

## **HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, PLYMOUTH | OUR LADY OF GRACE, BRISTOL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

#### **HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

#### ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

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Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mass Schedule at St. Matthew

Saturdays at 4:00 PM
Sundays at 7:30 and 11:30 AM
Mondays and Fridays at 8:00 AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3 - 3:30 PM at St. Matthew Or by appointment, E mail Fr. Mark: pastor@htpcatholic.church

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL Simard Hall

2 West Shore Rd. Bristol, NH 03222 (Corner of West Shore Rd and Rt 3 A) Marian Center North American Martyrs Oratory 17 West Shore Rd Bristol, NH 03222

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of Grace Sundays at 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 AM



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

4:00 PM St. Matthew Church

†Anna Ray by the family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 AM St. Matthew Church

†Peter Puia by Madeline & Jim Bacon

9:30 AM Our Lady of Grace Chapel

Health intentions for Stephanie Gerard

Milligans by a friend

11:30 AM St. Matthew Church

Health intentions for Claire Langley

by Beth Wright

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM St. Matthew Church

†Michael Kane by Pat Kucharski

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19** 

8:00 AM Our Lady of Grace Chapel

†Anthony & Lillian Nogelo by the family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 AM Our Lady of Grace Chapel

†Don Estes by the Stokoe family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM St. Matthew Church

†Lisa & Bob Pryor by Pat Kucharski

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:00 PM St. Matthew Church

†Paul Vanasse by Jo-Anne Khoury

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 AM St. Matthew Church

Prayers for Wendi Sullivan by Dad & Ann

9:30 AM Our Lady of Grace Chapel

For Holy Trinity parishioners & guests

11:30 AM St. Matthew Church

†Ken Bergstrom by his wife, Joan

#### **WELCOME**

TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS, SUMMER GUESTS & VISITORS!

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Tuesday at our Lady of Grace, 8:30 - 9:00 AM

**ROSARY** 

Tues/Thurs at Our Lady of Grace at 7:30 AM
Sunday at Our Lady of Grace at 9:00 AM

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** 

Monday at St. Matthew, 8:45 - 7:00 PM

Thursday at Marian Center, 8:45 - 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St. Matthew Church, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Or by appointment, email Fr. Mark at

pastor@htpcatholic.church

Sunday, August 17

Coffee & Donuts

after 7:30 Mass, Pope Francis Hall

**Coffee & Donuts** 

after 9:30 Mass, Simard Hall

Parish Potluck, after 11:30 Mass, Pope Francis Hall

Monday, August 18

Men's Group

Pope Francis Hall, 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM

**Vacation Bible School** 

Pope Francis Hall, 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, August 19

**Vacation Bible School** 

Pope Francis Hall, 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, August 20

**Vacation Bible School** 

Pope Francis Hall, 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday, August 21

Vacation Bible School

Pope Francis Hall, 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM

Women's Gospel Encounter

CLC Conference Room, 1:00 PM

Friday, August 22

Vacation Bible School

Pope Francis Hall, 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Marian Center, 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 24

Coffee & Donuts

after 7:30 Mass, Pope Francis Hall

Coffee & Donuts

after 9:30 Mass, Simard Hall

**Parish Potluck** 

after 11:30 Mass, Pope Francis Hall

#### **HOLY TRINITY PARISH ONLINE REGISTRATION**



Register with the parish online!

Just log on to

holytrinityparish9.flocknote.com,

Or go to our website, htpcatholic.church.

#### PASTOR'S DESKTOP

#### Welcome Fr. Samuel Seyd



This weekend we welcome Fr. Samuel Seyd, who will speak about his mission to support the seminarians of St. Thomas the Apostle in Pakistan. These young men are preparing to proclaim the Good News of Jesus in a country where Christians face persecution. Some of you may already know Fr. Samuel, as he currently serves as chaplain at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. He is originally from a diocese in Pakistan. Fr. Samuel was originally scheduled to be here around Memorial Day, but had to postpone until now. Those using offertory envelopes will find one marked *Mission Cooperative* (near May 23rd). If donating by check, please make it payable to **Holy Trinity Parish** and write *Mission Coop* on the memo line. Donations may be placed in the boxes at either church. Each year, the Diocese invites about 100 missionaries to visit. All donations are combined,

and each missionary receives the same amount at the end of the year. While we will hear about the seminarians of Pakistan this weekend, your generosity will help many other missions as well.

Please note: the second collection originally scheduled for Family Faith Formation will be moved to a later date. *Fr. Mark* 

#### **PARISH GIVING**

General Offertory: \$11, 676.67
Funeral Stole: \$100.00
Mass Intentions: \$65.00
AA Rental Income \$170.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### **BOOKING THE CHURCH OR HALLS**

All use of the churches and halls, as well as parking lots, must be booked through the parish office. You must be a registered and active parishioner to use the facilities. Call the parish office at (603) 536 - 4700 for more information, and necessary paperwork.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The Second Collection this week is for the Missionary Cooperative. Please put your contributions into the wooden boxes at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **ONLINE GIVING WITH FLOCKNOTE**

To sign up for online giving, please go to this page. <a href="https://holytrinityparish9.flocknote.com/give">https://holytrinityparish9.flocknote.com/give</a>
Or go to the website, www.htpcatholic.church to give. If you have questions, please call the parish office.







