

10, 11 August 2013 * Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

Pope John XXIII

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., * Sunday 10:00 a.m. * Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

*Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

Choir Director:	Fefa Deeb	Sacristans:	Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
Teachers	DRE: 3-5 th Lenore Boles K-1 st Rosanna Joseph 2 nd Jane Lee		
Parish Council:	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Gerald Joseph, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Susan Mitchell, Lowell Hawes, & Aaron Rowden.		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Luke 8:1-15

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'

“Now the parable is this:

The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

In the first Gospel, John writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")"

Jesus identifies Himself as the Word made Flesh who came among us to bring salvation; to bring light into the darkness of the world. We can reject this light. We can reject the Word of God. We can let the eternal Seed of life die.

Jesus tells the story of the fertile ground to make sure that we understand that we can let the seed of faith wither and die by allowing, that which is destructive to crowd out the good Seed.

The challenge of today is how to recover from the lack of interest and belief that Jesus is the Word of God who speaks and teaches the path to eternal life. How accurately Jesus says, "... the cares and riches and pleasures of life choke them, and their fruit does not mature". Our unwillingness to remove from our lives, that which chokes out the faith; leaves a vacuum in our lives and society that becomes dark with hate. Hate is a deadly trillion dollar industry We must not let faith wither away because of our trials and challenges. We must use them to deepen our faith. The beauty of the world is a gift from God, but it must never be allowed to choke us away from adoring Him, the Bread that came down from Heaven, on the Altar and living out His word as a message of salvation to the world around us. **Aboona**

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off. Modest clothing is expected and appreciated.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Aug.11: School Subsidy

Liturgy: Sunday of Pentecost A: Pg. 425

Creed: Pg. 748 Anaphora 12 Apostle Pg. 815

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 10 4:00 p.m.

† **Intentions of the Elias Family**

By Gayle Misner

Sun 11 10:00 a.m.

† **Marion L. Maroon**

By Freda Nassar & Judie Lynn Nassar

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

Mon 12 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 13 9:00 a.m.

† **Don & Marcia Kendra**

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Wed 14 **No Liturgy – Dead Sea Scrolls Trip**

Thu 15 9:00 a.m.

Assumption of Mary (Holy Day)

† **Albert & Mimie Nachazel**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

6:00 p.m.

Intention Available

Fri 16 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 17 4:00 p.m.

† **Eddy & Van Joseph**

By Jo Gottardi

Sun 18 10:00 a.m.

† **George & Amelia Jabar**

By The Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Heal Your servants, who are sick,

O Lord, and send them help

And comfort from Your holy place.

Those who seek our prayers: **Theresa Clark, Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, and Virginia Poulin.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Food Pantry - August

Soup Canned ravioli

Cake Mixes Condiments (Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise.

Thank you for caring!

Church Security.

After discovering the Censor with the bells missing, we have to accept that the missing brass Hand Cross, New Liturgical Book, and the Censor were stolen and not misplaced. I suspect it is someone who has illegally entered the church to take these items with problems probably "playing priest", rather than a thief looking for something to sell.

Steps will be made to keep the church more secure.

See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

August Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 days Sanctuary Candle

St. Jude 7-Day Sanctuary Candle

Intentions Available

Altar Bread & Wine:

Intentions Available

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,098.00

Peter's Pence 349.00

God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

Gone a lot? Please consider electronic giving. You can contact your bank to schedule your contribution to be sent to St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church.

TO PROTECT THE LITURGICAL BOOKS we are asking that you place them on the pew instead of using the bookrack because of the tight fit it makes them difficult to remove and return.

Birthdays in August

We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.

~Ben Sweetland

READERS SCHEDULE

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Corinthians 3:1-11 Luke 8:1-15

4 p.m. Aug 10 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 11 Steve Crate

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 Luke 10:38-42

4 p.m. Aug 17 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 18 Kevin Michaud

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Wed 14 7 a.m. Dead Sea Scroll Trip to Boston

Thu 15 Feast of the Assumption

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 4 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Sun 8 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Sun 22 Religious Education Registration

Coffee & Muffins will be served during the Summer

There will be Coffee and muffins served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Sunday Liturgy during the summer.

Hafli - October 5, 2013

Dust off your Hafli jar; ink in this date for a great time. The Funds from this Hafli will be used toward the new roof for the Rectory. \$35 a person.

Hafli Jar

If you start now putting in **\$1.16** a day or **\$3.50** a week in your Hafli jar, you will have the amount for the Hafli ticket.

New Liturgical Books

Please handle them carefully and respectfully. If you have a child that might mishandle them, be sure to provide another item for them to be entertained with.

Anniversaries for August

Mahrajan 2013, a Middle Eastern food festival, will be held on the grounds of **Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church** at 140 Mitchell St., **Manchester NH** on Friday August 16 from 5-10 PM, Saturday August 17 from 12-10 PM, and Sunday August 18 from 12-5 PM. For more information, go to www.bestfestnh.com. 603-623-8944

"The Catholic Church, East and West, breaths as two lungs in the same body"

Blessed John Paul II