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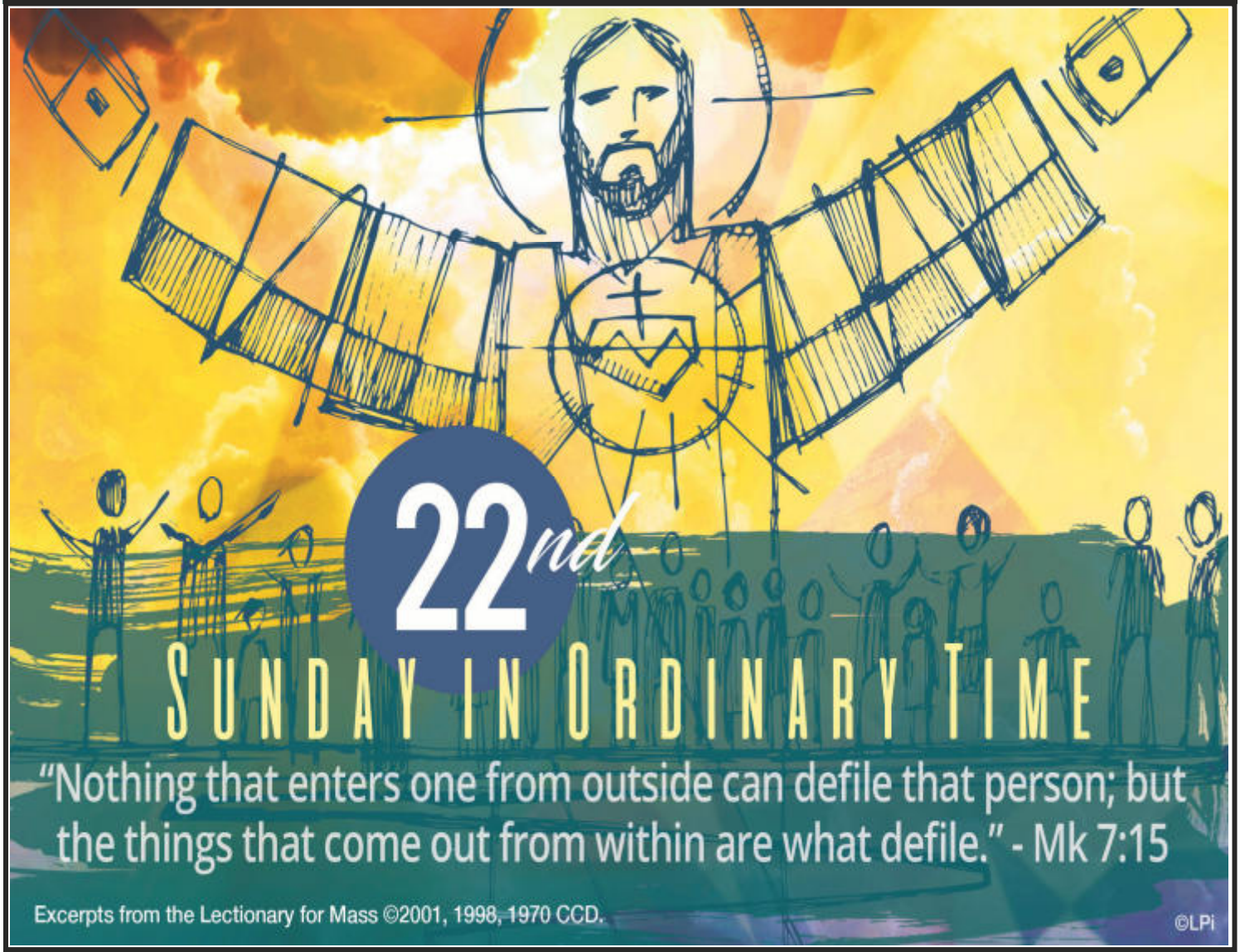

