

**First Sunday of Lent**

Today is the day of Election. Those coming into the church are enrolled in the *Book of the Elect* and enter the period of purification and enlightenment. We are all tempted as Adam and Eve were in the Garden, and even as Jesus our Lord and Messiah was, but with his obedient Passover work for us we can receive the free

gift of salvation. We can get through temptation as Jesus did by following him on his way – even through death to the resurrection, newborn life of God. God chooses us – do you choose the Lord.

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**REST IN PEACE**

We pray for our deceased family members, friends, parishioners and benefactors of St. Anne Parish. May they enjoy the fullness of life, happiness and peace with God in the heavenly kingdom.

If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased loved one or other intention, please call the parish office 329-5886

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The vision of our ministry is to bring together the care and the love of knitting/crocheting and prayer into a ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and support. St. Anne Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10-11 AM in meeting room 6. Please join us.

**Easter Flowers**

This year we again offer the opportunity to donate an Easter plant [cost \$15 - \$25] that may be designated as a memorial to a deceased loved one, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. Or, if you would like to make a donation in any amount to help defray the cost of our Easter decorations, please call the parish office, 329-5886, or you may use a "Flower" envelope located in the lobby of the Church

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Request**

This is turning out to be a very difficult winter for many of our neighbors. Cold weather has forced many families to turn to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Parish for assistance with their home heating bills

As you are thinking of Lent and Lenten offerings, please consider making a donation to SVDP Society and know that your donation will help your neighbors in need.

May God Bless You for your generosity

**Cantata**

Once again it's time for our Easter Cantata. We invite all to participate. As you may know, the Cantata is full orchestra and choirs from local churches. This will be our 11<sup>th</sup> year. The rehearsal schedule is: Wednesdays of March – March 16, 23, and 30 and April 6 and 13. Rehearsals will start promptly at 7 PM. A dress rehearsal will be 12 noon on Saturday, April 16. Please join us at...

**EASTER CANTATA  
Palm Sunday - April 17 - 3 PM**

**Operation Rice Bowl**

Our Lenten Journey has begun. This year we are once again participating in Catholic Relief Services' **Operation Rice Bowl**. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for additional resources to use at home.

**Rice Bowls may be found on tables next to bulletins as you leave church.**

**Inspiring Concert – St. Joseph's Epping**

In a truly intimate performance, at 1 PM, Sunday, March 27 at St. Joseph Church, Epping the sanctuary will be filled with the beautiful sounds of Tajci, a world renowned singer from central Europe ([www.idobelieve.com](http://www.idobelieve.com)) Tajci will perform "Thirst" – the Crucifixion Story". It presents the Way of the Cross through powerfully moving music. Tajci brings up poignant thoughts on Christ's sacrifice and draws the audience on an emotional journey. This concert will be free and open to the public. For directions visit

<http://www.stjosepheppingnh.com> St. Joseph Church is located at 208 Pleasant St. (Rte.270).

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 9:15 AM	<b>March 14</b> <b>Stephen Molloy</b> Req. By The Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:15 AM	<b>March 15</b> <b>Lucy Graziano</b> Req. By The Graziano Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:15 AM	<b>March 16</b> <b>Peace in the Middle East</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 9:15 AM	<b>March 17</b> All Souls Intentionsy
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>March 19</b> <b>Anna Dowd [Birthday Remembrance]</b> Req. By Her Family <b>Adele &amp; Mansour Gabriel</b> Req. By Their Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 20</b> <b>Carol Boremi</b> Req. By Tom & Betty Missert
9:30 AM	<b>Deceased Members Cameron &amp; Monaco Families</b> Req. By The Family
11:00 AM	<b>Irene Sepa</b> Req. By Joe & Christine Steele <b>In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received</b> Anon.

