He straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."  

John 8:7 (NAB)
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2016

The Light of Christ Catholic Collaborative

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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Holy Ghost Mass Schedule
Weekend: Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 7:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekday: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9AM
Holy Day Mass Schedule As Announced

St. Bridget Mass Schedule
Weekend: Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 12:00PM
Weekday: Tuesday and Thursday at 9AM
Saturday liturgy will be a Communion Service
Holy Day Mass Schedule As Announced

CONFESSION: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 PM or anytime by appointment
MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory one year in advance.
Couples meet with the priest or deacon before a date is set. Participation in a marriage program is required

Senior Priests/Weekend Assistants:
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Cemetery Office: Kathy MacGilvray
Facilities Managers: James Lewis

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
Tuesdays at 7PM in the lower chapel

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
In Divine Mercy Chapel (lower church)

BAPTISM
First and Second Sundays of each month at 1:30PM
(We are asking that you call the rectory and register for the sacrament.

BINGO
Every Sunday at 6:30PM in the School Hall

ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL
(781) 878-8482 Mr. Matthew T. Collins, Principal
www.stbridgetschool.us
## For the week of March 12 through March 20, 2016

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Please remember in your prayers the souls of the recently departed: Lawrence Quirk, Helen Stanish, Edith Carrano & William Vegani

## Holy Ghost Collection

**Last Week**

- Actual Collection $5,511.00
- Building Fund $2,391.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## St. Bridget Collection

**This week Parish Tithe is for Boys Town 200 Flanagan Blvd. P.O. Box 6000 Boys Town, NE 68010**

- Actual Collection $5,949.00
- Emergency/Maintenance $3,125.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please remember for the second collection, to make the checks out to Holy Ghost or St. Bridget. We will send one check to the designated group for the collection. Thank you.

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### Community Blood Drive

**Sponsored by the Whitman Knights of Columbus**

American Red Cross is having a community blood drive on Saturday, April 2, 2016 form 9AM to 2PM at the Knights of Columbus 1195 Bedford Street Whitman. To schedule an appointment please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org

### Holy Ghost Sodality—Bake & Plant Sale

The Holy Ghost Sodality will be having a bake & plant sale after all the Masses at Holy Ghost on the weekend of March 19th and 20th. Come and support our Sodality.

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### St. Patrick’s Day Raffle

We are looking for people to help sell raffle tickets. If you are willing to take some raffle tickets and be responsible for selling them, please contact Bill Brown at 339-788-8678. We would like to make this year St. Patrick’s day raffle a huge success.

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### Easter Flowers envelopes can be placed in the regular collection baskets.
PRAYERS FOR OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Capt. Matthew Johnson   Lt. Joe Sturges
2nd Lt. Andrew Maio   Pat Torney
PFC Andrew Smith   Sgt. Nick Lavery
SO2 Ryan C. Flaherty   Sgt. Matthew McCann
Sgt. Seamus Murray Lance Corp.   Nicholas Rizzo
Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Martins  Steve Gaudet
LCpl M Ryan O’ Flaherty   Lt. Christopher C. Regan
SPC Anthony Gulino   Peter E. Columbo
LCPL Jarod Zachariah Maze   Sgt. Nicholas Voci
Sgt. Ryan Cronin   Spec. James R. Furtado
Senior Airman Sara Furtado   PFC Zachary Samya
Staff Sgt. Marie Ketchen   Capt. Joseph E. Beard
Lance Corp. Johnathan Jaskolka Major Ryan Chandler
Sgt. Andrew McAleer   Lance Cpl. Sean Concannon
Sgt. Patrick Donaher   PV2 Christina Malloy
Lance Corp. Thomas M. Malloy, Jr. (USMC)
Cpl. John J. Feeney,USMC   Airman Samuel Clark
LCpl Derek Corkery, USMC   Qtr. Master John Sayers
Cpl. Joseph Von George, USMC Col. Jordan McIntyre
1st Lt. Shane Reardon,USMC   Pvt. David Franey
Commander Amy Grabel Payce Thomas Berridge, USN
Nathaniel Lopes Airman 1st Class   Sgt. Jason Race
Lance Corp. Daniel O’Donnell,USMC
Sgt. James Murray Marine Oliver Cahill
Seaman Jonathan Burbine

Pine Street Inn Meal
The evening meal at the Pine Street Inn on Saturday, March 19, will be meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes and carrots. Desserts are needed and can be left at the Cardinal Spellman Center at Holy Ghost any time after 10:30 on Saturday. Anyone wishing to help may contact Carol Kryzanek at 447-3761. Our food group truly appreciates your support in allowing us to continue our mission of feeding the homeless.

