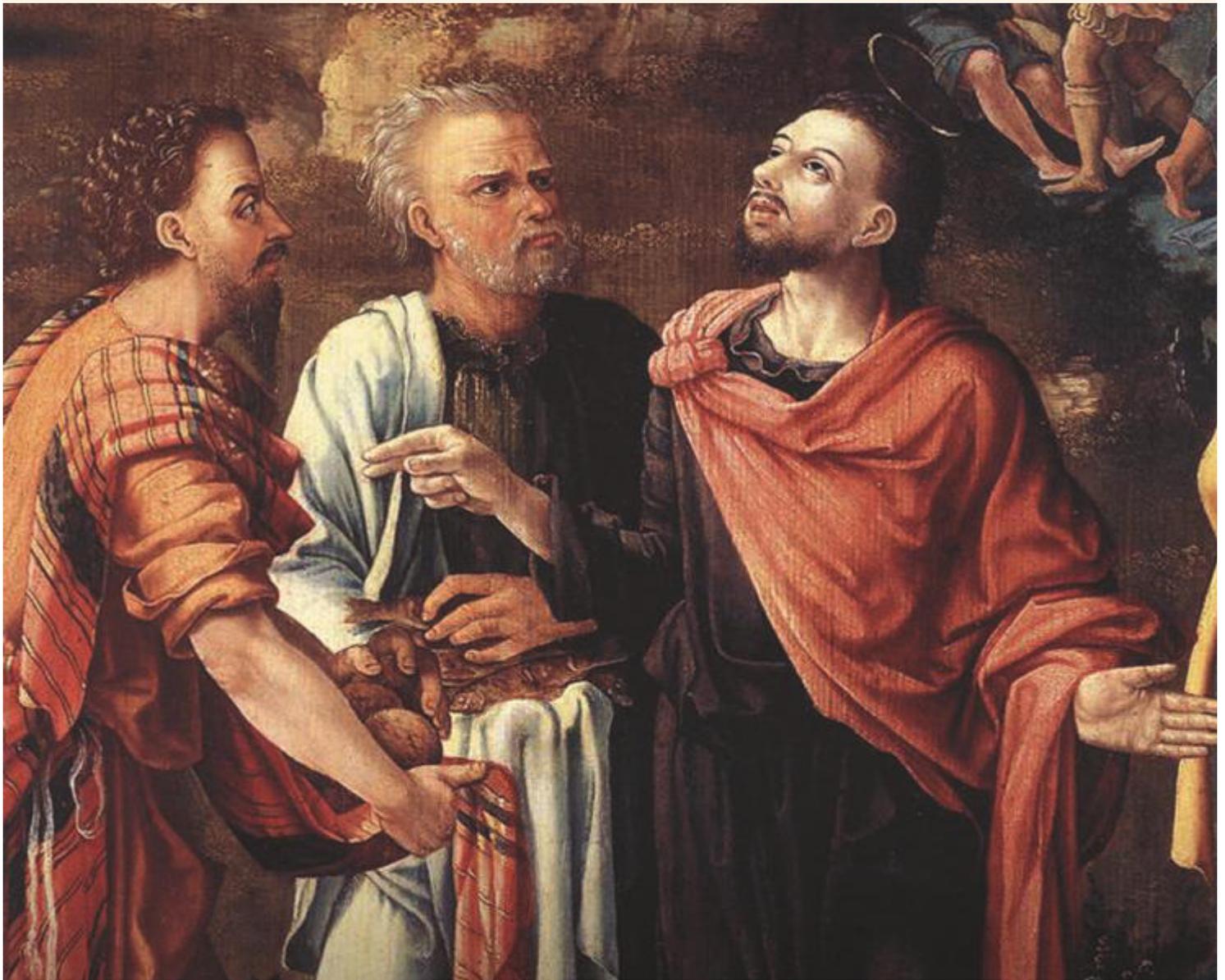


PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

Aug 1, 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

Office will be **closed** the first week of August (Aug 1-5)

