

*“U*NLESS A GRAIN OF
WHEAT FALLS TO THE
GROUND AND DIES,
IT REMAINS JUST A
GRAIN OF WHEAT...”

JOHN 12:24

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

ST. MARTIN CHURCH
120 Maple Street
Somersworth

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
404 High Street
Somersworth

St. Mary Parish

ST. MARY CHURCH
411 Church Street
Rollinsford



This weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We find ourselves just one week away from Holy Week, and many things are yet still to happen between then and now!

First to all the Irish out there, Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Now I know what many of you will be thinking, Father what about the French-Canadians' feast day... how about the Polish, the Germans, the Indonesians, the Dutch, the Vietnamese, the Cambodians, the Austrians, the Nigerans, the Cambodians, the British, the Canadians, the Scottish, the French, the Portuguese, the Spanish, the Dominicans, the Columbians, the Ecuadoreans, the Filipinos.... and the list goes on.

We are blessed with a diverse community here in the parish and celebrate many feasts days. While the Irish will be celebrating on Sunday, the entire parish, the diocese, and the entire church is invited to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph this Tuesday. The high point of our celebration will be a special Mass, offered for our family -- both living and deceased -- at 6:15pm Tuesday night at St. Ignatius Parish-St. Martin Church. Throughout the day we will have the church open for prayer, and for people to visit the beautiful St. Joseph Day Altar that will be built inside and in honor of our deceased family members. Parishioners are invited to bring photos, foods, and flowers, to be included in the St. Joseph Altar, after Masses this weekend or to the office on Monday. St. Joseph Day is a beautiful celebration in the life of our parish and a great way to remember and pray for our families living and deceased. As we celebrate the patron of our diocese and our families, come celebrate in a beautifully Catholic way, with prayers, with Mass, and with feasting with friends!

This Friday evening you are invited to join us as we celebrate the First Communion and Confirmation of our young people from St. Ignatius and St. Mary. Bishop Libasci will be joining us as the celebrant. As this is a special day for our young people I very much encourage everyone who can to come and support them. Furthermore, the bishop only visits the parish once a year so this is an important time for the family to be present, as our presence is not only a reflection of our hospitality, it also reflects the vibrancy of our faith. Please note there will be no Friday morning Mass this week so that more can attend our parish celebration on Friday night.

Selfishly, I would also like a good turnout at Friday night's Confirmation & First Communion Mass so that the bishop not only can see the good things we are doing here, but also will be so moved by the community we have built together that he will leave me right where I am for a long time! We have so much more work to do together! So if you can free yourselves up and be present Friday I would be eternally grateful to you. It is impossible for the bishop or for anyone not from here to have a full understanding of the wonderful things happening on a day to day basis in our parishes, so in truth the greatest understanding they will receive is what we share this Friday evening. Please come and welcome our Bishop, and celebrate this important moment in the faith life of our young people!

Finally, believe it or not, it is officially just one week to Holy Week! Next weekend will be Palm Sunday. Of course this means at this point in Lent you are either celebrating your success and/or shaking your head wondering where the time went and if it is too late to finish strong. I always say when it comes to Lent finish stronger than you started. In truth a good confession and a good Holy Week make for a good Lent.

Relative to confession: please note the times in the bulletin for added confessions this week and next. Across the diocese all parishes are required to have extra confessions on the Monday of Holy Week, so if you prefer to go to someone else no worries, check neighboring parish bulletins and websites. In our parishes we also add extra confessions this Monday as well to give everyone a chance to go. The Church asks us as Catholics to go to confession at least once a year as part of our "Easter duty." If it has been awhile no worries at all, just tell me when you begin and I will happily guide you through a confession. Know that as a priest I rejoice when someone who has been away from confession for many years comes back to the Sacrament! It is a moment of celebration not dread.