Abington St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Thirty Seventh Annual St. Patrick’s Day parade will be Sunday March 20 at 1PM.. The parade route runs from Abington Center to North Abington Center via Washington St. and Adams St. Come and enjoy!!!

COMMUNION/FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
On March 20th following the 7:30 Mass at Holy Ghost, The Knights of Columbus Council 347 will be holding their 43rd annual Communion / Fellowship Breakfast at the Council Hall at 1195 Bedford Street. Everyone is welcome and the admission price is a canned good to help support our 40 Cans for Lent Program. For additional information please call the council at 781-447-9061 THANK YOU.

“Ask for the grace of feeling like a sinner. Yes, because even recognizing oneself as a sinner is a grace ……It means standing in front of God, who is our everything, and presenting him with our selves, which are nothing. Our miseries, our sins. What we need to ask for is truly an act of grace.”   (Pope Francis on recognizing our selves as sinners)

How did you do last week? Are you filling up your journal?

Admonish (Console) the Sinner (Do not judge, but be supportive of others, helping them to find their way and correct their mistakes.)
• Be a powerful, joyful witness to God’s mercy & love by doing your best not to participate in things that you know are wrong.
• Don’t be judgmental of others but instead invite them to know the love of God.
• Invite your friends/family to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and together come to know the healing love and mercy of God.
• Work at being optimistic and avoiding cynicism
• Respond to cynicism, skepticism and doubt with hope.
• In humility, strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times.
• Don’t judge, but guide others towards the path of salvation.
• When you correct someone, don’t be arrogant. We are all in need of God’s loving correction.

These are a few suggestions. WHAT WILL YOU DO TO ADMONISH THE SINNER THIS WEEK?

40 Cans for Lent Food Drive
During Lent, the K of C #347 will sponsor a food drive for the Whitman Food Pantry. We have heard there has been an increase in families served since the first of the year and the pantry is currently receiving less free food items from USDA and MEFA(Mass. Emergency Food Assistance). We would like to ask that those wishing to participate in the 40 Cans for Lent drive take advantage of sales going on at the local super markets to provide the following items the pantry said they never seemed to have enough of: Kids cereals, jellies, mayo, ketchup, sugar, spaghetti sauce, Knorr rice and pastas, albacore tuna, canned coffee, tea, hot chocolate, jello and pudding mix, brownie mix, bar soap, shampoo and conditioners, deodorants, tooth paste, dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper and household cleaning items. This past year the pantry helped 310 families in Whitman. Please consider supporting this year’s Lenten Food Drive. Anything you do to help make this drive a success will help the members of St Vincent DePaul Society to curb food insecurity in Whitman.
ELECTION PRAYER CAMPAIGN

As you know, the election of a new president will take place this year. Given the critical responsibility, influence and worldwide consequences of this office, the election process touches on many concerns, especially those engaging in fundamental moral, social and humanitarian issues.

Committed as we are to an apostolate of daily perpetual Eucharistic prayer, it’s important for us as adorers, to say particular prayers for the beneficial outcome of this all important election process.

Our Lady calls all of us to prayer, reminding us that we cannot live without prayer because prayer is the chain that brings us closer to God. Collectively, our prayers form one voice reaching up to heaven asking for mercy and Divine Providence.

Holy Ghost Chapel will join the rest of the Eucharistic Chapels nationwide in this National Election Prayer Campaign and ask all adorers who are assigned to an hour of adoration every week to pray an “Election Prayer to Mary” and “A Pro Life Prayer At Election Time” during your holy hour. We will also say these prayers at the end of morning Mass. The prayers can be found in a basket outside Holy Ghost Chapel.

Preparation for Easter Sunday at St. Bridget Church

We will be decorating the Sanctuary of St. Bridget Church in preparation for the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Volunteers are needed to help us in this Grace filled mission on Saturday March 26 at 10 AM.

All are welcome and, we extend a special invitation to our Confirmation Students that may be in need of service hours to participate.

If you have any questions please contact Austin or Paul Breadmore at breadpj@aol.com or 781-408-6250.

