

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Miracles Happen Everyday

Since 1945, New Hampshire Catholic Charities has responded to the needs of people from every walk of life in communities throughout the state. Our caring staff has comforted grieving families, held the hands of scared children, provided hope for families struggling through difficult times, and helped people through personal crisis.

This year the call to help is stronger than ever, and Catholic Charities is faced with the challenge to answer. The annual appeal is a primary source of funding for Catholic Charities. It is through your generosity that we, as a diocese and parish community, can serve the less fortunate. Please give what you can to help our neighbors in need. You make miracles happen when you make a gift. Our 2010 Parish Goal: \$58,250.00.

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES REPORT

March 31, 2010

Cash Received	\$49,269.50
Pledge Balance	367.50
Total 3/31/10	\$49,637.00
2009 Parish Goal	\$53,250.00
# Donors	194

**St. Timothy Knights of Columbus
FREE Communion Breakfast
Sunday, April 25th Simard Hall
after 9:30 Mass
Donations gratefully accepted**



Newfound Area Churches is dedicating Crop Walk 2010 to Alice Pyne, who has consistently raised more money than other walkers. Although she is unable to participate this year, donations will be accepted in her honor. Crop Walk will be held Sunday, May 2nd at 2:00 PM at the Hebron-Bridgewater School. One fourth of all money raised will be donated to Bristol Community Services Food Pantry; the remainder to Church World Services to feed the hungry poor of the world. Please contact Kim Bruneau for your walk packet at 744-0173 or kimbruneau@gmail.com. If you don't plan to walk, please consider being a sponsor.



**Knights of Columbus
BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 2
St. Matthew Hall 7:30 AM**

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Volunteers are needed to advocate for children thrust into the court system for a number of reasons. To be the difference or to find more information, contact Judith Tautenham, 536-1663 or email, JTautenhan@casanh.org or <http://www.casanh.org/>.

WALKING MEDITATION WITH A LABYRINTH

Walking a labyrinth repeatedly can be a relaxing, meditative experience, a powerful journey of illumination, or both. We in Plymouth will have the rare opportunity to have a labyrinth available to us several days in May. Mark your calendar: May 3-6, 8, 10, 12, and 13 from 4-6:30 PM at the Senior Center and May 11 from noon-8 PM at PSU's Multi-Purpose Room of the HUB. Sponsored by the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ with support from the Plymouth Regional Senior Center and PSU Campus Ministries.

NEWFOUND AREA SENIOR CENTER is seeking volunteers to assist in providing transportation to our community's seniors.

All transport is for getting people to their medical appointments. Areas covered are Plymouth, Dartmouth, Laconia, and the Newfound area. Of course these are boundaries; you may not prefer to travel too far and that is fine. Times cover from 8 AM to 2 PM, Monday – Friday.

If you have a few hours available in the morning and would enjoy doing receptionist work, I would love to meet you. This position consists of answering phone calls, and greeting people.

For additional information please contact me, Diane Devine, Program Coordinator, at 744-8395.

CREDIT COUNSELING SPEAKER

Monday, May 10, 6-8 PM, in PSU's HUB Multi-Purpose Room (upstairs), Becky Palmer of Consumer Credit Counseling Services of NH & VT will discuss how to make smart decisions about your money, especially in light of life and financial difficulties. Participants can make personal appointments to meet a CCCSNH/VT counselor at a later time to assist them with personal finances. Free and open to the public.



The Paschal Candle

The Paschal candle, the largest and tallest of all sanctuary candles, is an ancient symbol of the risen Lord. Paschal candles are always inscribed with a cross, the current year, and the Greek letters alpha and omega, signifying that the Lord is present in his Church now in the present year and forever in eternity. Small nails, symbolizing the five wounds of Christ, are pressed into the candle in the shape of a cross. The Paschal candle is prominent at the Easter Vigil at which it is first lighted and brought into the darkened church, symbolizing the Light of Christ. It will be lighted at all Masses during these 50 days of Easter until it is finally extinguished on Ascension Thursday.

After that, it is placed near the baptismal font and lighted at baptisms to remind us that in baptism we are crucified and raised with Jesus. The Paschal candle is also lighted at funerals as a reminder that those who die in Christ are raised up with him.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESKTOP

This is Catholic Charities Weekend at our Parish. We welcome Brother Paul Crawford, OFM Cap. and Mr. Len Campbell, who are making the annual presentation. Our Diocese is blessed to have the Catholic Charities staff and program to help us extend a Shepherd's care to the many people in our midst who are in difficult situations.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

We welcome all who are participating in the weekend's Life in the Spirit Seminar. We also welcome the team from Holy Rosary Parish in Rochester and our own parishioners who have assumed leadership roles. Please pray for all involved, that the weekend will be another source of renewal for the Church locally and beyond.

