

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

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

LIFE



“I will lay down my life
for the sheep.”

JOHN 10:15

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 April 26
 †8:00 **Raymond Murdough** by the Family
Tues April 27
 †8:00 **Harold Blair** by Kevin & Debbie Rose
Wed April 28
 †5:30 **Thomas Dutton** by Julia Dutton
Thurs April 29
 †8:00 **Barbara Quadrini** by her husband
Fri April 30
 †8:00 **Warren & Albina King** by the Eastman Family
Sat May 1
 †8:00 **Dr. & Mrs. James J. Carroll** by Jane Carroll
 †4:00 **Rob Brewer** by his wife Barbara
Sun May 2
 †9:30 **Helen Dubriel** by Pat Chabot
 †11:15 **Martha Getty** by Lou & Sally LaBarre

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sat May 1
 4:00 *Pro Populo*
Sun May 2
 †8:00 **The repose of the souls of Blanche and her husband** by Blanche L. Day

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

St. Joseph Church

Sun May 2
 †9:00 **Erin Breault** by Norman & Mary

† FUNERALS AND BURIALS

Prayers are requested for the souls of **Shirley Turcotte, Robert Malila & Joyce Thompson**. We thank God for the gifts of their lives and pray they are now at peace.

PARISH SUPPORT

PHS: April 18: \$6,650.00
Online Giving: \$1,000.00
Mailed in 4/10—4/16: \$3,375.14
Mailed in Easter: \$700.00
Total: \$11,725.14
 Weekly Offertory Needed: \$13,500.00



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MQP: April 18: \$501.00
 Weekly Offertory Needed: \$1,600.00

BAPTISM

We welcomed **Gabriel Thomas Rouleau** and **Dominick Joseph Siejkowski** into the Catholic Church by the sacrament of baptism on April 18th. Please remember them in your prayers.



EASTER FLOWERS: In loving Memory of...

William Roche, Cynthia & Edward Goodenow, Edward & Lillian Roche and Coralynn Casineau by Debbie



Hello Everyone,

I hope this message finds you all doing very well and enjoying the changing of seasons. I am writing to give you a brief update on some of the work we are doing in the parish and specifically at Saint Margaret Mary's. As you are all aware, several months ago (nearly a year, at this point) we found ourselves in the position of restructuring Mass times and locations in the parish. There were hard decisions that had to be made with reconfiguring Masses and moving forward, as the Catholic community in southwest NH. At the time, I expressed a commitment that we were going to make to Saint Margaret Mary, which included continuing two Masses on that site per week. It also included investing in the property. At the time, I expressed an 'investment' we were making to this location, both spiritually and physically. One of the responses to this came from our own Knights of Columbus Council who offered \$15,000, with the challenge of it being matched by you parishioners. This was met and exceeded, and we have put all of this to good use. Of course, the work to be done far exceeds what we raised, but the intention was never to make this a fundraiser *per se*. It was more a donation from the Knights, with the offer to have it matched, to help 'get the ball rolling,' for which I am extremely grateful.

To date some of the work we have done at Saint Margaret Mary's includes, outdoor work, such as, repairing the parking lot drainage, removal of the old bell tower, felling of trees around the perimeter of the property and cleaning of shrubs and overgrowth. We have also taken a look in the rectory. There is a lot of work to be done there. Our goal is to convert the rectory into what is being called "Cenacle House." Cenacle House will be a place for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to expand and develop as well as a place for small "day retreats". It will house a small parish library and meeting space for prayer groups. This space will be designed and intended as a place of prayer and spiritual nourishment, more than administrative meetings. As more details emerge, I will share them.

My hope is to do the work of Cenacle House with the help of volunteer work groups we will form, with the goal of keeping costs down as much as possible. To date, we have had the building evaluated for mold and it is moderate to severe in some places. We are in the process of bringing in a mold remediation service to clean out the building. Once we do that, we will be ready to move forward with interior work of the rectory. We are also preparing for the major roof repairs of Saint Margaret Mary Church roof and the rectory garage roof.

With the handing over of the Clairvaux building (our offices are still there for the time being) we have a need for valuable meeting space in the parish. Cenacle House is part of the answer. We are also building "St Joseph's Garden" behind the rectory garage of St Bernard's. This will be an outdoor meeting space to be used by various parish groups and the school. In the weeks to come, I will be outlining and presenting to you the proposal for the office move/parish rectory renovation at St Bernard's. This is a major project we must undertake, but one I am very excited about as well.

As you can see, there is as much going on in the parish as ever. Much of what I described is of a temporal nature but it all points to and serves a deeper spiritual renewal taking place in our parish. I am so grateful for your generosity and faithful enthusiasm, I look forward to the months to come. God bless. Fr Alan



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

† Saturday May 1, 2021
† St. Bernard's Church
† Mass in honor of St. Joseph begins at 8:00 AM, followed by the consecration.



YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday we will see Jesus offer some Indescribable Compassion with the sixth episode of *The Chosen*. Next Sunday we will be graced with inspiration from a bold woman from Italy, St. Catherine of Siena.

Upcoming Youth Nights

- 4/25 Indescribable Compassion
- 5/2 St. Catherine of Siena
- 5/16 St. Joan of Arc
- 5/23 Invitations

Spring Craft Fair Saturday, May 8, 2021 | 9:00am—2:00pm

Join us on Mother's Day weekend to shop outdoors from more than 40 great local New England craft vendors. We will also have baked goods for sale and a raffle of items from all vendors, plus the Knights of Columbus will have lunch items available for purchase.

COVID precautions will be in place with extra spacing, face masks required of all vendors and shoppers, and hand sanitizing stations readily available.



Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, May 8 -- 9am-2pm
Outdoors at St. Joseph Regional School
92 Wilson Street, Keene, NH



Stories

Over the last eight to ten years, I have been blessed to present the annual "Mass Talk" in the Southwest New Hampshire Region for Catholic Charities. Each year, there is at least one or two stories to share about how individuals and/or families have been able to "move their lives forward" due to the financial support, training, and encouragement provided by its dedicated personnel. One of the key elements of their program is having clients put together a life plan to achieve their goal of being self-sufficient. As a deacon, I have been blessed to meet many Catholic Charities employees throughout the state and to learn of the good work they are doing. It was a great pleasure to assist Sister Kathleen Haight in her many activities in our local Monadnock Region Catholic Charities office up until her retirement last year and we thank her for all her good work.

This is a major fund raising event for this organization. My wife Noreen and I have been supporters of Catholic Charities for many years due to our knowledge of all the good services they provide. We are also pleased to know that 93 cents of each dollar we contribute goes to providing the needed services. For a nonprofit organization, they are good stewards of our donations by only using 7 cents of each donated dollar for their overhead expenses. As compared to other nonprofits, this is a great achievement.

To learn more about Catholic Charities and their services, please visit their website: www.cc-nh.org. They also accept online donations on this site.

"Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

Deacon Ken



WINGS 2021 SPRING SESSION *Spiritual Needs of the People*

Welcome to WINGS: Men and women are invited. The program will be beneficial to all, and the six priests will be presenting meaningful information. **NEW:** We will not be able to provide food and drinks, but you may bring your own. All participants are required to wear face masks. We thank you for your co-operation and will see you April 22nd.

April 22, 2021: Fr. Britto Adakalam, *Encounter Christ in the Scriptures*

April 29, 2021: Fr. Greg Markey, *Live the Commandments*

May 6, 2021: Fr. Charles DiMascola, *Getting Ready: God Wants Everyone to be Saved*

May 13, 2021: Fr. Ryan Sliva, *Psalms—The Poetry of God: the Armor of the Saints*

May 20, 2021: Fr. Donald Noiseux, *Jesus Christ: the Way, Truth, and the Life*

May 27, 2021: Fr. Alan Tremblay, *Prayer Deepens Your Relationship with God*

PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Clairvaux Center, 161 Main Street, Keene
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00am-8:00pm; Sunday 3-6.
St. Margaret Mary Church, 33 Arch Street, Keene
First Friday of every month 9:00am-3:00pm

WINGS: April 22—May 27

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 Shawls group meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. **The next meeting is April 22nd at 9:00 AM.**

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 **May 3, 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.** The next meeting is **May 11th.**

THE LADIES OF ST. ANNE: UPDATE We will be having our next meeting on Wednesday, **June 16th at 4:00PM** in St. Bernard's Parish Hall. We will then attend the 5:30PM Mass, in remembrance of Gertrude Duffy. Plans for a celebration in honor of St. Anne will be finalized. As we can not provide food or beverage, please bring a snack and drink if you wish. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Call Jean Girard at 355-8831 with any questions.

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: Monthly clean up **April 24th** starting at **9AM.** 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).



Saint Catherine of Siena
April 29th

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time. She was the 23rd child of Jacopo

and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared copatrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Reflection

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-catherine-of-siena>



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WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

SUN 4/25	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
MON 4/26	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
TUES 4/27	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
WED 4/28	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
THR 4/29	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
FRI 4/30	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
SAT 5/1	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
SUN 5/2	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Thursday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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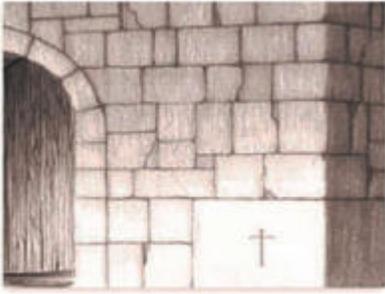


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Gospel Meditation

Any builder worth his salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are

necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

“Be who you are called to be and you will set the world ablaze!”

—St. Catherine of Siena

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