

*PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH*

*January 3, 2021*

*The Epiphany of the Lord*



**Parish of the Holy Spirit**

**St. Bernard Church**

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Saturday 8:00AM & 4:00PM  
Sunday 9:30AM, 11:15AM  
Weekdays 8:00AM (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)  
Friday 8:00AM & 9:30AM  
Wednesday 5:30PM  
First Friday 5:30PM  
Holy Days: As Announced  
Confession: Sat: 2:30-3:30PM,  
Rosary: 7:30AM (before Weekday Mass)

**First Friday Devotions, 5:30PM** at St. Bernard Church, Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from approximately 5:30-6:00 and Eucharistic adoration with confessions from 6:00-7:00.

**Parish of the Holy Spirit**

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

*33 Arch Street, Keene*

Saturday: 4:00PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM  
Confession: Sat: 3:00-3:30PM

**Mary Queen of Peace Parish**

**St. Joseph Church**

*35 Brattleboro Road, Hinsdale*

Sunday: 9:00AM, Rosary at 8:30AM  
Weekdays: Wednesday 9:00AM  
Holy Days: As Announced  
Confession: By appointment

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**St. Bernard Church**

**Mon Jan 4**  
†8:00 **Catherine Antoncic** by Barbara Brewer

**Tues Jan 5**  
†8:00 **George Bergeron** by KoC, Council 819

**Wed Jan 6**  
5:30 **Eric Kallio**, on his birthday by Tiffany, Sarah, and Anna Kallio

**Thurs Jan 7**  
†4:00 **Leonard Migneault** by Liz and Walt Sayre

**Fri Jan 8**  
†8:00 **Jack Zimmerman** by Jon & Diane Farina  
†9:30 **Deceased Members of the Holman, Houston & Murbright Families**

**Sat Jan 9**  
†8:00 **Roene Guinane** by Jon & Diane Farina  
†4:00 **Harry Emery**, 27th Anniversary by The Family

**Sun Jan 10**  
†9:30 **Anne Elizabeth Lawlor** by the Izumi Family  
†11:15 **Rita Forcier** by Elaine & Ron

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

**Sat Jan 9**  
4:00 **Pro Populo**

**Sun Jan 10**  
†8:00 **Susan Fitzpatrick** by Kevin & Debbie Rose

**MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH**

**St. Joseph Church**

**Sun Jan 10**  
†9:00 **Lewis Major** by Knights of Columbus Council 6921



My Dear People in Christ,  
Firstly, I wish a holy and blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year to all of you. I would like to thank you all for your commitments to our parish. The giving of your time, talents and treasure to the Lord continues to bear much fruit for the kingdom of God. I sincerely thank you all for your thoughtful prayers, Christmas greetings, and gifts. In return, I offer my humble prayers for your family members and friends that you all are filled with the blessings of the infant Jesus.

With Prayers,  
Fr. Britto, HGN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As I look back on this last year I find I either have to write a whole book or barely anything at all, if I want to try to say something. This is perhaps because it is easy to take a pessimistic view of 2020. We could talk for hours about all that our country, and in some ways our church, has been through. On the other hand I ask "What is there left to say?"

If there is one thing that has been impressed upon me more deeply and has really been underscored this year, it is how generous the people of our parish truly are. How much we desire to serve God and our neighbor. We have been through a lot of events and changes but the things that strike me the most are not what has happened to us but how we have responded, as a community, to the challenges of the day. This includes anything from the various service ministries to cleaning pews and prayer groups/parish events. We have found a way of continuing the life of the parish and in many ways have grown closer as a community. I genuinely feel a deeper sense of connection with so many people and have seen people who were strangers before, come to know each other as friends. In some ways it is paradoxical to say Covid has deepened our connections in the parish because so many still have to stay home. My hope and my prayer is that those who have not been able to be with us know how sincerely I look forward to the day when we come together again and how important it is for everyone to continue to feel a part our parish community, especially the elderly and vulnerable who must stay home.