Religious Education Substitute Teachers Needed

The Religious Education office is in dire need of substitute teachers for Monday afternoon.

If you feel that the Lord might be asking you to help please call the office 781-878-5950 or email stbridgetreo@aol.com as soon as possible.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar

This Spring, be refreshed, empowered, and gifted by the Holy Spirit! A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at St. Mary’s Church 392 Hanover St. Hanover, with an introductory night on Tuesday, April 5th after the 7:15PM Mass followed by 7 more Tuesday nights. Expect a fullness of life as we stir up the Spirit.

Information: Barbara at 781-826-4955.

“Merciful Like the Father”

(motto for the Year of Mercy—Pope Francis

A spring weekend retreat with Fr. Mike McNamara at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool, Maine from Friday, May 20, 2016 to Sunday, May 22, 2016 after lunch. $270 (double occupancy) Price include travel on luxury coach bus and 6 meals. For more information please call Servants of Christ Ministries at 781-545-8336.

The Easter Egg Hunt at St. Bridget’s will be after the 9AM Mass on Sunday, March 27th! We will also have coffee/donuts. Come and have some fun!!!!
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Light of Christ Catholic Collaborative,

Today’s Gospel continues to offer lessons about God’s mercy and forgiveness. We hear the report from John's Gospel of an encounter between Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. It is a very dramatic scene. Concerning the adulterous woman, Jesus says that the one without sin should throw the first stone. One by one, they leave. Jesus shares his beautiful words: "Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you." People sometimes wonder how Jesus could say this, because they think that the opposite of "condemn" is "condone." How could Jesus condone sin? He doesn’t. The opposite of "condemn" is to "save," which means to help, to heal, hold valuable. The opposite of "condemnation" is "salvation" - deliverance from evil and ruin. As we think about what Jesus did here, we can draw a lesson in two directions. First, the Lord towards us. We realize that the Lord treats us just like he treated this woman. He never condemns us. Despite the worst we’ve done, the Lord never stops loving us. Second - and I want to close with this one - the direction of us towards others. The Lord expects us to treat others the same way.

The 2016 Catholic Appeal. Cardinal Seán is asking Catholics across the Archdiocese to pledge their support to this year’s Catholic Appeal. The Catholic Appeal sustains over 50 ministries serving our parish and many people throughout the Archdiocese. Please respond to Cardinal Seán’s important request and give generously. Our parish directly benefits from the 50 ministries supported by the Appeal and your gift will help us reach our 2016 goal. As many of you know, before I came to the “south” I was the Director of the Pastoral Institute of St. John’s Seminary and the Archdiocese of Boston. My whole budget came from the yearly Catholic Appeal. From personal experience, I know sincerely the importance of this Appeal. As a Pastor of two Parishes, we benefit greatly from the ministries the Appeal supports. Please be generous.

The Light is On For You. Every Parish/ Collaborative, will be open for Confessions on the Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., from now through the Wednesday of Holy Week. In our Collaborative, this is taking place this year at St. Bridget Church.

Concerning The Light is On For You: What are the qualities of a good confession? A good confession is humble, sincere and complete. It’s humble when we accuse ourselves of our sins with a deep sorrow for having offended the Lord while imploiring his loving mercy. It’s sincere when we tell all of our sins honestly and truthfully, without exaggerating or excusing them. It’s complete when we confess all of our mortal sins, including the number of times we have committed each one.

How do I grow in contrition? There are two types of contrition: sorrow over hurting ones we love (called perfect contrition) and sorrow over getting caught or over the punishment that comes because of sin (imperfect contrition). We should ask God to help us achieve that perfect contrition in which we are sorry for having wounded the God who loves us and whom we should love in return. Meditation on the consequence of ours sins - Christ’s brutal death on the Cross - often helps us to grow toward perfect contrition.

SAVE THE DATE: As we continue this Year of Mercy, the Joint Parish Council has recommended that our Light of Christ Catholic Collaborative make a Pilgrimage to the Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston to visit, have a guided tour, and walk through the Holy Door. Opportunities for individual confessions will be available for those seeking a Plenary Indulgence. Mark your Calendars now: the afternoon of Sunday, September 18, 2016. We will provide bus transportation. Wouldn’t it be great if we could fill 3, 4, or 5 busses!!!

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney

LENT 2016 Guidelines

REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence.

FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.
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