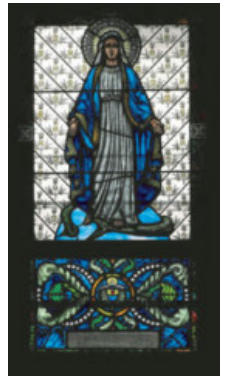




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St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,
Sun: 10AM

St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open
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5th Sunday of Lent — April 3rd, 2022

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Craig I. Cheney 603-538-9892

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Sacristans: Rick Clogston, Gary Jobes, Pierre Rousseau & Pat Dupuis

Organist: Odette Crawford, Therese Wright

CCD Coordinator: Christine Gilbert

Seven Sisters Apostolate: Helene Clogston
sevensistersapostolate.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your tentative date.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert Church or by appointment.



New Parishioners:

If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

ST. ALBERT



Sat., Apr. 2nd 4:30PM
Colleen Gorman Req by the Ray Gorman Family

Sun., Apr. 3rd 8:00AM
Eusebe Madore Req by the Family

Fri., Apr. 8th 8:00AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Sat., Apr. 9th 4:30PM
The deceased of the Lereche, Rodrigue and Cloutier Families
Req by Denis & Michelle Rodrigue

Sun., Apr 10th 8:00AM *Palm Sunday*
Iola Boire Req by Josh Boire & Family

ST. BRENDAN

Sun., Apr. 3rd 10:00AM
Gerard Robitaille Req by Viola I. Robitaille (20th Ann.)

Thu. Apr. 7th 8:00AM
Lillian Clancy Req by Phil Gage

Sun., Apr. 10th 10:00AM *Palm Sunday*
Fernande DeBlois Req by the Family

COOS NURSING HOME

Wed., Apr. 6th 9:30AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Pope Francis asks for prayers for a special monthly intention. April is for: **Health Care Workers**

“We pray for all Health Care Workers; may they continue to persevere each and every day to care for our family, friends and neighbors” AMEN

<u>Financial Report</u>	3/27/2022
Offertory	\$1854.00
60/40 Fundraiser	35.00
Membership Club	100.00
Fuel Funds	50.00
Catholic Relief Services	643.50
<i>Thank you for your support of our parish!</i>	

60/40 WINNER:
(St. Albert’s Church) Congratulations to **Julie Charest** \$14.00
Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.

Sanctuary Lamp

St. Albert Church
For the Intentions of the Parishioners
St. Brendan Church
For the Intentions of the Parishioners

If you are interested or considering including your Church as part of your estate planning please contact the Parish Office or Father Craig for more assistance.

The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church & drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in Dec..
Start yours today!

Eucharistic Adoration

Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish



The Rosary is prayed a 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass at St. Albert (SA) & St. Brendan (SB) Churches. All are welcome to join.

Catholic Women’s Club

For information about the Women's Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

Many of you remember Sr Annette of the Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This happens to be a special year for her as she turns 100 years old on April 18th. Please join us as we help her celebrate by having a BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER! Let’s shower her with Happy Birthday wishes! Kindly mail your cards & messages to:



Sr Annette Levasseur, FCSCJ, Holy Cross Health Care Center, 357 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mo: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20

Tu: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

We: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Th: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Fr: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

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

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources: <http://usccb.org/bible/readings>.

Observances for this week:

Su: 5th Sunday of Lent

Mo: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tu: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

We - Sa: Personal Observances & Intentions

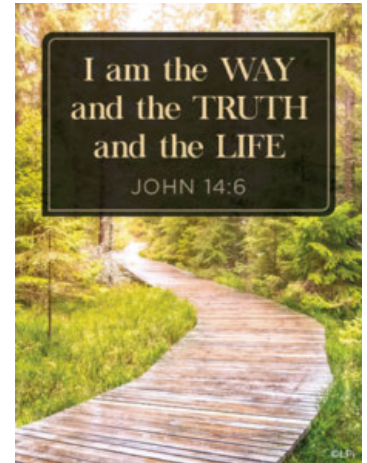
Next Su: Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice continues for the Easter Triduum. We meet Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. April 4 & the last one on April 11th. All rehearsals at St. Brendan's.

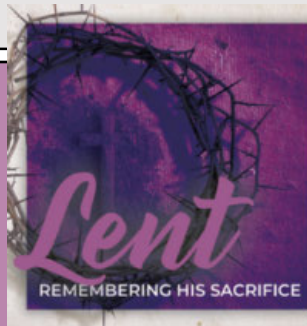
LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom.



Sharing Your Faith— Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question: What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer: Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.



Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

Men of St Joseph—any man from North American Martyrs is welcome to join our Men of St Joseph group. If you are interested please reach out to Father Craig and / or the Parish Office.



Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at,

either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise. —

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Benedict the African | April 4

St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans.



First Reading: (Is 43:19) Active during Israel's captivity in Babylon around 550BC, the prophet Isaiah reminds the Israelites of God's saving acts in their history and offers hope for a new future beyond exile. How does your faith in the Lord offer you hope in times of distress?

Second Reading: (Phil 3:8) Paul speaks to the Philippians of his firm belief that what matters most in his life is his intimate connection to Christ Jesus. How do you think anyone develops this depth of passion for Jesus?

Gospel: (Jn 8:7) The scribes and the Pharisees tested Jesus' fidelity to the Mosaic Law by using a woman caught in the act of adultery. In reply, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and showed mercy on the sinful woman. When has someone shown you mercy over judgment?



Please remember our parish is participating in the Pathways Pregnancy Care Center's baby bottle campaign again this Lenten season. Pick up a baby bottle at the church entrance & fill it with loose change during Lent.

Pathways provides many support services for women and families facing emotional and physical crisis and ministers God's grace to hurting people.

Please return your filled bottles during Holy Week and accept our THANKS for participating.

When you return your bottle please consider donating a package or two of diapers. The Center has stated that they regularly run out. North American Martyrs can assist the Center tremendously by consider donating. We will have boxes wrapped in baby shower paper in the back of each Church. Let's consider 'showering' them with our generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LENT

Please mark your calendars!

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent @ 5:30PM (SB) & 7PM (SA) except on Good Friday Stations will be at 3:00 (SB).



OUR LENTEN RETREAT PROGRAM CONTINUES!!!



(33 Days to Merciful Love
(<https://www.allheartsafire.org/>)

Session 6 will be Wed 4/6 6:30pm at St Brendan
We are holding on to Wednesday 4/13/22 in case we have a snow day to make up for.

Our Consecration to Divine Mercy Ceremony (Prayer Service) will be on Friday 4/22/22 @ 6:30pm followed by a gathering for refreshments in the SA Parish Hall.

For more info contact:

Helen Clogston 538-6330 / rhclogston@yahoo.com or
David McGuigan 538-9662 / pappadmeg@yahoo.com or
You can contact the Parish Office.

Make this LENT a time of reflection on YOUR relationship with God.

***Saint Albert Indoor Yard Sale was a GREAT success! Thanks to all who continue to supported Saint Albert Church. There are still items left so we are now going to plan a PUBLIC version of this Indoor Yard Sale on May 14th 7am – 3:pm. Along with local advertising we ask that you help spread the date to family & friends. On that day we will also have a Pancake Breakfast (7-10am) and a Beans & Hot Dog Lunch (11-2).**

Please mark your calendars: North American Martyrs Parish will be reciting the Divine Mercy Novena and hope that you will join us starting April 15th (St Brendan Church after the Stations of the Cross at 3pm), then April 16th through April 23 (St Albert Church at 3pm daily). We will then recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm at St Albert Church.



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