** would like to thank the Knights of Columbus #7073 for generously donating last week's Lenten meal. Next Friday, February 26, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM parents of the Confirmation students will provide Broccoli Alfredo (and, for those who don't eat their vegetables, plain Alfredo!) with bread, drink and dessert. We will also be showing the movie "Fireproof" after dinner. The donation for the meal & movie is \$5 per person, no more than \$20 per family. All proceeds will help our Confirmation students attend the Steubenville East event this summer. Thank you for your support!

**NEWFOUND AREA CHURCHES** Lenten Prayer Services are held each Wednesday during Lent.

12 PM 2/24 Hebron Union Congregational Church  
12 PM 3/3 Bristol United Church of Christ  
12 PM 3/10 New Hampton Community Church  
12 PM 3/17 Alexandria United Methodist Church

**6 PM** 3/24 Bristol Baptist Church  
Services are followed by a light lunch. The March 24 service will be preceded by a light supper.

**ASHLAND CHURCHES** are observing the season of Lent with suppers at 5:30 followed by a program at 6:30 on Sunday evenings:

2/21 Ashland Methodist Church  
2/28 St. Agnes RC Church\*  
3/7 St. Mark Episcopal Church\*  
3/14 Ashland Methodist Church\*  
3/21 Ashland Baptist Church  
3/28 Ashland Baptist Church

\*Location differs from Holy Trinity Parish Lenten Calendar

**ST. TIMOTHY WOMEN'S CLUB** has purchased a new refrigerator for Simard Hall, made possible by its successful Christmas Craft Sale. Thank you, ladies, for your generosity and service to Holy Trinity Parish!



**Community Blood Drive**  
Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of  
Holy Trinity Parish

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**12 – 5:00 PM**

**Congregational Church**  
**Plymouth, NH**

**Consider yourself asked and give the gift of life!**

**THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** cordially invites the women of the diocese to a Lenten Prayer Breakfast, "Do Small Things with Great Love," on Saturday, March 20, 8:30 AM, at St. Raphael Parish, Manchester. This day will begin with Mass in the church followed by a hot breakfast in the parish hall, and guest speaker, Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP. Cost is \$15.00. RSVP by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Email JoAnne Ellison at [jellison@rcbm.org](mailto:jellison@rcbm.org) or phone 663-0147. Further details are available on the flyer posted on the parish bulletin board.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Jacob Borsch, Nick Crosby, and Anthony White crossed over from Newfound Cub Pack 59 to the Boy Scouts at the recent Blue & Gold Dinner. May St. George, Patron of Scouting, guide each of you on the way of learning, growth, and adventure.

### OPERATION HELPING HANDS

NH Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers, 10 – 15 people, for the week of May 22 to May 29 to travel to New Orleans to participate in Operation Helping Hands. The focus of the week is to help needy homeowners to clean up their neighborhoods and restore their homes. This is the 10th service trip that Catholic Charities and Operation Helping Hands (Catholic Charities of New Orleans) have done to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers travel at their own expense. Simple meals and basic accommodations will be provided. For more information or to reserve a space, please call Parish and Community Outreach coordinator Leonard Campbell at 528-3035 or e-mail [lcampbell@nh-cc.org](mailto:lcampbell@nh-cc.org)

### NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES REPORT

December 31, 2009



Cash Received	\$47,197.50
Pledge Balance	977.50
<b>Total 12/31/09</b>	<b>\$48,175.00</b>
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$53,250.00</b>
<b># Donors</b>	<b>191</b>

### THANK YOU!

The members of Court St. Matthew Catholic Daughters of the Americas wish to thank all who made our "Cabin Fever" supper such a success. Proceeds from the event will be given to the Love Account, a fund established several years ago to assist individuals and families in need.



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESKTOP

#### Lent 2010: Becoming Disciples!

Lent has begun. Disciples In Mission has begun. Most of us have received our ashes. All of this presumes that we already are disciples. But discipleship is a daily endeavor as we pray that we may see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly, day by day, in and out of Lent.

May our daily Lenten choices help us to die to self and to live for Christ.

Let the 40 days of Lent serve us well to once more set us on the path which leads to a closer walk with the Lord and to Easter joy.

Fr. Leo

**WE WILL PRAY** the Disciples In Mission Prayer, found in the inside cover of the missal, at each Mass during Lent.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What Lenten practices help you to respond more intently to God's word?

#### BULLETIN CONNECTION

There's nothing like a couple of good temptations to get our minds wandering away from God. Or, hopefully, to push us fleeing headlong into God's arms as we seek protection against evil. Temptation to sin is part of human existence, and, since Jesus was fully human, he too was tempted. The temptations we hear about in today's Gospel take place as Jesus begins his public ministry. These were not the only temptations he faced in his life. At the end of Lent we will encounter the story of the agony in the Garden as part of the Passion narrative.

Up until the very end, Jesus was tempted not to accomplish the Father's will. We may fail during these forty days. We may not live up to our baptismal faith. But we have the tools to keep trying: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the community of faith. We are in this together.

#### OPERATION RICE BOWL – Jesus' Temptation

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.



**HOLY THURSDAY** we will celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper including the Washing of Feet, a powerful symbol of our identity as people of service. After Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood, he washed the feet of his disciples, his friends. Will this be the year your feet

are washed? Will you be his disciple, his friend? If so, please call Michelle McGwin (Bristol) 744-8760 or Sandy Hauser (Ashland/Plymouth) 536-4700.



### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GLORIA?

The tradition of the Church, particularly in North America, is not to sing or recite the Gloria during Lent, a time for being attentive to where our minds and hearts are set, so that we might properly prepare for the resurrection of the Lord. As we listen to the Lenten readings, we are called once again to conversion. Our 'fasting' from the Gloria is one of the ways in which the penitential quality of the season is marked. Omitting the Gloria during lent lets it ring out fresh at the Easter Vigil and all during the Easter season.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

**STUDENTS: REALLY BUSY BUT WANT A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR LENT?** The Busy Person's Retreat takes only one hour for each of three weeks and will enhance your relationship with the Lord. You reflect on a Scripture reading and some related thoughts in your room/home for 30 minutes and then meet for 30 minutes for private spiritual direction. Begins this week. Contact Kathy Tardif (535-2673 or [kmtardif@plymouth.edu](mailto:kmtardif@plymouth.edu)) to sign up and for details.

**MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICES & SUPPERS** for students, hosted by Fr. Leo, begin next Sunday, Feb. 28, and continue on March 7, both at 6 pm. RSVP to Kathy Tardif (535-2673 or [kmtardif@plymouth.edu](mailto:kmtardif@plymouth.edu)) so that we have enough delicious, homemade food for everyone. Parishioners interested in providing a dish for these monthly suppers should call Karen McCloud 536-2288.

**KEEP UP TO DATE:** What's going on in Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM)? Check out the calendar at <http://www.plymouth.edu/campmin/ccm/events.html>.

### FASTING DURING LENT

In the fifth century, St. Peter Chrysologus wrote: "Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." We take the initiative during Lent to curb our desires and exercise an opportunity to put aside what we may want so that we can be reminded of God. Every time we desire that from which we are fasting, we are reminded of why we chose to give it up: to think about God. And, when we give something up, we have more to give away, to help a brother or sister in need because we are not using something for ourselves. Our Lenten fast is intimately connected to our Lenten sharing.