Finally, please take this weekend's bulletin home with you so that you have the full schedule of the Holy Week services. Holy Week is the most sacred of times for us as Catholics. It is the time when we are invited to Walk with Jesus. Throughout Holy Week when Jesus carried the Cross and endured his passion so many people who knew Jesus, who loved Jesus, and followed him, stayed home and away. The crowds that before sought his help, winnowed away, and he walked largely alone. Holy Week is the chance in which we not only acknowledge the great gift Jesus gives in Himself in Eucharist, and the Cross, it is also **the moment when we can walk with Him! It is the moment we are called to put away all distractions, to step away from school and work and instead Walk with Him!** In a world that has increasingly forgotten from where it has come and where it is going we can be a powerful sign to our community and to each other that not only do we put our faith first, we walk with Jesus.

I have said from the pulpit before and I will say here today that I am not a perfect person. I am not a perfect Christian, and each day I am reminded of the long road to holiness that lays ahead of me. But what life has taught me, and I suspect you as well, is that what God seeks in us is not perfection, but faithfulness. Faithfulness is not about measuring ourselves against a standard we can never meet, but rather about being present in person and in love. In the age in which we live I think sometimes we forget this most basic reality, that the one thing God desires above all is us, not perfection, but the presence of our hearts and our lives, and our very selves. Holy Week is just one week away. Do whatever you can and need to do to be present throughout it. Jesus is so present to us, let us find the will, the way, and the time to be present to him. Sometimes, it is that simple.

— Fr. Andrew



Mother Angeline MINISTRIES OF CARE

Have you ever considered becoming a pastoral visitor bringing the Gospel message and love of the Church to friends and neighbors who are sick, frail or confined to their homes for any reason?

We are very happy to share this pastoral outreach program led by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. They bring with them extensive experience in ministry at the parish as well as institutional level. This seminar includes an overview of the meaning of the ministry of care based on the Sacred Scripture and the life and philosophy of Mother M. Angeline. Mother Angeline's Philosophy of care is the basis for this ministry and the mission of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and the Infirm. This session provides the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the ministry, Scripture, and the life and philosophy of Mother M. Angeline, as well as the individual call to ministry.

**Saturday, April 6, 2024
8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

LOCATION

St. Martin Church Hall
120 Maple St.
Somersworth, NH 03878

REGISTRATION

Includes materials, lunch and refreshments



For more information, please contact the St. Ignatius Church Office
EMAIL: r.stmartin@comcast.net or CALL: 603-692-2172



Feast of Saint Joseph MARCH 19

Join us **Tuesday, March 19 6:15 PM** at **St. Martin** for a special Mass in honor of St. Joseph!

As we did last year, we will create a beautiful St. Joseph Altar with food and pictures of our loved ones who have passed on.

Please drop off all donations of suggested items and pictures to any of the Masses the weekend of 3/16-3/17. Join us for desserts following the Mass!

What's been happening in The Parishes?



Young Adults



Knights of Columbus
Lenten Soup Dinner



Ski Club

What's going on during Lent?

Sunday



CONFESSION

St. Mary

12:05pm

THE CHOSEN

at 2:30PM

at St. Martin

We'll be watching 2 episodes of *The Chosen* Season 2 every Sunday afternoon during Lent!

Thursday

We are pleased to continue our Lenten Series:

Ponderings from the Pews



Pondering from the Pews is designed to be enjoyed from the comfort of your home. We are inviting guest speakers to share a short reflection, and together with a Scripture reading, music and prayer, you can engage actively from home. Although many of our parishioners live close to the parish, we want to provide an opportunity for all parishioners, who live near and far, and families with busy schedules or young children, to pray from home and with the community.