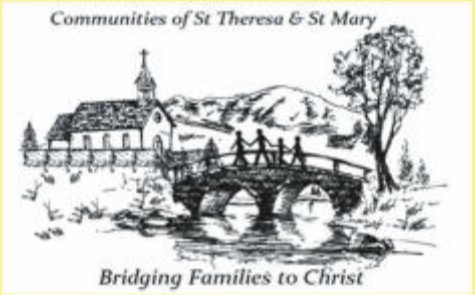

Our Vision To grow the presence of the Catholic Church in the towns of the Contoocook River Valley and on the New England College Campus

Our Mission

- ❖ To welcome members and guests
- ❖ To form disciples
- ❖ To train for ministry, service, and giving witness
- ❖ To help families grow in faith
- ❖ To go deeper into Scripture and prayer

ST. THERESA

Parish Support

ST. MARY

August 22, 2021

Offertory	$	3,564.50
Offertory Online 08/16-08/20/21	$	990.83
Debt Reduction	$	57.00
Debt Reduction Online 08/16-08/20/21	$	165.00
Building Debt (07/12/21)	$	92,100.01
Principal Payment (08/25/21)	$	7,719.70
Updated Building Debt (08/25/21)	$	84,380.31
3.95% Interest Payment (08/25/21)	$	303.16

Thank You for your Support!!

St. Theresa Prayer Chain

REMEMBER in your prayers

Tim Alexander, Eleanor Lily Altman, Brenda Boutin, John G. Bradley, III, Sr. Brigid Mary, Christine DiGregorio, Karen Dufault, Bailey Eames, Roy Emerson & Family, Donna Fanny, Peter Fontaine, The Ford Family, The Lind Family, Carol McCann and family, Kevin & Sue McElroy, Marie McFadden, Linda & Paul Messer, Sheila Miller, Pamela Monaghan, Alfred North, Peter & Nora Paul, Jackie Perkins, A.J. Ranfos, Laura & James Roberts, Ronnie & Keith, Gabriel Rock, Grace Rock, Rodney Richardson, Katie Serodio, Amy Stultz, Jan & Armand Soucy

CALENDAR

8/28-8/29 Knight of Columbus will be collecting for Coats for Kids at all Masses

9/4 Cookout at St. Theresa following 4:00 p.m. Mass

9/4 Concert "An Evening of Hymns and Songs" 6:15 p.m. at St. Theresa following the cookout

9/11 Family Formation 2021-2022 begins with the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Register online today!

August 22, 2021

Offertory	$	2,311.00
Offertory Online 08/16-08/20/21	$	985.00

Thank You for your Support!!

St. Mary Prayer Chain

REMEMBER in your prayers

Peggy Abeln, Richard Blais, Peg & Howard Brekel, Tom Burke, Diana Cunningham, Celia Decowski, Nadja Endreson, Sandy Hebert, Jordan Leishman, Vinnie Lu, Jaunita McDonough, The Morin Family, Ashley Montgomery, Paige, Kayla Paquette, The Plante Family, Brandon Plante, Marlies Radermacher, Mary Seszney & Phillip Sullivan

We announce the recent passing of

Theresa Zeludancz
and
Mary Louise Barsanti

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

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ST. THERESA — Mass INTENTIONS — ST. MARY

Sat. Aug. 28 **4:00 p.m.**
✞ In memory of Matthew Burns
by Mom, Dad and Sean
and
☼ In celebration of Fr. Maurice's birthday

Sun. Aug. 29 **8:00 a.m.**
✞ In memory of Eric Wheeler
by Denise Damour
10:00 a.m.
☼ For our Parishioners, and all who live
in the towns served by St. Theresa
and St. Mary

Mon. Aug. 30 **8:30 a.m.**
☼ For the Parishioners of St. Theresa
and St. Mary

Wed. Sept. 1 **8:30 a.m.**
Adoration 9:00 a.m.-Noon
☼ For the Parishioners of St. Theresa
and St. Mary

