

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

May 9, 2021



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

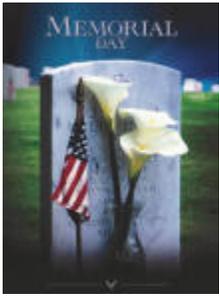
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM
Confession: Sat: 3:00-3:30PM

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



Monday May 31st
Memorial Day Mass
St. Joseph's Cemetery
8:00 AM

**Weather Permitting*

MASS INTENTIONS
PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. Bernard Church

Mon May 10
†8:00 Raymond Murdough by the Family
Tues May 11
8:00 Caroline Desrosiers by St. Vincent de Paul
Wed May 12
5:30 Michelle Reil
Thurs May 13
†8:00 Helen Hosking by Stephanie & Ev Hosking
Fri May 14
8:00 Amarette Cunnings
†9:30 Deceased Members of the Holman, Houston, & Murbright Families
Sat May 15
8:00 The Residents of Keene Center by Anna Perkins
†4:00 Bob Delisle by Cathy Antoncic
Sun May 16
†9:30 Robert Brosseau by Lou & Sally LaBarre
11:15 Pro Populo

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sat May 15
†4:00 The Members of the Family of Mr. and Mrs. Anselme Lambert by Miss Cora Lambert
Sun May 16
†8:00 Alice & Leo Rose by Debbie & Kevin Rose

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

St. Joseph Church

Sun May 16
†9:00 Alex Bolden, 58th Anniversary by Nancy & Walter



"New Life"

*"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
 (Matthew 28:19)*

Recently I have had the pleasure of participating in and/or celebrating a number of Baptisms. During the Easter Vigil this year, Kelly and Nate were welcomed into our community through the sacrament of Baptism. We have also welcomed several children during Mass or a private ceremony in the past month.

Our Catechism teaches us that Baptism gives a person a birth into new life. The effects of this sacrament include: delivery from all sins (Original and personal), reception of the grace of divine adoption, being made a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit, initiation into the Church, and being made a sharer of Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king" (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, p. 197). Before a Baptism take place, I schedule a meeting with the parents of the children who are being baptized to review these concepts with them to insure an understanding of the actions that take place during the sacrament and to answer any questions that they might have.

"After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him" (Matthew 3:16).

Welcome to these new members of our Church.

Deacon Ken



Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, godmothers, and mother figures in our lives! We appreciate the ways you guide and nurture us!

The youth group will next meet next Sunday (5/16) for a night about St. Joan of Arc.

Upcoming Youth Nights:

5/16 St. Joan of Arc

5/23 Invitations

6/6 Senior Night



Sanctuary Candle

St. Bernard Church
Joseph Pellegrino

Congratulations on your First Communion

St. Joseph Church
Frank Amarosa Jr. by the Family

† FUNERALS AND BURIALS

Prayers are requested for the souls of **Rusty Ball**, **Andrea Turner** and **Barbara Dunn**. We thank God for the gifts of their lives and pray they are now at peace.

BAPTISM

We welcomed **Benjamin James Avery** on May 1st into the Catholic Church by the sacrament of baptism. Please remember him in your prayers.



The Parish Book Club will be starting a new book on **Thursday, May 27th**. The new book will be *Gaze Upon Jesus - Experiencing Christ's Childhood through the Eyes of Women*, by Kelly M. Wahlquist. We meet every Thursday at **10:00 am** via zoom, and welcome all who would like to join us. If interested, please contact Anne Farrington at farrington.anne@yahoo.com or **201-213-2334**.

PARISH SUPPORT

PHS: May 2: \$8,937.91
Online Giving: \$1,000.00
Mailed in 4/24—4/30: \$2,584.03
Total: \$12,521.94
 Weekly Offertory Needed: \$13,500.00



MQP: May 2: \$838.00
Mailed in 4/24—4/30: \$0.00
 Weekly Offertory Needed: \$1,600.00

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love for life

"...love for life did not deter them from death; so rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell therein."

REVELATION 12 : 11b - 12a



Dear Friends of Parish of the Holy Spirit and Mary, Queen of Peace Parish,

Fr. Alan has asked me to write a letter of introduction for the **Love for Life** mission in the parish. This is not a particular ministry by one group, but as it unfolds, will be a core work of the heart of the parish community, affecting many ministries. Since coming to this parish, Fr. Alan has hoped to foster, cultivate and nurture a culture of life in every aspect of his ministry... and in every aspect of our own ministry as priest, prophet and king in our identities as baptized lay persons in Jesus' Body. This means a beautiful coordination and collaboration of people, groups, families and organizations to truly live the message and the vision of Christ's gospel, for every person, from the beginning stages of life, to the end stages of life. There has been a collaboration of parish and school staffs with community organizations to provide us with a list of needs for maternity homes, nursing homes, homes to serve the disabled, organizations to support the disabled, homeless shelters, communities to treat addictions, and ministries to provide resources for local women and families who find themselves in need of support during pregnancy and birth.