Certainly this year has not been without its sad partings. We have had to cease offering Masses at two churches and Fr Steve has retired, but I also believe that with these changing circumstances also comes new opportunities. With open hearts and a willingness to look at things from a new perspective and try in ways we haven't had to before, we find hidden graces and the surprising ways God blesses us.

With 2021 just before us, may we sincerely seek to keep Jesus Christ as the center of our lives. May we allow the difficulties of life to become Graced opportunities for true conversion and may we be ever grateful for the many blessings God has already poured upon us. Please be assured of my prayers and of my love. Thank you for a blessed, if not eclectic year. Thank you for your faithfulness and thank your for your Love of God.

Many Blessings,  
Fr Alan

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Week of January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

St. Bernard Church

**Harry Emery**, 27th Anniversary by the Family

St. Margaret Mary Church

**Margie Chamberlain**, 13th Anniversary  
by Leon & Shirley Nikiforakis

Adoration Chapel

**Kerry**



**TAX STATEMENT**

If you are in need of a statement for your tax preparations concerning your contributions to your parish during 2020, please fill out the following form. Detach it and return it to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket. Pledges/payments made to Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul and Missionary appeals should be obtained from these various groups and/or charitable organizations.

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### Epiphany Proclamation 2021

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

**K**now, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

**O**n the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

**O**n the fourth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the thirteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the twenty-third day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

**O**n the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**O**n the twenty-eighth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**T**o whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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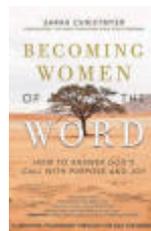
**Bill & Margie Murray** by Sallyanne & Family & Colette

**John Etling** by Charles

**Carl Majewski**

**Helen & Frank Sullivan** by Bob & Maryann Mucha

**Marta Tamasik** by her daughter



**T**he Parish Book Club will be starting a new book in January - Becoming Women of the Word, by Sarah Christmyer. We meet on Thursday mornings at **10am** and will start on **January 7th**. Due to covid we are currently meeting via zoom, but hope to meet in person at some point after the first of the year.

Anyone interested, please contact Anne Farrington at 201-213-2334 or [farrington.anne@yahoo.com](mailto:farrington.anne@yahoo.com).



**T**he Knights of Columbus Council #5414 would like to express our appreciation to all parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit who contributed items for the Maplewood Christmas collection. You helped brighten a dark year for the residents and staff at Maplewood.



**T**his three-part webinar series will focus on introducing basic concepts of fostering strong marriage and family life.

### About this Event

Please join Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project in this three-part, interactive webinar series, "Family & Faith in the Home", sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester. Each session will focus on introducing basic concepts of fostering strong marriage and family life, with the following three talks:

- January 13 – Communication in Marriage
- January 20 – Messy Parenting 101
- January 27 – Evangelizing Your Children

Register to receive the Zoom link for all three sessions.

To learn more about the Messy Family Project and to join their mailing list, please visit <https://www.messyfamilyproject.org/join/>

Contact Alyse Hlasny, [ahlasny@rcbm.org](mailto:ahlasny@rcbm.org) or (603) 663-0108, with any questions.

## PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Clairvaux Center**, 161 Main Street, Keene  
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00am-8:00pm  
**St. Margaret Mary Church**, 33 Arch Street, Keene  
First Friday of every month 9:00am-3:00pm

**WINGS:** Check back in the spring.

**PRAYER SHAWLS:** We have lap robes and shawls for the sick, those having surgery, or those struggling with their health. All items are made with prayers and blessed by the priest. Please call the office to obtain one. **The prayer shawl group has decided to postpone further meetings until January 14th, 2021.**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:** Court St. Joseph in Hinsdale. Meetings are being held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:45 am.

**WIDOWS GROUP:** Please call Sarah Avery at 357-0176 for further information.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN OF CHARITIES:** Next meeting **April 5, 2021** at 6:30PM at St. Margaret Mary's parish hall.