Sat. Sept. 4 **4:00 p.m.**
✞ In memory of John Shea
by Ron & Joan Boufford
and
☼ For all who are abused, oppressed and
persecuted throughout the world

Sun. Sept. 5 **8:00 a.m.**
✞ In memory of John Shea
by Ron & Joan Boufford
10:00 a.m.
✞ In memory of Guy Brill
by his loving family

The Knights of Columbus delivered a check to the pregnancy center for $3,637.29 thanks to all our parishioners contributions.
Pictured are Kellie Ljungholm, Phil Womersley, Dick Quinn, and Mike Connolly

Sun. Aug. 29 **8:00 a.m.**
✞ In memory of Norman, Alfred
and Louise Trottier
by Fraser Family
10:00 a.m.
☼ For our Parishioners, and all who live
in the towns served by St. Mary
and St. Theresa

Tues. Aug. 31 **8:30 a.m.**
✞ In memory of Theresa Zeludancz

Thurs. Sept. 2 **8:30 a.m.**
Adoration 6:00 p.m. –7:00 p.m.
✞ In memory of Mary Louise Barsanti

Sun. Sept. 5 **8:00 a.m.**
☼ For Ashley Montgomery
by Mary Lou Lannon
10:00 a.m.
☼ For the intentions of the Holland Family
and
☼ For our Parishioners, and all who live
in the towns served by St. Mary
and St. Theresa

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Coats for Kids
Collection after all Masses on August 28th and 29th

This fundraiser brings new coats to children in all the towns served by St. Mary and St. Theresa parish community. Last year the Knights were also able to help a few communities in the greater Hillsborough area. Please help a child in need in our local parish area so they can keep warm and safe during the long northeast winters.

Please note, checks should be written out to **K of C 13095**.

If you are new to our parish, please contact the parish office for a registration form or complete our online registration form available on the Parish Website.
Visitors, we are glad that you joined us today!

AN EVENING OF HYMNS & SONGS

The Sisters of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, run a Catholic school in Still River, Massachusetts. They also run a Catholic summer camp for children from across the country, called Montfort Retreat located in Washington, NH.
Featuring traditional hymns and songs from Morning Star Camp for Girls.

Saturday, September 4th
6:15—7:00 p.m.
The concert is free.

Family Formation 2021-2022

On September 11th, we begin a new session of Family Formation using the model from 2019 -2020,
Beginning with the 4:00 p.m. Mass,
a free family dinner in the Church Hall,
breaking into three children's groups,
with parents gathering in the Church to discuss how to pass their faith on to their family.

Please visit the parish website to register online.

All are invited to a cookout on **Saturday, September 4th** ($5/person, $10/family) held on the lawn at St. Theresa following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Make it a Labor Day Weekend outing for the family and stay for the free Concert.
Cookout tickets will be on sale following all Masses 8/29.

Bring lawn chairs or a picnic blanket.

Family Formation will be gathering, the second Saturday of each month, starting with the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

We need volunteers...please sign up to help with:

- a nursery for infants to age 3
- Liturgy of the Word for children after the opening prayer at Mass to the Creed
- preparing and serving a nice hot meal to families
- doing projects with one of three groups children
- cleaning up as the evening closes at 7 p.m.

Please let us know if you can help us out by contacting: Bridget Tierney, Linda Patterson, or Father Marcel

FALL MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12

Mass times will be as follows:
St. Theresa: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
St. Mary: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Matthew Colby's Eagle Project
Four Season Trail at St. Theresa
Phase 2

Saturday, September 4th 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Your help is needed:

- Building 3 bridges, 1 long and two shorter ones.
- Putting the walkways in wet areas into place, and securing them to the ground.
- Trail cleaning and marking.

Please bring screwdrivers, or drills/electric screw drivers.
Thank you in advance for your help!

FIRST READING

In your observance of the commandments
of the LORD, your God,
which I enjoin upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you
nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

PSALM

The one who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

SECOND READING

Be doers of the word and not hearers only,
deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

GOSPEL

"You disregard God's commandment
but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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