

22, 23 August 2015 * Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost



The Assumption

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

St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

- 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: Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers DRE: 3-5 th Lenore Boles, K-1 st , 2 nd Jane Lee		
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, & Aaron Rowden, Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus		

Luke 10:38-42

As they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, **"Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We have to be careful to not think that by Jesus saying "Mary chose the better part" that what Martha was doing was not also good and important. It's just that there is a time and a place for these tasks to be done. Sometimes work becomes an addiction and an escape from coping and accepting significant other responsibilities and dimensions of living a satisfying life.

It is a distorted spirituality when our activities are used to justify not taking the time to listen to the Lord as He reveals Himself to us. How often we hear the

phrase I do these good things, so that should cover and exempt me from worship activities.

In a sense, Martha represents those who have unresolved issues. Her worries and distractions prevent her from finding peace and harmony in her life. Worry is not what solves problems and can be used for solutions.

Culturally we are "freeing ourselves" from the demands of God and His Sabbath, and exchanging them for chronic consumption of distractions of addiction. Never have we needed more medication – legal and illegal, endless wants to alter our mood, reshape our bodies, and the list goes on. Our hungers put billions in the hands of drug criminals, and trillions belong to the greed of a few.

Life is filled with distractions. There was a recent article on how our need for distractions and worries is increasing especially among young men. The high tech era has made it possible to be immersed in distractions at all times. We all know someone who can stay up all night on the computer playing some sort of a game, while at the same time neglecting their relationship with their spouse, children, friends and even jeopardizing their job.

We may have visited someone, and rather than spend time conversing with you, they remained absorbed with something on their smart phone.

Even with text messaging, one can become so absorbed in their own thoughts and emotions rather than creating a genuine connection with the other, that on physically meeting they find it difficult to relate to each other's actual personality. It is so much easier to have a make believe world, where we control all the information and block out the rest.

Not that these characteristics and habits have not always existed in some manner. It is just made so much easier now. Face to face conversations are simply different from a text message, or email, and for that matter, even the telephone.

For the person who is naturally shy and feels socially clumsy, it becomes easier to retreat into cyberspace. To remain distracted we can lose out on the "better part of life" with real people and fail to learn the skills to socialize with a wide spectrum of ideas and people.

Society is so immersed in the latest distractions and worries; we can become obsessed with our interests and ignore others. Fewer and fewer people are even willing to put themselves in a situation where they can "hear" Jesus say to them stop what you are doing, and come in to listen to the Gospel proclaimed. Stop what you are doing and keep the Sabbath with those gathered around to worship and give praise to the heavenly Father. Fewer and fewer believe what Mary is doing is the better part of life, to overcome anxiety.

When we can filter out anything that challenges our way of thinking and behavior, we run the risk of creating our own concept of God that can be quite different from what God actually reveals to us. This has always been a part of human history, and the resistance to letting God speak to us is obviously influencing our lives. **Aboona**

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: **Yvonne Budd, Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Kevin Scully.**

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Sept. 12-13 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Entrance chant: Pg. 427(A), Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

This week's Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 22** 4:00 p.m.
† **Brent Williams**
By Herb Joseph, Sr.
- Sun 23** 10:00 a.m.
† **Gabriel Hikel**
By Rita Hikel

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

- Tue 25** 9:00 a.m.
† **Amin Mikael Saad & Hoda Honeine**
By John T. Sleiman
- Wed 26** 11:00 a.m.
(Liturgy of the Faithful Departed)
† **Neal Avcollie**
By The Family
- Thu 27** 9:00 a.m.
† **Hilda Boles Cook**
By The Family
- Fri 28** 9:00 a.m.
† **The Ticken Family**
By Mary Ticken
- Sat 29** 4:00 p.m.
† **Marion Maroon**
By Dan & Katrina Plourde
- Sun 30** 10:00 a.m.
† **Ferris Ferris**
By Joe Ferris

Liturgy Codes: †= Faithful Departed,
SI=Special Intention, BD=Birthday,
AV.=Anniversary, H=Health.

August Food Pantry

Bisquick Variety soups
Cake mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

**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

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread & Altar Wine

Available

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

A family or an individual takes home with them a devotional of prayers and an Icon to pray for a week for vocations. It is returned at the end of the week and the next individual or family takes it home.

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

Aug 23	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Aug 30	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Sept 6	Pearley & Alice Lachance
Sept 13	Larry & Lisa Grand
Sept 20	Nancy Fairfield
Sept 27	Larry & Paula Mitchell

READERS SCHEDULE

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thes. 2:1-13	Luke 10:38-42
August 22	Lila Hallowell
23	Joe Rowden

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thes. 1:1-10	Luke 7:36-50
August 29	Lenore Boles
30	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Sat 12	K of C Chicken BBQ 5:00-6:30 \$8.00
Sun 13	Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am
Sat 19	Flu Shot Clinic 10 – 2 pm @ church hall
Sun ?	Religious Education Registration

Coffee Schedule

Larry and Gareth for the Summer

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Gladys Avcollie**, of this parish on the loss of her husband, **Neal Avcollie** who died last week.

We pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and consolation to his family and loved ones.

Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be held on August 26, at 11:00 am.

Mahrajan in New Hampshire

Mahrajan 2015, 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 21 from 5-10 PM, Saturday August 22 from 12-10 PM, and Sunday August 23 from 12-5 PM. The event features a variety of Lebanese food, live music, dancing, religious gifts, church tours, and entertainment for children. George Maalouf and Ensemble along with DJ Kibar are providing the music. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.bestfestnh.com.

Walking a Mile for Water

Help us raise awareness of this issue by walking a mile for water* August 29, 2015 1pm Start at Pleasant St. United Methodist Church Parking Lot (61 Pleasant St. Waterville) End at Railroad Square Parking Lot Bring a cup, jar, or bucket to carry water (river water will be supplied at the starting point) FREE EVENT