# Family Faith FORMATION

The Holy Trinity Parish Family Faith Formation program is for children as young as 3 (although younger children are welcome, too), those preparing to receive their Sacraments, those who have already received their Sacraments, AND the entire family.

We are currently preparing for the 25/26 class year! Classes meet twice per month in Plymouth from 8:15am to 9:45am in Pope Francis Hall, and in Bristol from 10:30am to 12:00pm in the Marian Center.

You can attend at either location based on your schedule, since the same program is being run at each campus!

Children who have not yet received their Sacraments need to complete a minimum of two consecutive years of formation prior to being able to receive them.

The session schedule is on our website, www.htpcatholic.church/religious-education.Please register as soon as possible using the 2025 -2026 registration form, (also on the website) so that we may order enough materials. Forms can be dropped off at or mailed to the parish office at 11 School St, Plymouth, NH 03264 Attn: Family Faith Formation.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Faith Formation Coordinator, Kristen Downing de Almeida at 603-490-8555 or by emailing her at faithformation@htpcatholic.church.

You can also join our Facebook group: Holy Trinity Parish Family Faith Formation Program.

to be kept up-to-date on all of our parish activities!

#### PLYMOUTH/BRISTOL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 16/17 Date Time Lector EMAltar Servers Ushers Saturday 4:00 PM Marguerite Janelle Cecile Frechette John Boyle AUG 16 Plymouth Carol Geraghty Rick Giard Sunday 7:30 AM Maria Gabriel Kulig Ian Halm Sabine Halm Colton Eschbach AUG 17 Plymouth Jess Halm John Madore Sunday 9:30 AM Bill Lussier Susan G<mark>azda</mark> Rylie Mills Mary P AUG 17 Bristol Marie Portner Karen Gallagher Molly O'Mara Sunday 11:30 AM Alma Grand Peter Drexel Jamie Nestor Bolsters AUG 17 Plymouth Ron Olson Joe Drexel Mia Nestor

#### **THE FIRE**

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning. Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17TH

AUGUST 17 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 • Ps 40:2-4, 18 • Heb 12:1-4 • Lk 12:49-53

Jeremiah is persecuted for proclaiming God's truth; Jesus warns His message may cause division, even within families.

**AUGUST 18 – Monday in Ordinary Time** 

Jgs 2:11-19 • Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44 • Mt 19:16-22

AUGUST 19 - Tuesday - St. John Eudes (Optional Memorial)

Jgs 6:11-24a • Ps 85:9, 11-14 • Mt 19:23-30

17th-cent. French priest who founded the Eudists and promoted devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary.

AUGUST 20 - Wednesday - St. Bernard (Memorial)

Jgs 9:6-15 • Ps 21:2-7 • Mt 20:1-16

12th-century Cistercian monk and mystic, renowned preacher, and strong promoter of devotion to Mary.

AUGUST 21 - Thursday - St. Pius X (Memorial)

Jgs 11:29-39a • Ps 40:5-9 • Mt 22:1-14

Pope from 1903–1914 who encouraged frequent Holy Communion and reformed Church liturgy and catechesis.

AUGUST 22 - Friday - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 • Ps 146:5-10 • Mt 22:34-40

Celebrates Mary's role as Queen of Heaven, crowned after her Assumption, and her loving care for the Church.

AUGUST 23 – Saturday – St. Rose of Lima (Optional Memorial)

Ruth 2:1-3; 4:13-17 • Ps 128:1-5 • Mt 23:1-12

First canonized saint of the Americas; 17th-century Peruvian known for her humility, charity, and deep prayer.

AUGUST 24 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - St. Bartholomew (Feast)

Is 66:18-21 • Ps 117:1-2 • Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 • Lk 13:22-30

One of the Twelve Apostles, also called Nathanael.

# Bristol Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Friday, August 22nd 4:30 to 7:00 PM

at the Marian Center

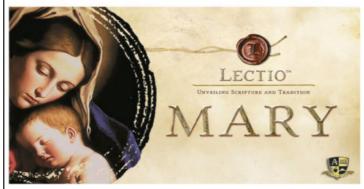
(across from Our Lady of Grace in Bristol)



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#### The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

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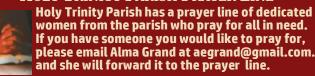
Where: 25 Country Club Rd, Suite 703, Gilford When: August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 pm RSVP to info@rcclinicnh.org www.rcclinicnh.org

\*Regina Caeli Clinic is not yet associated with the Diocese of Manchester, but hopes to obtain diocesan endorsement in the future

#### **KEEP KIDS SAFE - CODE OF CONDUCT**

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester has established a Code of Conduct, known as *Serving Christ, Serving Others*, which requires that all church personnel exhibit the highest ethical standards and personal integrity at all times. The Code includes, among other things, standards for appropriate conduct and boundaries when working with minors. The *Serving Christ, Serving Others* Code of Conduct is available here: www.catholicnh.org/code

#### HOLY TRINITY PARISH PRAYER LINE



#### **COFFEE AND DONUTS!**

The Catholic Daughters are serving Coffee and Donuts after the 7:30 AM Mass this Sunday, August 17th. The Knights of Columbus serve Coffee and Donuts weekly after the 9:30 AM Mass in Bristol downstairs in Simard Hall. Join us for fellowship!

## Potlyck Lyncheon Sunday, August 17th after the 11:30 AM Mass at Pope Francis Hall Bring a dish to share!







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