Monday



CONFESSION

Holy Trinity

12:30-2:00 pm

5:00-6:30 pm

Wednesday



CONFESSION

Holy Trinity

5:30pm

Friday

MASS 9:00am St. Mary



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Mary

9:30am

Holy Trinity

3:00pm

St. Martin

5:30pm

Saturday



CONFESSION

St. Martin

1:00pm

Palm Sunday Concert

3:00 pm Sunday March 24

St. Martin Church



This week's Speaker:

Jayne Zemgulis

Jayne Zemgulis, a lifelong Catholic, is the first to share that her relationship with Jesus, Mary and many Saints have changed during the years, especially when she intentionally left a "blessed life here in the states" for mission work overseas with the Salesians of Don Bosco. In 2017, Jayne returned to the Seacoast of NH and married her best friend, Mark Zemgulis. Jayne has since worked in Hospice and at a local hospital as a Chaplain, working with families and end-of-life persons.

How to prepare for *Ponderings from the Pews*:

Mark your calendars for Thursdays at 6:30pm.

Prepare a sacred space at home and light a candle.

Tune in a few minutes before 6:30.

The next *Ponderings from the Pews* is this Thursday, March 21st at 6:30pm.

ST-IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Youth Choir

Open to all our 1st - 12th graders.



Rehearsals: Sun. 4-5pm at St. Martin Church

Rehearsal date: 3/17

Palm Sunday Concert:

Sunday, March 24th at 3pm

What's going on in Faith Formation?

St. Ignatius Family Faith Formation



Bringing it Home!
Sunday, March 17
5th Sunday in Lent
Why do we cover all the Statues?

Bringing it Home!
Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday
The Passion of the Lord



THE PARISHES OF
 St. Mary and St. Ignatius of Loyola
 WILL CELEBRATE

**First Communion
 and
 Confirmation**

March 22nd

6:00 pm
St. Martin Church

Mass Celebrated By
 Bishop Libasci

Youth Ministry- Lent 2024

Open to all 7-12th graders

 <p>MARCH 17 5:00-6:30PM St. Martin Hall</p>	 <p>MARCH 24 5:00-6:30PM St. Martin Hall</p>	 <p>MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY Living Stations</p>
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Living Stations of the Cross Practices




Holy Week 2024



Palm Sunday

Mass
Sat. 3/23 4:00 PM
Sun. 3/24 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM



Concert
Sun. 3/24 3:00 PM

Holy Week Services are celebrated at St. Martin Church



Holy Thursday

Mass
Thu. 3/28 6:15 PM



Altar of Repose
Until 10:00 PM



Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross
Fri. 3/29 12:00 PM



Veneration of the Cross
Fri. 3/29 3:00 PM

Seven Last Words of Christ
Procession of Jesus to the Tomb
Fri. 3/29 7:00 PM



Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer
Sat. 3/30 9:00 AM



Easter Vigil
Sat. 3/30 7:00 PM

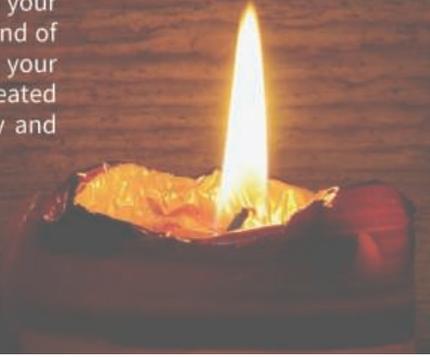
Easter Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

LENTEN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of today and for the gift of being able to share our faith in community and within our homes. Please continue to open our eyes and our ears to how you are moving in each of our hearts this Lent. May we walk through this season intentionally, removing distractions that take our gaze away from your glory. As we take up battle against spiritual evils, may we be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless we unite them to you. In you, in your life, in your suffering, in your death, & in your Resurrection, we find triumph and our truest joy. Through works of penance and of charity, may these weeks leading up to Good Friday and the glory of your Resurrection remind us of who you are, how you love us, and who you have created us to be as your followers. Give us the grace to witness to your joy this day and forever, uniting our sacrifices and prayers to you.

“We have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning.