Summer Office Hours 9:00AM—3:00PM Mon-Thurs

Office Closed **FRIDAYS** through August 27th

MASS INTENTIONS

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. Bernard Church

Mon August 2
†8:00 **Bill Houle Sr.** by Ginny Houle
Tues August 3
†8:00 **Frederick Lafond** by Knights of Columbus, Council 819
Wed August 4
†5:30 **John Perkins**, 100th Birthday remembrance by his Family
Thurs August 5
†8:00 **Edward Fontaine** by The Family
Fri August 6
†8:00 **Dale Pregent** by Janet Lincoln and Family
†5:30 **Nylene Howell** by her grandchildren
Sat August 7
8:00 the marriage of **Benjamin Chasse & Kayse Griffith** by Mark & Kim Chasse
†4:00 **Scott Ball** by The Family
Sun August 8
†9:30 **Red Courchene** by Diane Courchene Bacon
†11:15 **Paul Girard** by his parents
St. Margaret Mary Church
Sat August 7
†4:00 **James Plifka**, birthday remembrance by Betty Plifka
Sun August 8
†8:00 **Larry Foley** by Mark & Mary Armstrong

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

St. Joseph Church

Wed August 4
†9:00 **Henry Hagemann** by Anna Marie Turco
Sun August 8
9:00 **Pro Populo**

† FUNERALS AND BURIALS

Prayers are requested for the souls of **Richard & Shirley Dutrisac**. We thank God for the gift of their lives and pray they are now at peace.

GIFT OR PRESENT

It's hard missing someone close to you when special dates come along (birthday or anniversary). Did you ever think that having a Mass or Sanctuary light burn for them as a gift from you? The office can help you celebrate these special occasions by calling 352-3525. Donation of ten dollars is suggested for a Mass and Sanctuary light.

PARISH SUPPORT

PHS: July 25: \$8,008.08
Fuel: \$2,500.00
Online Giving: \$1,000.00
Mailed in 7/16—7/22: \$925.00
Total: \$12,433.08
Weekly Offertory Needed: \$13,500.00

MQP: July 25: \$524.00
Fuel: \$337.00
Total: \$861.00
Weekly Offertory Needed: \$1,000.00



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Deacon's Corner



“Anointing of the Sick, a Sacrament of Healing”

In my ministry as a deacon I often hear from someone who has lost a family member and they are distressed because the deceased did not receive the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament. The reason that this often occurs is that people think they have to wait until a person is literally on death's doorstep before they can request this Sacrament. We never truly know when death will occur, so there is no need to wait. As a matter of fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no.1514) tells us that “this is **not** a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive this Sacrament has already arrived.”

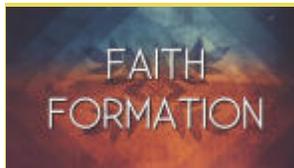
Several points to consider:

- This Sacrament may be repeated,
- Anointing can take place before a surgery,
- It is appropriate for someone in a weak condition, including children,
- Its purpose is to provide both physical and spiritual healing,
- Each year the bishop distributes the anointing of the sick holy oil to churches throughout his diocese.
- The bishop or priest is the minister of this Sacrament, and
- For a person about to depart this world, it is combined with the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist (Viaticum) to prepare him/her for the final journey home to the Lord.

Due to privacy issues, this Sacrament needs to be requested by the faithful person or a member of his/her family. Call our parish office when the situation to receive this Sacrament occurs or if you have any questions about the applicability of this Sacrament.

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the priests of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven” (Jas 5:14-15).

Deacon Ken



Faith Formation 2021-2022

We have begun planning for our faith formation classes for grades 1-8 beginning in the fall. We hope to offer in person classes again, but are in desperate need of teachers and assistants. We will not be registering children until we have enough volunteers to help. Please **consider volunteering** your time to spend an hour a week sharing the faith with the young people of our church.