**Religious Education Cluster Classes this week will be held on Monday, Tuesday at 3:30 PM and Thursday at 4:00 PM**

### DATES and EVENTS

<b>Sunday</b> 10:30 PM	<b>March 13</b> First Eucharist Retreat & Share a Meal til 3:30 PM [Church & Hall]
2:00 PM	Cantata Rehearsal [Church]
5:00 PM	Family Liturgy [Church]
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>March 15</b> Liturgy of the Hours [Church]
10 AM 7 PM	Disciples in Mission Mtg. Rm. 6]
6:00 PM	Rel. Ed. EDGE C [Hall / Mtg. Rms.]
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council [Office]
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 PM	<b>March 16</b> Adult Confirmation [Mtg. Rm. 6]
7:00 PM	Adult Choir/Cantata
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>March 17</b> Liturgy of the Hours [Church]
10:00 AM	Food Pantry
7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. [Mtg. Rm. 6]
<b>Friday</b> 3:00 PM	<b>March 18</b> Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Disciples in Mission [Mtg. Rm. 6]

### **Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time                      Week 16** **Readings for the Week of March 13, 2011**

Sunday	Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / Rm. 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 /Mt. 4:1-11
Monday	Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt. 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is. 55:10-11 / Mt. 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jnh. 3:1-10 / Lk. 11:29-32,
Thursday	Est. C 12:14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez. 18:21-28 / Mt. 5:20-26
Saturday	2 Sm. 7:5-51, 12-14, 16 / Rm. 4:13, 16-18, Mt. 1:16,18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday	Gen. 12:1-4a / 2 Tim. 1:8b-10 /Mt. 17:1-9

#### **Offertory Collection** **March 5/6**

**305 - Envelopes - \$7,479.00 – Loose - \$1,873.31**

**Total - \$9,356.31**

**Second Collection – Capital Improvements**

**232 Envelopes - \$1,493.00 – Loose \$1,104.00**

**Total - \$3,597.00**

**Thank you for your support**

*The special love that can be shared in our parish, and that the music ministry has brought to me is beyond words. It is truly happiness, peace, and the Lord's Spirit brought to me and others.*

*...a St. Anne's Music Ministry Member*

Does music fill you with the Holy Spirit? Do you feel called to sing His praises in song? St. Anne's Ministry is always welcoming new members. You can become a part of us just by showing up and letting us know you'd like to sing. We meet Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the church, or just stop by after one of the Masses and say hello. We'd be glad to give you more information!

**St. Joseph Regional Catholic School – Red Carpet Auction**  
SJRCs is holding a Red Carpet Auction and Dinner Dance On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Wyndham Boston Andover in Andover, MA. The event will begin at 6:45 PM and will include music, dinner, and both a silent and live auction. Tickets are available for \$42.00 per person For tickets or more information, please contact the SJRCs office at [603] 893-6811,

**Employment Support Group**  
**Sponsored by: Saint Anne Parish**  
**and**  
**New Hampshire Catholic Charities**  
**26 Emerson Avenue**  
**Hampstead, New Hampshire**

**Next Meeting**  
**March 21, 2011 – 7:00 PM**

For further information, please contact Deacon  
Bill Mullen at 603-329-5886 or e-mail him at  
[bmullen@saintannechurchnh.org](mailto:bmullen@saintannechurchnh.org)

## **EMPLOYMENT PRAYER**

At this point, Dear Lord,  
How do I reach the next beginning?

Do I depend on fate, hard work or synchronicity?  
Is the ad I need to see in a newspaper or online?  
Should my attention be on a friend's advice or the  
whispers of my own heart?  
What is the right course?  
When there are so many directions and possibilities  
Where is the light switch that I can turn on and find  
my path?

I no longer want to stumble around in the dark,  
Walking in circles in a fog of confusion and feeling  
bad for myself as I hit one wall after another, as I  
hear yet another employer say, "No thank you" or  
worse, hear nothing at all!

When will someone say, "You're hired"?  
When can I cease worrying about tomorrow and  
the next day?