-Hebrews 4:15



**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

**MONTHLY
MEETING**

7:00 PM

 **MARCH 21, 2024**

St. Martin Church Hall

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1-20 Raffle Spring-Summer Session

The St. Mary 1-20 Raffle will start in April and run for 20 weeks. Each week there is 1 winner of \$20 (hence the name of the raffle - not very original -huh!) We also have 3 grand prize winners of \$50, \$100 and \$250 on the last week. All parishioners from St. Mary and St. Ignatius parishes are welcome to join. Look for envelopes at the doors of the churches. Questions? Please contact Barbara Printy, printyjb@comcast.net Many thanks to all the people who have played and thank you to those considering playing.

MONICAN MOMS



If you are a Catholic woman, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt or Godmother, if you have a husband and/or children in your life that you want to pray for then you are welcome to join. By using the Sacraments, praying, reading books, helping others and group style meetings, we can learn how to pray with love, patience and perseverance as St. Monica did.

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 24 for the Rosary from 12:30pm-1:00pm and our Meeting from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Please email Ashley Murphy if you have any questions at monicanmoms@gmail.com.

Looking forward to praying with you soon!

This Week's Readings

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil
2:6-11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and
Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Looking Ahead

March

- Confessions— **March 18th**
- St. Joseph Feast / Mass & Dessert— **March 19th**
- Confirmation— **March 22nd**
- Palm Sunday Concert— **March 24th**
- Living Stations of the Cross— **March 29th**
- Easter Sunday— **March 31st**

April

- Mother Angeline Ministry of Care Training— **April 6th**
- Last Parish Breakfast of the Season— **April 7th**
- Sister Judith Scholarship Dinner— **April 13th**
- *Getting Old is for the Birds* Retreat— **New date to be determined**

Feb. 14 – March 24

Sign up tables for the spring 40 Days for Life campaign are at the main entrances of our three churches this weekend. Please join in this time of prayer and fasting for Life by signing up for the peaceful sidewalk vigil in Greenland or praying at home. You can also sign up online at www.40daysforlife.com/greenland.

Welcome to the Parish

Theodore Michael Richard Donlon, son of Richard and Christina Donlon, who was baptized at St. Martin Church on Saturday, March 9 by Deacon Dave.



Congratulations and God Bless!

Parish Support

St. Ignatius Parish

March 9 & 10, 2024

Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5287.50
Loose Cash Offertory	\$ 1440.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>5633.00</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 12,360.50
Other Collections and Donations	\$ 2520.00

St. Mary Parish

March 10, 2024

Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 770.00
Loose Cash Offertory	\$ 680.25
Online Giving	\$ <u>1135.00</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2585.25
Other Collections and Donations	\$ 405.00

Weekly Schedule

Saturday, March 16

7:00am Catholic Journeymen—St. Martin
 7:30am Walking Club—St. Martin
 1:00pm Confession—St. Martin
 4:00pm Mass—St. Martin
 4:00pm **Return Frozen Meal Tins—St. Martin**

Sunday, March 17

7:00am Mass—Holy Trinity
 9:00am Mass—St. Martin
 9:00am **Return Frozen Meal Tins—St. Martin**
 10:15am **Faith Formation—St. Martin**
 11:00am Mass—St. Mary
 12:05pm Confession—St. Mary
 2:30pm The Chosen—St. Martin
 4:00pm Youth Choir Practice—St. Martin
 5:00pm Youth Ministry Living Stations—St. Martin
 6:30pm Choir Practice—St. Martin

Monday, March 18

7:30am Walking Club—St. Martin
 9:00am Mass—St. Martin
 9:30am WWP—St. Martin
 12:30-2:00pm **Confession—Holy Trinity**
 5:00-6:30pm **Confession—Holy Trinity**
 5:45pm **American Heritage Girls—St. Martin**
 6:00pm **Confirmation/First Communion Rehearsal—St. Martin**

Tuesday, March 19

7:30am Walking Club—St. Martin
 9:00am **No 9:00am Mass**
 6:15pm **Feast of St. Joseph—St. Martin**