This parish proves over and over again that it truly desires to love and serve its neighbors and each other in so many ways. Recently, we have had a clear example of the "heart" of this parish when St. Joseph's in Hinsdale asked everyone to join them in their celebration of St. Joseph's Table. There was an abundant outpouring of love and support and everyone involved in the organization, giving, and distribution were edified and excited by the generosity and love shown by so many.

Beginning the weekend of Mother's Day... and each week continuing through Father's Day, Fr. Alan will present his vision for **Love for Life**. Fr. Alan will share his hopes with you each week and the bulletin will be filled with information to help roll the plan out. As the information is presented, please contact me with any questions, ideas or hopes to participate. The parish, St. Joseph's School and Our Lady of Mercy Academy have already collaborated in initiating this work in the parish.

It is an exciting vision and I hope that you are all looking forward to hearing about it and learning the many ways that you can participate. Please feel free to write to me with thoughts and ideas because we are planning this mission based on "real need" rather than coming up with ideas and agendas to "get done".

I am looking forward to coming together and sharing the generosity and love that is seen in the true charity within this parish.

Cheryl Mihaly
cheryl.mihaly24@gmail.com

Hello Everyone,

I remember one particular evening, when I first arrived in Keene. I was sitting in the rectory chapel praying, while also taking in the various sounds all around the parish property. It was mid to late August and the Keene State students were all returning. Main Street was bustling and this evening was especially lively. I remember being struck by everything that was going on outside, all around me, in every direction. I remember feeling like I was in the middle of it all, along with Jesus in the Eucharist. If one could remove all the walls, what a strange sight that would be. From having college students spilling out of bars and dorm rooms, locals leaving restaurants, Harley Davidson motorcycles roaring by and even a few of the city's homeless passing by in front of the rectory; in the middle of all of it is Jesus. I remember thinking "I don't ever want the parish to be walled up from all of this". I don't want the church to be a bunker in the midst of the city. Some of you may remember me telling this story. It has never left me. I have sought out ways to integrate the life of the parish with service to the community. From our involvement with 100 Nights, opening our doors to the Red Cross and a Scouting BSA troop. But there was still a greater desire.

I have also had a desire to revitalize our parish pro-life ministry. For me pro-life ministry always means caring, not only for the unborn, but also mothers, fathers and many other demographics. Our pro life Mass intentions always say "from conception to natural death." This is what I want us to be about in pro life ministry. From the newest, most vulnerable lives (the unborn babies) to people with special needs, the homeless and of course our elderly population, especially those homebound and in nursing homes. My desire not to wall our parish off from the greater Keene community soon merged with the desire to foster a renewed pro life ministry. It wasn't until we hired Cheryl Mihaly as a parish liaison (someone who could foster greater relationship between the parish the schools and the community) that we finally had all the pieces necessary to more fully initiate a pro life work that serves from 'conception until natural death.' I have asked Cheryl to initiate much of this work and she has been doing a great job. She has written an introduction to this work, in this bulletin.

Through what we are calling "Love for Life," The Parish of the Holy Spirit and Mary, Queen of Peace Parish are embarking on a truly pro life orientation that will foster faithful and positive service to the most vulnerable in our communities, while enlivening the faithful of the parish, through generous and life-affirming endeavors. 'Love for Life' is driven by the Holy Spirit and will nurture and inspire those who commit to this good work, in the various forms it will take. In the weeks to come, I will be speaking and preaching, in more detail, about the positively pro life orientation we are moving our parish into. Please pray for this work and listen for ways to get involved, as we unveil this beautiful work.

Fr. Alan

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 at 9:00 AM except when WINGS has a session and then it is 10:00 AM. *We need boy baby blankets.*

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).



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Need help with Spring Yard clean up?

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or Jim Plante 603-336-0025

† St. Vincent de Paul Dear Friends,



Without a doubt, members of Parish of the Holy Spirit are the most generous people on earth! Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. As a result of your thoughtfulness the pantry is fully stocked! At this time there is so much food in the Keene community with schools providing two meals a day, USDA monthly distributions and monthly disbursements from the NH Food Bank, in addition to all the stimulus monies that people have access to, we are experiencing fewer clients being served by our pantry. We know this will change in the fall when those resources are no longer available. Please hold off food donations for now. We need to give out our present inventory and will let you know when supplies get low. Again, we could not do what we do without your support.

God Bless You,

Liz Sayre, President St. Vincent de Paul Society of Keene



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.

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*



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against
the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince
of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about
the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

- SUN 5/09** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- MON 5/10** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- TUE 5/11** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- WED 5/12** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- THR 5/13** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- FRI 5/14** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- SAT 5/15** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- SUN 5/16** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday:** St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Wednesday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]; Our Lady of Fatima
- Friday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Saturday:** St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.



Love
one
another

— JOHN 15:17 —



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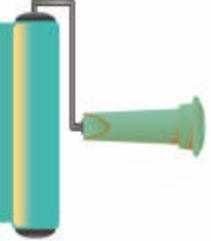


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Gospel Meditation

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships.

They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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