Fr. Leo

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

The Feast of the Ascension, which commemorates the Lord's return to heaven, is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated:

Wednesday, May 12	Our Lady of Grace	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 13	St. Agnes	8:00 AM
	Our Lady of Grace	8:00 AM
	St. Matthew	7:00 PM

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you stay focused on the Shepherd's voice?

BULLETIN CONNECTION

Jesus calls us all. He is the one eternal shepherd of the flock who always cares for his sheep. His followers look to him for guidance and direction. Following Christ's example, the Church sometimes speaks of itself as the flock of Christ, and of its leaders as shepherds who stand in for one true shepherd.

Each year the Fourth Sunday of Easter is designated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray that the Lord will send more men and women to serve in the church. You can read the Holy Father's message at: www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/vocations/index_en.htm.

MARY CROWNING Crowning a statue of the Lord's Mother is symbolic of the honor we give her as the one chosen by God to bear His Son, our Salvation. During the Month of May, a month both named for and dedicated to Mary, Catholics have long honored her by placing a crown on her image. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for school children to have a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession, pretty dresses and a wreath of fresh flowers that one child places on the statue. We will be crowning Mary at the 9:30 AM Mass on May 2 at St. Agnes. Any children wishing to be part of the procession should contact Amy Ulricson at amy.ulricson@us.army.mil or 536-4042.

ROSARY FOR MARY, MOTHERS AND THE UNBORN

Rosary means a crown of roses, a spiritual bouquet given to the Blessed Mother. The Catholic Daughters will be honoring Mary, Mothers and the unborn, by praying the Rosary on Mother's Day, May 9th, St. Matthew Church, immediately following the 8 AM Mass. We welcome all parishioners to come and share in this wonderful prayer.



BIBLE STUDY

Deacon Mike's Bible study meets Wednesday evenings at St. Agnes Hall in Ashland from 7:00 to 8:30. We will be discussing the Gospel of Luke and readings for the weeks of the Easter season.

Please join us and bring your bible.

DISCIPLES IN MISSION

Make plans to participate in the Disciples in Mission Parish Reflection Evening to be held on Tuesday, May 4 at the Saint Matthew Parish Hall, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. We will reflect upon how parish participation will continue to enrich our relationship with our Lord, and our mission in bringing our commitment as His servants out into the world. We want to hear your ideas and suggestions about the ways in which we are carrying out Christ's message in and through our Parish and beyond. How are we already carrying out the mission? In what areas do we need to improve? You can help to answer these questions. Everyone in the Parish is invited to attend. The experience would be very meaningful to leaders and members of Church groups, Disciples in Mission small group facilitators and participants, and parishioners interested in becoming more involved in the life of the Parish.

The Disciples in Mission Parish Leadership Team looks forward to welcoming you at this event, which is a part of our parish commitment to Disciples in Mission.

If you have questions please email or call Tony Fitzherbert at akftrain@aol.com or at 536-2188.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

STORIES OF THE EXODUS: We compare "The Prince of Egypt" with the biblical account under the guidance of PSU student Marybeth Cote at the weekly meeting on Tuesday, April 27, at 7 pm at the Reflection & Spiritual Care Center. The Center is at the back end of Samuel Read Hall across from the library. All students are welcome!

THE LABYRINTH RETURNS Tuesday, May 11, from noon - 8 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the HUB. Mark your calendar so you don't miss this opportunity to experience walking meditation. For more information, contact Kathy Tardif at 535-2673 or kmtardif@plymouth.edu. Members of the community are welcome!

COOKIES, BROWNIES, AND SNACK PACKS ... OH MY! Help ease the stress of students working on final papers, exams, performances, games, and presentations. Join Catholic and United Campus Ministries in providing homemade goodies to all res. halls and Centre Lodge. Students interested in putting together snack packages should contact Kathy Tardif at 535-2673. Parishioners interested in providing batches of cookies or squares should call Karen McCloud at 536-2288. Baked goods should be dropped off at the Reflection & Spiritual Care Center between 9:00 and noon on Saturday, May 15. That will also be the time that we put together snack packs.