Wednesday, March 20

6am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration—Holy Trinity
 7:30am Walking Club—St. Martin
 9:00am Mass—St. Martin
 5:30pm **Confession—Holy Trinity**
 6:15pm Mass—Holy Trinity
 7:00pm WWP—St. Martin

Thursday, March 21

7:30am Walking Club—St. Martin
 9:00am Mass—St. Mary
 11:00am WWP—St. Martin
 6:30pm **Ponderings from the Pews**
 7:00pm RCIA—St. Martin
 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus—St. Martin**
 7:00pm Choir Practice—St. Martin

Friday, March 22

7:30am Walking Club—St. Martin
 3:00pm **Stations of the Cross—Holy Trinity**
 6:00pm **Confirmation—St. Martin**

Saturday, March 23

7:00am Catholic Journeymen—St. Martin
 7:30am Walking Club—St. Martin
 1:00pm Confession—St. Martin
 4:00pm Mass—St. Martin
 5:00pm **Palm Sunday Concert Rehearsal—St. Martin**

Sunday, March 24

7:00am Mass—Holy Trinity
 9:00am Mass—St. Martin
 10:15am **Faith Formation—St. Martin**
 11:00am Mass—St. Mary
 12:05pm Confession—St. Mary
 12:30pm **Monican Moms—St. Martin**
 3:00pm **Palm Sunday Concert—St. Martin**
 5:00pm Youth Ministry Living Stations—St. Martin
 6:30pm Choir Practice—St. Martin

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

4:00pm—St. Martin Church

Eileen Egan by Gail Chasse
Helen Farrell by Jim & Cindy Farrell
Rev. Roger Plante by The Plante Family

Sunday, March 17

7:00am—Holy Trinity Church

Donald McKay by Ken & Brenda Robinson

9:00am—St. Martin Church

The intentions of all parishioners
Bro. Paul Crawford by Donna & Lou Guertin
Joan Allard by Donna & Lou Guertin

11:00am—St. Mary Church

Catherine Hickey by Christopher

Monday, March 18

9:00am—St. Martin Church

Sadie Willard by Vivianne & Mike Derosiers
Fr. Richard Brunelle by his sister Cecile
Patricia Grassie by a friend

Tuesday, March 19

No 9:00am Mass

6:15pm—St. Martin Church

Robert Veno by his son Paul
Deceased Members of the Kelleher Family by Bill & Elaine Meagher

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am—St. Martin Church

Gary Boggiano by his wife Barbara
Blanche Lessard by John & Angela Cook
Harold Page by Bill & Elaine Meagher

6:15pm—Holy Trinity Church

The intentions of all parishioners

Thursday, March 21

9:00am—St. Mary Church

Marie Sauerun by her goddaughter

Friday, March 22

9:00am—St. Mary Church

The intentions of all parishioners

Saturday, March 23

4:00pm—St. Martin Church

Kathleen Divins by Deacon David Divins & Family
The Moore Family by Pat & Ryan Moore
Gary Boggiano by his wife Barbara

Sunday, March 24

7:00am—Holy Trinity Church

Patricia Grassie by Nancy & Richard Doucet

9:00am—St. Martin Church

Renee Dupuis by Mariette & Family
Kenneth Tibbetts by Evelyn & Family
Sin Ras by Naly & Family

11:00am—St. Mary Church

The intentions of all parishioners

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Masses: M-W 9:00am at St. Martin — W 6:15pm at Holy Trinity — Th 9:00am at St. Mary

Saturday 4:00pm at St. Martin | Sunday 7:00am at Holy Trinity

Sunday 9:00am at St. Martin | Sunday 11:00am at St. Mary

Please visit our website www.stignatius-stmary.org or call the office at 692-2172

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please see Weekly Schedule inside bulletin

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place at the weekend Masses. Please visit our website or call the office to make arrangements for Baptism and Baptismal preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Diocesan policy states that arrangements be made at least six months prior to the date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify us if a parishioner is seriously ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office 692-2172

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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