



### Graduation Scholarships

**Congratulations Alex Davis, Julia Marrone, Jaime Lavoie and Brittany Hanlon**

Alex Davis, Julia Marrone, Jaime Lavoie and Brittany Hanlon were this years recipients of the Youth Ministry Scholarship. This scholarship is voted on by our Youth Ministry Team and goes to graduates that have given much of their time, energy and talents to the SJN community. Congratulations again to our scholarship winners!

### Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all our graduates from high school, College and Graduate School. We are so proud of your accomplishments and pray that you continue to use the many gifts and talents that God has given you as you move forward in life's journey.

### Soulfest:

**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 10:00pm**

Join us to a day trip to Gunstock mountain where we will be entertained with great christian music such as Toby Mac, Sanctus Real and U.N.I.T.E.D. I hope you will be able to attend this fun-filled day! Permission slips with detailed information are located in the coat closet and are due no later than July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Red Cross Blood Drives

**July 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30am - 11:30am OR 11:30am - 2:30pm OR 2:30pm – 5:30pm**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am - 11:00am OR 11:00am - 1:30pm**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30am - 11:30am OR 11:30am - 2:30pm**

**OR 2:30pm – 5:30pm**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30am - 11:00am OR 11:00am - 1:30pm**

We are looking for students 15years and older that would like to help with the Tuesday Red Cross Blood Drives which takes place in our parish hall. Interested students, please call the Youth Ministry Office at 880-0825 to sign up. The Red Cross only has room for (2) helpers for each shift, so please call early to register!

### Red Cross Blood Drive - Registration Table Help

**July 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00am - 3:00pm OR 3:00pm – 5:00pm**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00am - 3:00pm OR 3:00pm – 5:00pm**

We are looking for two responsible students 15years or older that would be able to help at the registration table

for either shift for **both** July 6<sup>th</sup> **and** August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the Youth Office at 880-0825 to learn more about your responsibilities or to sign up. Thank you!

### Movie Mini Course

**Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 9 PM**

Movie and Discussion on *The Mission*. A social justice movie led by Seminarian Jeff Paveglio. The mini course is open to all grades 8 through 12 looking for a way to connect with others and explore a deeper aspect of social justice. This is an interesting way to learn more about our faith! Please call the Youth Ministry office at 880-0825 to sign up.

### Pre-Teen/Teen Bible

#### Study

**July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 3:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm**

Just a reminder for those who signed up for this Spirit-filled study! It will run from Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room. Those entering 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall will meet with us from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Those entering 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade this fall will meet from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Bring your own bible!

### Steubenville East Meeting

**Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:30pm**

All youth and adults preparing to attend Steubenville East this summer, please come to our get together Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> continue growing together as a community. At this meeting we will also be decorating our ty-dye t-shirts! Please call the office if you have any questions 880-0825!

### FUNDRAISER - Family Night at the Fisher Cats Game

**Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

Join us for an evening at the Fisher Cats Baseball Game vs. Binghamton Mets in Manchester. Families may purchase tickets (\$12.00 each) in advance from the Youth Ministry Office. This event is being used as a fundraiser for Youth Ministry! . The night will also include a fireworks show after the game. Come and enjoy a fun night out with family, friends and your parish community. Remember friends are always welcome!

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The weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> our parish will be taking up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Benedict we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.



**Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy ~  
Year for the Priest 2009-2010**

I was so blessed as the State Chaplain for NH to be the guest of the Supreme Council Knights of Columbus as they provided this wonderful pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Italy. Let me share with you some of the highlights of our trip. On Monday afternoon, we went to St. Peter's Basilica to celebrate Mass at the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter. That evening we were treated with a beautiful dinner at the Arturo Restaurant, great pasta, with wine and bread, veal and

dessert. On Tuesday morning we returned to St. Peter's to celebrate our Mass at the Altar of the Confessio in the Vatican Grottoes and visited the tomb the Venerable Pope John Paul II and each of us placed a white or yellow rose at the tomb. We went to a great restaurant for lunch called La Scarpone another wonderful Italian meal. In the afternoon we toured the Churches of St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. On Tuesday evening I shared a wonderful meal with a couple of priests at a lovely restaurant. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings we attended the Vatican sponsored International Meeting of Priests at