My Dear Lord, give me knowledge,  
Give me an opportunity,  
A shoulder to lean on,  
A smile and a chance.  
Show me a place I feel valued again. Give me the  
opportunity to support my family. Let me find  
peace in the everyday habit of going to work.  
This is all I ask. Amen

Based on a prayer by Rose Losey

**HOLY HOUR**  
**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

Our monthly parish HOLY HOUR continues. This month's theme is: "Lenten Grace". The Holy Hour will consist of Vespers [Evening Prayer], Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. Please join us as we spend some time in communal prayer, reflect on scripture and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

## **TAX STATEMENTS**

A reminder to all parishioners – A request for a tax statement of donations given to the parish this past year **can only be given if the parishioner has used the envelope system.** The Finance Office can only track donations by envelope number. We cannot and do not track checks or cash. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Paula Smith @ 329-5886.

## **St. Patrick's Day – March 17**

### **An Irish Blessing**

**May God grant you always**  
**A sunbeam to warm you**  
**A moonbeam to charm you**  
**A sheltering angel**  
**So nothing can harm you**  
**Laughter to cheer you**  
**Faithful friends near you**  
**And whenever you pray**  
**Heaven to hear you.**

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## **Toast o' the Day**

**May you have warm words**  
**On a cold evening**  
**A Full moon on a dark night**  
**And the road downhill all the way to your door**

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## **St. Joseph's Day – March 19**

heavenly Father,  
Lift up the example of St. Joseph to  
us today, Teach us his acceptance of  
You plan, even when it brings the  
unexpected. Show us through his  
devotion to Your Son, a willingness  
to adopt all the world's children in Your name, May St.  
Joseph's silent service be an example of humility all the  
days of our lives.

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### **Protecting God's Children**

Those adults planning to oversee church activities involving children are required by the Diocese of Manchester to attend a *Protecting God's Children* training session. Go to [www.hncc.org](http://www.hncc.org) click on "News & Events-Calendar" and then sort by Protecting God's Children Training to find a training date that suits your schedule.

### **Who's there?**

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever

## **PRAYER GROUP**

Jesus is our prayer, and he is also the answer to all our prayers. Jesus has indicated a special promise to those who join with others in prayer. **We invite you to join with Saint Anne's Prayer Group Thursday, March 9, at 7:15 pm at the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament** for intercessory prayers, prayers of thanksgiving and petition for ourselves and others, meditation and an opportunity to share one another's faith

## **New Parishioner Welcome Night**

**Monday – March 7, 2011**

**Church Hall – 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

If you are new to the parish and/or would like to register for the parish, or learn more about the various ministries offered here you are cordially invited to attend.

## **Saint Anne's Parish New Parishioner Night**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at 329-5886 or e-mail Paula Smith at [psmith@saintannechurchnh.org](mailto:psmith@saintannechurchnh.org) or Deacon Bill Mullen at [bmullen@saintannechurchnh.org](mailto:bmullen@saintannechurchnh.org)

This will be an opportunity to hear from the "Heads of Ministries" and to be welcomed by Fr. Steve. Light refreshments will be served.

## **K of C Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus will prepare and serve a delicious **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, March 12, at 5:00 PM** in the church hall. Dinner includes: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Jim Molloy's fabulous Irish Bread, Salad, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Lemonade. Tickets are: Adults - \$6.00 – Children \$3.00 and may be purchased at the door. All are welcome.

## **Newly Baptized**

The members of Saint Anne Parish would like to welcome the following newly baptized...

**Hannah Rae Ahern  
Drew Stephen Borrows  
Dahlyah Elizabeth Krauklin  
Matteo Paul Marra  
Christian Aiden May  
Oliva Grace Woessner**

We pray for these new members and their families that they may always follow the light of Christ and witness to His love.

## **Catholics Come Home**

CatholicComeHome.org is an independent lay Catholic evangelization organization dedicated to producing faith messages via television and websites. Only one-third U.S. Catholics attend weekly Mass. During Lent, CatholicComeHome.org will air television messages promoting the beauty, spirituality and history of the Catholic Church. The messages reach out to inactive Catholics and others urging them to take another look at their faith and come home to their Catholic family. The website helps them find answers to questions they may have in their journey home. Many returning Catholics who have been away may come to Mass. It would be wonderful for them to see a connection between the warm TV invitation and this faith community, ready to see a new face and say "Welcome"

**The Eternal Light  
is burning the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>  
in Memory of  
Stephanie Lepine**