Contact Heather Carlson at faithformationswnh@gmail.com or 207-217-7041 with questions or to sign up to help.

Dear family in Christ,

I am excited to share with you that on August 22, the feast of the Queenship of Mary, I will be entering the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI. As I have grown up in this Parish, and St. Bernard's has become such an important part of my life, Fr. Alan has asked that I share with you a little of my vocational journey.



My vocational discernment has been long and somewhat arduous at times, but it is a story marked by God's great patience, fidelity, and generosity. One of the earliest catalysts in the growth of my faith that I can recall is attending Steubenville East in high school as part of my Confirmation preparation, where I encountered our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration for the first time. My faith deepened again two years later when I traveled to Australia with our Parish – and hundreds of thousands of other young Catholics from around the world – for World Youth Day. It was there where I remember first encountering a young religious sister. She was fully alive and on fire for the Catholic faith, and I was captivated by her joy. I placed the thought aside as I headed off to college, but it remained a question mark that never quite left me, and it rose to the surface again years later in graduate school when I experienced a sudden and overwhelming longing to become a religious sister after receiving the Holy Eucharist at Mass. This desire stayed with me as I entered the workforce as a speech-language pathologist, and almost two years later, I experienced Jesus inviting me to bind myself totally to Him through religious life. A couple more years went by as I whittled away my substantial student loans and continued to discern with help from my spiritual director, but I found myself grasping to figure out where God was calling me and feeling discouraged by my lack of momentum. It was not until Fr. Alan counseled me to entrust my vocation to Mary and encouraged me to pray the Memorare (attributed to none other than St. Bernard himself) daily for her intercession that my discernment really started to move – Our Lady made it clear I was to follow the signposts to the Dominican Sisters of Mary, and doors began to fly open! It was also around this time when I was given some of the greatest discernment advice I have ever received: “Your vocation is not a puzzle to solve; it is a gift to unwrap.” I was humbly reminded that I am not God and my job is not to “figure it out” by myself, but to be open and respond to His invitations. And it was in allowing God to unfold my vocation in His own time that He was able to provide me with the graces I needed to surrender and trust as I walked through each new door He opened.

I would be remiss to not also add a note of encouragement here to anyone else in our Parish who might be discerning a religious vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. I recognize that religious vocations, especially to the religious life, are not often visible in New England – it took me flying half-way around the world to witness the beauty and joy of a religious sister! I say this because it can feel scary to consider pursuing a religious vocation in a world in which making a total gift of self to God is becoming more and more counter-cultural. But, do not be afraid! God alone knows how your heart was made to love and be loved, and He wants nothing less than to fulfill your heart's every desire. He has great plans for you, and I promise that His plans are infinitely better than anything you might have dreamt up on your own! And parents – do not be afraid to surrender your own plans for your children. God promises to multiply our gifts a hundredfold, and there is no greater gift you can give than your son or daughter. God can never be outdone in generosity!

As I prepare to walk through this next door, I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I have felt your support and relied on your prayers so many times throughout my discernment journey, and I am so grateful for the gift of your presence in my life. St. Bernard's has become my second home, and I will be bringing each of you with me to Ann Arbor. I ask that you please continue to pray for me (and my family!) as I take this next step in my discernment. Know that I will be keeping each of you close to my heart and lifting you up in prayer. May God bless you and this Parish abundantly!

With love and gratitude,
Heather Sykes

Knights of Columbus

Did you know the Knights of Columbus began in Keene in 1904, striving to serve the needs of our parish and those in need for the better of our community.



Our mission is to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parishes, at work and in their communities. Since its inception in 1882, the Knights of Columbus of today strive to follow in the footsteps of our founder, the Blessed Michael McGivney. Our Order is based on the principles of Faith, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism which serve as the basis of the Order's core values.