**MEN'S HOLY HOUR:** Each month on the 2nd Tuesday, Deacon Fintan Moore leads a group in structured prayer and reflection for one hour at **St. Margaret Mary Church at 6:00 pm**. Due to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the next gathering will be on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE LADIES OF ST. ANNE:** Wishing you and your families a healthy, holy and peace filled season. We are hoping to resume activities in the spring. Love to all. Jean Girard

**MARIE RIVIER ASSOCIATION (MRA):** Starting September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will meet from 6:30-8:00 in St. Bernard's parish hall every second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in learning about the MRA in Keene, call Ginny Houle 352-1152 (leave message) or go to <https://presentationofmary-usa.org/marie-rivier-associates>.

**ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH MAINTENANCE:** Monthly clean up **December 19th** starting at **9AM**. All are welcome. Please help us get the church ready for Christmas!

**RCIA:** Currently meets most Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm. Contact Corey Tetreault at 762-2211 for more information.

**VOCATIONS MINISTRY:** Works to create a vocations-friendly environment through prayer, affirmation and awareness in order to honor and support those already in their vocations, on the path to ordination or final vows, and those in the process of discerning their calling to serve the Lord. Look for additional information available at the Vocation displays located near the entrances of St. Bernard's Church or reach out to Gary Markiewicz (732-266-8766) or Kim Chasse (480-286-8877).



### St. André Bessette | January 6<sup>th</sup>

Alfred Bessette was born in Quebec on August 9, 1845, and he was orphaned by the time he was 12. He had to work to support himself and had little formal education, but from an early age he had a lively faith and a strong devotion to St. Joseph. After a few years trying to find work in the United States, he returned to Quebec. There, his childhood pastor encouraged him to consider a vocation to religious life. He sent Alfred to the Congregation with a note that said, "I am sending you a saint."

Initially, Holy Cross did not accept Alfred because of his poor health. He had been baptized right after birth because they had been afraid that he might not live more than a few days, and he was sickly all his life. Alfred, however, was not discouraged, with the assistance of the Archbishop of Montreal, received entrance into the Holy Cross Novitiate on December 27, 1870.

Upon entering the Novitiate, Alfred took the name André, which was the name of his childhood pastor. Given his frail health and lack of a formal education, Brother André was assigned as doorkeeper of Notre Dame College in Montreal. He continued this assignment as a professed brother. Among his many duties, he greeted visitors and tended to their needs.

Many people began to experience physical healings after praying with Brother André, and his reputation as a healer began to spread. So many people flocked to see him that the Congregation allowed him to see sick people at a trolley station across the street. Through it all, Brother André remained humble, often seeming confused that people would lavish such praise on him. He knew that the real source of these miraculous cures was St. Joseph's intercession.

His desire to increase devotion to St. Joseph inspired him to found a shrine to his favorite saint across the street from Notre Dame College. He saved the money he earned from giving haircuts at five cents apiece, eventually earning the \$200 he needed to construct a simple structure. This shrine opened on October 19, 1904, and in 1909, Brother André was released from his duties as doorkeeper and assigned full-time as the caretaker of the Oratory of St. Joseph.

The Oratory attracted large numbers of pilgrims, and plans were made to construct a large basilica. Brother André's full-time ministry for the rest of his life was to receive the long lines of sick visitors who flocked to the Oratory to see him. He became known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal," and thousands of miraculous healings were attributed to his intercession over the following decades.

Brother André died on January 6, 1937 at the age of 91. During the week that his body lay in state outside of St. Joseph's Oratory, an estimated one million people braved the bitter Montreal winter to pay their respects. The basilica was eventually completed and remains a major pilgrimage site, attracting over two million visitors a year. The side chapels are filled with the crutches of people healed through St. André's prayers.

On October 17, 2010, St. André Bessette became first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross when he was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI. On this day, the Church recognized that God chose a very simple man for a remarkable life of service to the Church. He had previously been beatified by Blessed John Paul II on May 23, 1982.

<https://holycrosscongregation.org/holy-ones/st-andre-bessette/>

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** 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
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- SUN 1/10** 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

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



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The Epiphany of the Lord

“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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