

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

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEE



“Come, and you will see.”

JOHN 1:39A

Parish of the Holy Spirit

St. Bernard Church

185 Main Street, Keene

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 18
†8:00 **Michael Bush** by a friend

Tues Jan 19
†8:00 **Antoni & Genowefa Piurkowski** by Michelle Piurkowski Turner

Wed Jan 20
†5:30 **Patricia Morgan** by Martin & Barbara Mahoney

Thurs Jan 21
†8:00 **Carol Teitel** by Jon & Diane Farina

Fri Jan 22
†8:00 **Joan Kerrigan**
†9:30 **John Ploski** by Barbara Brewer

Sat Jan 23
†8:00 **Joseph Caruso** by Barbara Mannion
†4:00 **Dorothea Emery**, 109th birthday remembrance by The Family

Sun Jan 24
9:30 **Pro Populo**
†11:15 **Drew Bartley** by Theresa Acerno

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sat Jan 23
†4:00 **Winnie Morenz** by her Family

Sun Jan 24
†8:00 **Joseph Brooks**

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

St. Joseph Church

Sun Jan 24
†9:00 **Martha Duggan** by Catholic Daughters Court #1773

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of January 17th

St. Bernard Church
Kerry



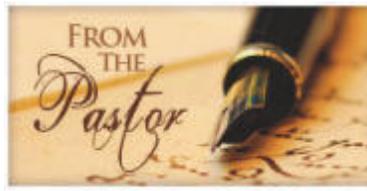
UPDATE: St. Margaret Mary Improvement Fund!

We are happy to report the Parish has collected \$23,150 as of 1/11/2021. The Knights of Columbus has pledged to match up to \$15,000 and an anonymous donor added \$5,000 to the matching amount. This will provide a total of \$43,150 towards improvement projects at St. Margaret Mary's Church.

Some of the recently completed projects include; parking lot drainage (\$14,000), flat roofs on Church (\$4,000). Anticipated projects in the spring include; tree removal and maintenance (\$3,000), Rectory roof repair (\$15,000). We are also anticipating having to insulate and roof the Church building which is expected to be in excess of \$60,000.

We continue to accept and appreciate gifts specifically for St. Margaret Mary's Church Improvement Fund. If you wish to support this effort place your donation in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office with "SMM Repairs" as a notation.

On behalf of the Knights and Fr. Alan, we thank you for your gifts towards the overall improvement and safety of the parish buildings.



Hello Everyone,

This past Epiphany, I introduced the "Epiphany Blessing" (20+C+M+B+21). For those who were not present, the numbers refer to the calendar year; the crosses represent Christ; and the initials have a two-fold meaning: the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and the abbreviation for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" meaning "Christ bless this house".

I preached about how we are, more and more, losing many traditions in our faith and in our families. There are so many rich and beautiful traditions that many Catholics are not even aware of. One of these, that I would like to present to you is Candlemas Day, or the day for the Blessing of Candles. Candlemas celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. This celebration marks the true end of Christmas as Jesus and Mary bring the Child Jesus into the Temple 40 days after his birth. Just as Jesus is the Light of the World, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is a giving of Light to the world.

As Catholics we recognize the grace of blessed objects and sacramental...holy water, crucifixes and blessed oils. One sacramental we don't hear of as often are blessed candles. During Christmas time and in John's gospel, we were given the imagery of Christ as light in the darkness. Blessed candles very beautifully remind us of God's grace in our troubled world. Further, these are holy and sacred objects that carry with them the blessing of God who is always present. Traditionally, blessed candles have been used during times of severe weather, during times of pandemic and as a safeguard against attacks of the enemy. Just think of the peace and calm that comes when a candle is lit in a room.

It is my hope and my encouragement that many of you will bring candles for the entire year to be blessed and kept in your home and lit frequently to be prayed with frequently.

This Mass will be Tuesday, February 2 at 5:30 pm at St. Bernard's. Bring candles for yourself and for loved ones as gifts. We will place the candles at the front of the altar to be blessed before Mass. Be sure to have a basket or some container for your personal candles to be placed in, before the altar. God bless.

Fr. Alan

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This week the Parish of the Holy Spirit High School Youth group is kicking off the Spring Semester with a DTS night: Sunday the 17th at 4pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall. We will learn all about Moses the Black. Great News!

The youth Group is expanding to weekly sessions on Sundays! We will begin working our way through the hit series The Chosen. We will watch episodes, have discussion, games, and dive more fully into the experience of being chosen by God to live an adventure of joy and love. All high school students are encouraged to come. We meet from 4-6pm in the Parish Hall at St. Bernard's.

Here is our schedule for January 2021:

1/17 DTS
1/24 The Chosen: I Have Called you by Name
1/31 DTS

What you need to know about the beautiful feast of Candlemas

Philip Kosloski - published on 02/01/18



Though not widely celebrated, it preserves a rich tradition of the Church.

If you count 40 days after the celebration of Christmas you reach February 2. Early on, the Church marked that day with a special feast and it is the final “baby Jesus” day in the liturgical calendar before the celebration of Lent.

The feast has many different names in the Roman Catholic Church. It has been called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, more familiarly, Candlemas. Each name highlights a different aspect of the feast that the Church celebrates.

First of all, it is called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary on account of an ancient Mosaic law explained in Leviticus.

[If a woman conceives, and bears a child she shall be unclean] And when the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the door of the tent of meeting a lamb a year old for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, and he shall offer it before the Lord, and make atonement for her; then she shall be clean. (Leviticus 12:6-7)

Mary, being a faithful Jew, abided by the law and did what was required of her. After 40 days passed she approached the priest with the proper offering to be declared “clean.”

