

THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
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Calendar

Sunday, October 9

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Sunday School, 10 am
- Bible Study, 9:30
- Blessing of animals, 11:30-12:30
- Pledge Campaign Begins

Monday, October 10

- Yoga, 9 am
- Bishop's Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

- Eucharist/Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, October 15

- Eucharist, 4 pm

Sunday, October 16

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Sunday school 10 am, **Communion Bread Baking**
- Bible Study, 9:30

2017 Pledge Campaign Begins Today

Jesus calls us ALL to step out in faith and commit to his vision on earth. The leadership, those whom you elected, is calling you also to step out in faith and commitment for the work of Jesus in this parish. The transition period that the parish faces upon my retirement calls for faith and commitment as well. It calls for the faith that God will guide the process that will eventually, after an interim period, lead to the calling of a new priest. It is important for the sake of the parish that everyone step forward in faith and commitment and make a pledge to support the ministries [so beautifully displayed last week] of this parish. So please think and pray about it and make that pledge today. *Miriam*

Ministry Moment with Natalie Gallo

As part of our pledge campaign, "Stepping Out In Faith--Commitment," Natalie will share something about her journey in faith this morning at both services. Here is a small preview of what she is going to say: "I ask myself: When did I realize the needs I have to go beyond clubs, functions, organizations, and such, and reach deep down into my soul, serve my Master, love those with whom I interact? Where is my abundance that I must share?"

Communion Bread Baking

The children will be baking Communion bread on October 16. Parents please take your children directly to the kitchen at 10 am. Please use the signup sheet in the vestibule to let us know how many children to expect. *Miriam*

Ministry Fair

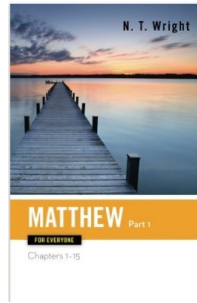
I want to thank all of you who participated in the Ministry Fair last week. Thank you for your displays, for stopping by to see the displays, and for the wonderful food you brought that fed both the body and the soul. *Miriam*



The Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is a small group of us who gather to learn about scripture through reading and discussion. Right now we are studying the

Gospel of Matthew using a book by N.T. Wright called [Matthew For Everyone, Part 1](#). We meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30 and we end at 10:30 with Communion. We invite all the women in the parish who are able to attend.
Miriam



Brooke LaMonica plays the violin as a member of the New Hampshire Philharmonic orchestra. The 2016-2017 season opener is October 15 and 16, at the Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy. For tickets call (603) 437-5210. In addition to being a member of the orchestra, Brooke is a member of the Personnel and Library management committees
About the [NH Philharmonic](#) The New Hampshire Philharmonic connects people to the power of classical music, using the model of a living laboratory. The Philharmonic presents compelling concerts of the core repertoire and engaging educational programs. The orchestra brings together the finest student, avocational and professional musicians from around New Hampshire. The Philharmonic is the oldest orchestra in the state; tracing its roots to 1895, and performing regularly since 1905.

Blessing of the Animals

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi, an 11th-century Italian friar, beloved saint, and one of the most venerated individuals in Christian history. He founded the Franciscan Order for men and the Order of Saint Clare for women, and he is also widely known for his love of nature and animals. Perhaps the most famous prayer attributed to St. Francis is:

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.*

*Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

But did you know St. Francis is also credited with these inspiring and challenging quotes?

- *Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*
- *Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.*
- *If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.*
- *While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.*
- *All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.*
- *A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.*

Prayers of the People

Please pray for Tone Crossman's brother **Robert Dame** who is battling stage 4 Colon Cancer and is having a really hard time with the chemo treatments. Pray for Anne Darrah's cousin, **Eva Brown** who is in a nursing home; Danielle LeClair's friend, **Sandi**, a 45 year old mother of four and a dear friend who has breast cancer; please pray for **Ken Swenson** as he continues to recover from rotator cuff surgery; **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; for **Zach; Bill Steinhoff** going through cancer treatment; **Liz Naters-Gamarra and Carmen**, Miriam's daughter and mother; **Ann Donovan; Kate; Brayden; Matty; Ian**; for Christine's friend **Christine**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin** and for **George Gallo, Jr.**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands. **Serving in the Military**: Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: James, Michele, and Jordan Christian; Mark and Ingrid Chapman; Jennifer, Nick, Niko, Alexandria and Mike Cassotis; and Deb Carpenter.

.Attendance
Thurs - 9; Sat - 15
Sunday at 8 - 19; at 10:15 - 46

Tickets Available Now!

The 5th Annual Kaden Lafontaine Halloween Benefit!

October 22, 2016

7pm-11:30pm

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Haverhill, Amvets

Proceeds to support

S.T.A.R.S. New England

(Infant Loss Family Support and Awareness Group)

Ticket Prices (ages 18+)

1 for \$15 2 for \$25

Or

Reserve a table of 8 for \$80

Contact Heather at 603-312-2398 or Email us at starsnewengland@yahoo.com

Raffles, 50/50, DJ, Munchies, Chance at Door Prize, Costume Contest!

Join us for a great night while helping to offer support to local families who have suffered the loss of their infant.