St. Paul Outside the Walls where we participated in two wonderful conferences for priests presided by Cardinals Mark Ouellette of Canada and Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone of Italy. In the afternoon we toured the S. Maria Aracoeli Church where we had our vesper prayers. On Wednesday evening we were the guests of the Knights of Columbus and the Mayor of Rome as a special celebration was held in the Capitoline Museum with an exquisite reception. Thursday evening we went back to the Vatican to participate in the evening Vigil with Pope Benedict XVI, a truly moving evening with magnificent music, powerful sharing of faith by a family from France. The Holy Father also accepted questions and responded to priests from around the world. The evening vigil closed with Eucharistic Adoration- wow- to be gathered with the Pope kneeling at the Altar and probably well over 400,000 people on their knees in St. Peter's square in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. On Friday morning we arrived in St. Peter's square for the Mass to celebrate the closing of the Year for Priests with over 15,000 priests con-celebrating with Pope Benedict XVI. At the close of the mass after communion, we renewed our priestly promises with Pope Benedict XVI and dedicated ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Blessed Mother. To be part of this spiritual renewal was absolutely wonderful, a truly once in a lifetime experience. On Saturday we traveled to Assisi, to visit the Churches of St. Francis and St. Clare.

In the morning when we arrived we gathered for morning prayer at the S. Maria degli Angeli Church re-built by St. Francis, later that morning we celebrated our Mass at the Basilica S. Francesco at the altar over the tomb of St. Francis. We toured the Franciscan community and shared a meal with the Franciscan friars. Walking through Assisi we made our way to the Basilica S. Chiara to offer our evening prayer in the sister's chapel of Capella del Crocifisso S. Damiano before the original cross that St. Francis prayed at when he heard Jesus speak to him and called him to build his church. Our day ended with a beautiful dinner at the Buca di S. Francesco restaurant.

On Sunday after morning prayer, I headed to the airport to return home.

In closing, this week was truly a blessing, I had a time of prayer and renewal with my brother priests, as we prayed at the various holy places in Rome and Assisi. I was truly spiritually renewed and experienced a wonderful fraternity with brother priests from across the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Poland. Gathered in prayer and celebrating the Eucharist with priests from all parts of the world was a wonderful and spiritual blessing for me. Fr. Aggie

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We wish to thank the Art department and the National Art Honor Society of Merrimack High School for their very generous donation of \$1,000.00 to our Food

Pantry. Their fund raiser was called Empty Bowls which is a community based art project where students and staff make clay bowls that are then used at a community supper where soup, bread, and beverages are served. People pay for their bowl, have as much soup as they would like, and then take their bowl home. Restaurants, teacher, and departments here at the high school contribute gallons of soup that is served. Thank you so much for helping our Food Pantry.



Some parishioners have been asking how can I give donations to the food pantry? We have tried to make it easy for you so we have made up some **blue envelopes** and put them in the shelf area where we keep the yellow collection envelopes. **If you leave cash, please put your name inside the envelope so you will receive credit for your taxes. You may**

**drop this in the basket if you wish. Thanks**

We also wish to thank everyone who has been so faithful in supplying our food pantry each week with donations. We have been able to help all that have been applying for food with your generosity.

Some items that we are in need of immediately are: Hamburger Helper, cake mix, jello, grape jelly/jam, canned ravioli and spaghetti's, crackers, saltines, coffee and tea, washing detergent, dish soap, shampoo and toothpaste, bar soap, toilet paper,. Thank you.

The Religious Ed Office and Youth Ministry Office will be closed the weeks of June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The Parish Office will be on July 5<sup>th</sup>



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*And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62*

**Readings for the Week of June 27, 2010**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62  
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22  
Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt  
16:13-19  
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29  
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or  
10:1-9

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**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, 5:30pm Brendan Kelly by Peggy Moore  
Sunday, 8:00am Jeannette Bonenfant by Paul & Gloria  
10:00am William Davis by George  
and Mary Nedzbala  
Monday, 12:15 No Intention  
Tuesday, 12:15 Olin Peter Ten Eyck by Hope  
Wednesday, 12:15 No Intention  
Thursday, 12:15 Albert Cook by The Family

**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:30pm** Norman Harris by The  
Rivier Prayer Group

Sunday, 8:00am  
10:00 am Constance Beaudette by The Family

**Monday: NO MASS OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, 12:15 Marjorie Eaton by a friend  
Wednesday, 12:15 No Intention  
Thursday, 12:15 Maureen Coyne by Ethnea  
Saturday, 5:30 Henry Syseskey 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
by his wife Elaine