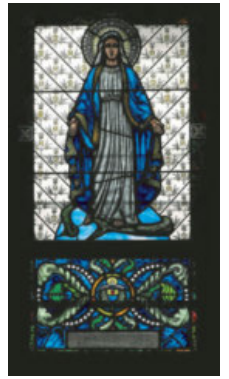




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St Albert Church W Stewartstown

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
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



Palm Sunday —April 10th, 2022

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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.



ST. ALBERT



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
A special intention for Peace in this world-
Req by a parishioner

Sun., Apr. 17th 8:00AM *Easter Sunday*
Huguette Mathieu Req by Real, Rollande, Judy & Joanne Mathieu (32nd Ann)

ST. BRENDAN

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

Thur. Apr. 14th 7:00PM *Holy Thursday*
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Fri., Apr. 15th 7:00PM *Good Friday*
Francine Devost Req by Ronnie Devost

Sat., Apr. 16th 7:30PM *Easter Vigil*
The deceased of the Rodrigue, Leriche & Cloutier Families Req by Denis & Michelle Rodrigue

Sun., Apr. 17th 10:00AM *Easter Sunday*
Raymond & Fernande Champagne
Req by the Family

COOS NURSING HOME

Wed., Apr. 13th 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>	4/3/2022
Offertory	\$2004.00
60/40 Fundraiser	42.00
Membership Club	10.00
Fuel Funds	50.00

Thank you for your support of our parish!

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St. Albert Church

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

St. Brendan Church

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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: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tu: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

We: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Th: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Fr: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Sa: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

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

Observances for this week:

Su: Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mo: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Tu:

We: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Th: Holy Thursday

Fr: Good Friday

Sa: Holy Saturday

Next Su: Easter Sunday

CHOIR PRACTICE

Our last Choir practice for the Easter Triduum will be on April 11th at 6:30pm at St. Brendan's.



LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives.

Sharing Your Faith— Triduum

Question: I haven't attended Triduum services before. What happens that's different from a normal Sunday Mass?

Answer: The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!



A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.



St. Bernadette Soubirous | April 16

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.



During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

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.



*Saint Albert Indoor Yard Sale on May 14th 7am – 3pm. 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).



Our parish continues participating in the Pathways Pregnancy Care Center's baby bottle campaign through out Lent. Pick up a baby bottle at the church entrance & fill it with loose change and return it to Church during Holy Week.

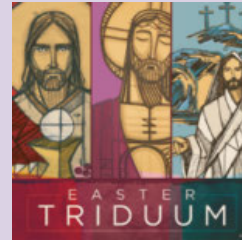
Pathways provides many support services for women and families facing emotional and physical crisis and ministers God's grace to hurting people.

Please 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.

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE



At St Brendan Church



7:00 PM Mass



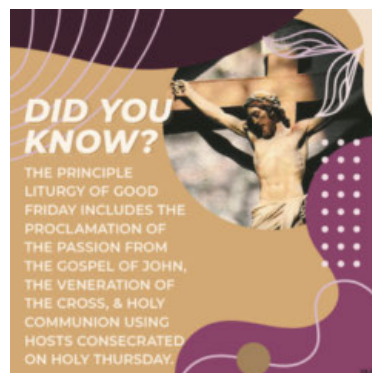
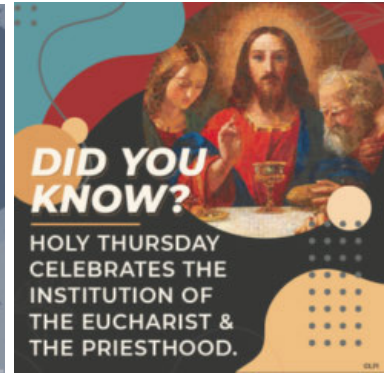
3:00 PM Stations followed by Divine Mercy Novena
 7:00 Liturgy



3PM Divine Mercy Novena (@ St Albert)
 7:30 Easter Vigil Mass (@ St Brendan)



Sun Mass 8:00 SA / 10 SB
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena (@ St Albert)



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