The liturgical celebration is also called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and again corresponds to an ancient Jewish practice of presenting the first-born to God.

Everything that opens the womb of all flesh, whether man or beast, which they offer to the Lord, shall be yours; nevertheless the first-born of man you shall redeem. (Numbers 18:15)

As a result, Mary and Joseph brought with them Jesus, as St. Luke narrates, “And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord’)” (Luke 2:22-23).

St. Luke narrates how, while at the Temple, the Holy Family encountered an old man named Simeon and what he said next constitutes the basis for why the feast is called Candlemas.

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

Simeon declared that Jesus would be a “light,” and the Church developed a custom of lighting and blessing candles on this day. Historically the priest would bless all the candles used during Mass for the entire year. The congregation also received candles and the words of Simeon were repeated in song. The current Roman Missal has the following prayer that summarizes the symbolism.

O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people’s prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails.

Though not a holy day of obligation, it is a beautiful day in the Church’s calendar, one that signals the end of the “Christmas-Cycle” and looks forward to the light that will shatter all darkness at the Easter Vigil — when another candlelight service is performed in recognition that, “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen” (Matthew 4:16).

<https://aleteia.org/2018/02/01/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-beautiful-feast-of-candlemas/>

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: **UPDATE** 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 April 8, 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 8th, the next gathering will be on **January 12th**.

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 8th, 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: **UPDATE** Monthly clean up **January 16th** starting at **9AM**. The Christmas season decorations will be put away for another year. We will be giving the church an intense COVID-19 cleaning. All volunteers are welcome!

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).



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (unbaptized)

The Rite of Acceptance is a formal ceremony that takes place during the liturgical celebration

of Mass. It is of great importance because it symbolizes a stage of growth in our catechumens in their journey of faith. It is their first recognition and consecration by the Catholic Church. They will declare their intent to continue to immerse themselves in the teachings and traditions of our Catholic Faith until such time as they are ready to become one with us through the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

On Sunday, January 10th, at St. Bernard's 9:30 am Mass, we celebrated this important Rite. At the beginning of Mass, they were invited to enter into the Church proper to join our Catholic community and to be fed by the Word of God. After the homily, these catechumens were called up for a blessing and then sent to "Break Open the Word of God" where they were further nourished by the scripture readings of the day.

As God continues to call each one of us into deeper faith and conversion, the Rite of Acceptance attempts to point to this ongoing experience of conversion and is an invitation for all of us to be consciously growing in faith. It is the Body of Christ that all are baptized into and it is the same Body of Christ that nourishes and supports our faith. For this reason, as we gather together in the name of Jesus Christ to worship as community, we want our catechumens to know that we will recognize them and support them through our prayers and living examples during the months ahead.



NOVENA FOR LIFE and 21st ANNUAL HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, the Knights have organized a novena, nine days of sustained prayer to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. The event, lead by Deacon Ken, will begin **Sunday January 17** at the statue of the unborn in St Joseph cemetery at **1:00pm**. The remaining 8 days of the novena will be done privately. Each January, our parish participates locally with the National March for Life Remembrance in Washington, DC. Jozefa Johnson will lead us in the beautiful and moving pro-life rosary at **2:00pm** in St Bernard's church, immediately following the cemetery. Families are welcome.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

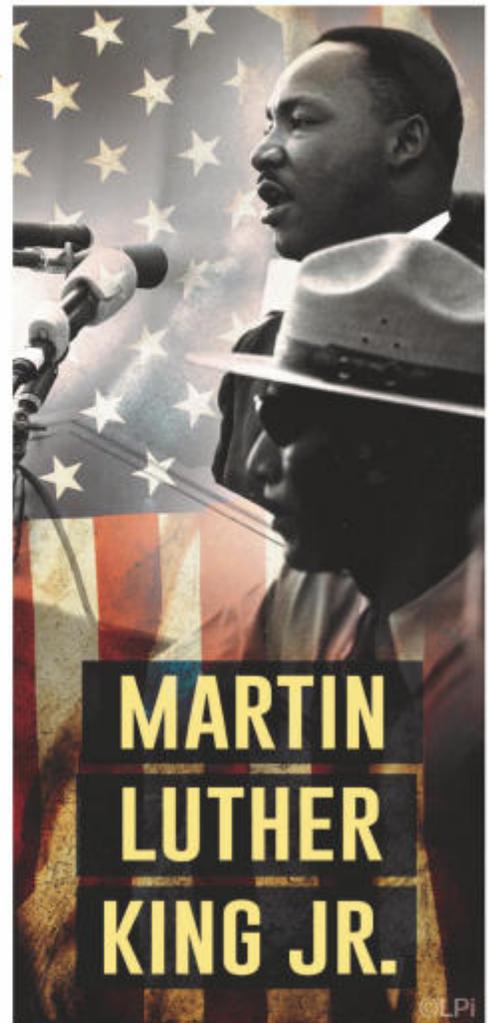
- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- MON 1/18** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- TUE 1/19** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- WED 1/20** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- THR 1/21** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- FRI 1/22** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
- SAT 1/23** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day
- Wednesday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Saturday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM
- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



*The time is
always right
to do what
is right.*

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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Prayers are requested for the souls of **Dorothy Byrnes, Bette Dubriske, and Shirley Croteau**. We thank God for the gifts of their lives and pray they are now at peace.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of...

Harold Bernier by Bob, Bev, Carol & Jane

John & Tricia Whittle by the Family
Simone Bartlett & Helen Cour-

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Walter Lepinski by Gussie & Mary Whittle

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Dick & Dan McCarthy and all my deceased family members by Ann McCarthy

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