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January 3 2021

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: St. André Bessette Parish in Laconia

Holy Days: 6:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

Receptionist Available Mon-Fri
8:30 am—4:30 pm …..603-267-8174
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- **Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.
- **Baptisms:** Contact the Parish Office for details regarding preparation that is required prior to the baptism.
- **Marriages:** Please call the Parish Office for a first meeting at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by calling the Parish Office.
- **Homebound and Hospital Ministry:** Kindly call the Parish Office if you are homebound so we may bring Holy Eucharist. If you are entering the hospital, inform the staff you are Catholic so you may receive Holy Eucharist during your stay.
- **New parishioners:** Please call the office to register.

Mission Statement - Ours is a faith community which is welcoming, family oriented, and spiritually vital. We seek to provide each person with the opportunity to experience spiritual growth by developing a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to serve the community by making present the person of Jesus and his Gospel message. We seek to attract others to enter into our parish family by rejoicing in the resurrection and living what we profess to believe.

Answering Our Call To Discipleship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 2 - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
4:30 pm Marian Lavature by friends

Sunday, Jan 3 -The Epiphany of the Lord- Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
9:30 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph.

Monday, Jan 4– 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Tuesday, Jan 5— 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:34-44
5:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia followed by confessions.

Wednesday, Jan 6- 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia
8:30am-4pm ADORATION at Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, Jan 7 -1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

Friday, Jan. 8– 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 9 - The Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
4:30 pm Carrie Wadsworth by family

Sunday, Jan 10 –The Baptism of the Lord - Is 42:1-4, 6 7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
9:30 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY FOR WEEKEND OF DEC 20, 2020

Offertory ……..…….$1,116.00
Vanco……....$ 763.00
Total…….…….$1,879.00

OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEKEND OF 12/27 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT BULLETIN DUE TO AN EARLY DEADLINE.

Amount needed weekly to make budget $4,038

Fiscal Year Totals

Budget Amount July 1-Dec 20……. $100,950.00
Actual Amount July 1–Dec 20……$ 85,874.48
Deficit Amount July 1– Dec 20.....$-(15,075.52)

Thank you for your generosity.

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Saint Joseph Parish, Belmont, NH

Current total of pledges collected is **$225,732!**

Thank you to all who have pledged and are making our campaign a success!

PARISH TELEPHONE LISTINGS

Weekend Assistant: Rev. Msgr. Richard Thompson….. 267-8174
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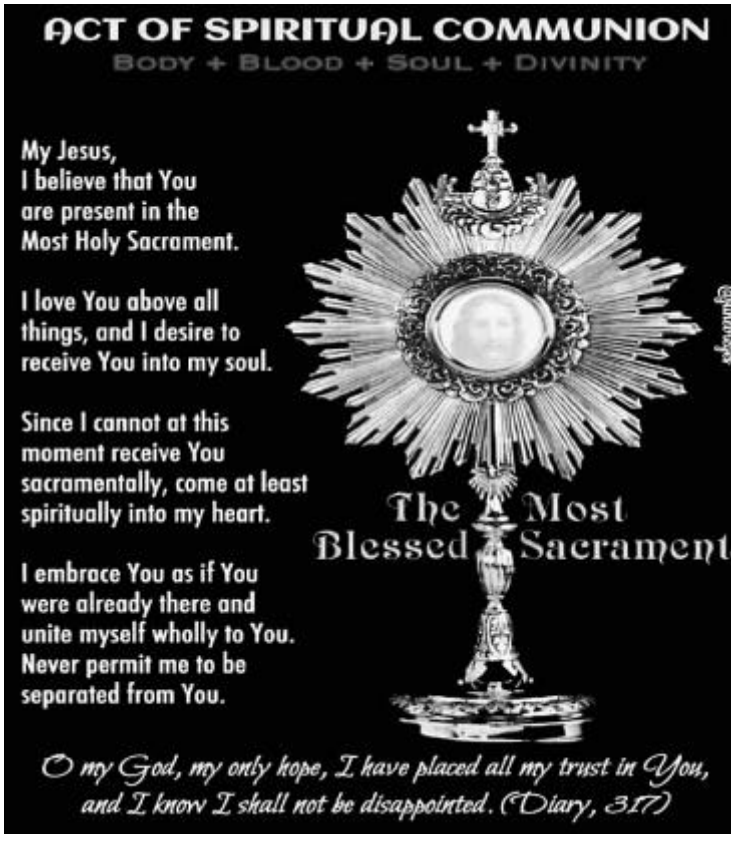
K of C Belmont Council Scholarship Program

Our Council is again offering up to three $400 scholarships to help member Knights with higher education expenses for themselves and their family members. A supplemental award of $100 will be made to awardees who attend a Catholic college or university. Active members, their spouses and dependents may apply for these scholarships during the months of March and April. Prior awardees may apply for a new award, but their applications will be considered only if the maximum number of awards for the year has not been reached. Application forms for 2021 and additional details are available on our Council website, *belmontknights.org*.

To qualify as an active Council member, a knight must participate in at least 6 events during the year, such as meetings, fundraisers, or community service activities. Be an active knight to get the benefits of your membership! If you're not already a knight, learn more about joining the K of C either online at our Council website (*belmontknights.org*), or by talking with one of our Council members.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We have changed companies for our envelopes. Starting with the new year, envelopes will be mailed to you every two months. If you do not wish to receive envelopes, please contact the office at 603-267-8174 to have them cancelled or if you have any questions.

Tabernacle Flowers

If you wish to have flowers placed before the tabernacle in honor of a loved one for a donation of $50, please call the office at 603-267-8174.

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For more information or to volunteer contact the office at 603-267-8174.

Online Bereavement Support Group from Catholic Charities NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again," a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 – March 4) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

May this New Year be blessed & full of joy for you and your loved ones!

JANUARY 3, 2020

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, January 2
3:30 pm Reconciliation– parish hall
4:30 pm MASS (Church)
5:15 pm Distribution of Communion following Mass

Sunday, January 3
9:30 am MASS
10:15 am Distribution of Communion following Mass

Monday, January 4
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart, Laconia

Tuesday, January 5
5:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Laconia

Wednesday, January 6
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart, Laconia
8:30 am -4pm Adoration Sacred Heart, Laconia

Thursday, January 7
7:00 pm Bible Sharing, parish hall

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9
3:30 pm Reconciliation– parish hall
4:30 pm MASS (Church)
5:15 pm Distribution of Communion following Mass

Sunday, January 10
9:30 am MASS
10:15 am Distribution of Communion following Mass

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Praying **this week will be:**

Merlyn & Don McLelland
Bob & Deb Gonyea

If you would like to pray for a week or have questions, please contact Leonard Campbell at 455-1105 or Len email at lsoup03@gmail.com.

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS
ATTENTION PARENTS

Would you please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass.

This is for their safety and your peace of mind. Thank you for your assistance.

JANUARY 3, 2020

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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