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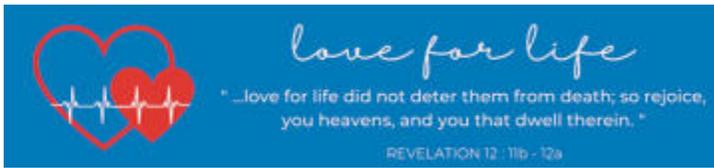
If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as a Knight please visit kofc.org/joinus to sign up today.

What is The St. Anne's Society?

St. Anne Society is a Catholic group for women. Anne means "grace". St. Anne is the mother of Mary, who is the mother of Jesus. St. Anne is the patroness of mothers, women, widows, sailors, poor schools, and Christians. The St. Anne's Society was founded in 1881 by Anna Wick as the St. Anne's Mother's Society.

The purpose of this society is to provide an opportunity for families to assist parish programs, to be involved in spiritual and educational aspects of life. The Ladies of St. Anne are women blessed with the gift of motherhood to fulfill their vocation with the humility, dignity and love of St. Anne. The objective of the Sodality is to encourage and preserve honor and devotion to St. Anne, as well as to enrich the life of each Sodality member through devotional and charitable works.

Next week, learn about the Parish of the Holy Spirit St. Anne Society.



Greetings to the Parish!

I am excited to write this bulletin update to share the great news about our parish! Our second **Love for Life Sunday** revealed the beautiful gift of charity in this parish. As we were sitting down to open the envelopes and inventory the gifts, we were filled with awe at the outpouring of generosity. Each organization received something and we also received general gifts of money to apply to “the needy” as one parishioner labeled her envelope.

As I report the amounts delivered to each organization up to this point (including both **Love for Life Sundays**), I also want to share that a number of families helped by shopping with the monetary donations and purchasing wish list items for Crotched Mountain children.

People are now volunteering to become contact persons to deliver your gifts to the organizations, purchase items on wish lists, bring bouquets of flowers and cards to the nursing homes and offer their time to show others in the community that they matter and that we care about them. I will share the words and the thank-yous with you as I collect them.

Love for Life is continuing to build on the personal relationships within our community. Each encounter... face to face... phone call to phone call...and visits bearing gifts... reveals God’s Love personally in small as well as generous ways.

Your charity blesses each one of us as well as those you have chosen to give to.

Here is the list of the gifts each organization has received from you to date:

Special Olympics	\$670.00
KHS United Sports	\$285.00
100 Nights Shelter	\$635.00
Keene Pregnancy Resource	\$2,445
Visitation House	\$315.00
St. Gianna Place	\$1,645.00
Cenacolo	\$75.00
Crotched Mountain	\$375.00
Tuition Assistance	\$1,350.00
Monetary Gifts	\$1,544.00

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The monetary gifts will go to specific needs on wish lists.

Here is what families purchased for the students at Crotched Mountain with your monetary donations:



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Sign up by **August 1st** and receive 50% off your first two follow up sessions!

“Act and God will act.”

—St. Joan of Arc



Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign celebrated July 19-25. The Diocese of Manchester joins with the U.S. bishops in highlighting the benefits of Natural Family Planning as ethical methods to help married couples live God’s design for their marriages.

Visit Catholicnh.org for more information.

PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

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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

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 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 could use Miraculous Medals and rosaries. **We will not be meeting during July and August.**

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: NEW DATE Next meeting **September 13, 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 **August 10th.**

THE LADIES OF ST. ANNE: Celebration of the feast of St. Anne will be held on Saturday, **July 24th.** We will attend the 4 o'clock Mass at St. Bernard's followed by our Christmas turkey dinner at the Pub. Hope to see everyone there. Please call Jean Girard at 355-8831 with any questions. Peace to each and everyone.

MARIE RIVIER ASSOCIATION (MRA): Starting September 14th, we will meet from 6:30-8:00 in St. Bernard's parish hall every second Tuesday of the month. We will be studying Pope Francis' encyclical on *Fraternity and Social Friendship*. If you are interested in learning about the Marie Rivier Association in Keene, call Ginny Houle-Ryder at 352-1152 (leave a message).

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH MAINTENANCE: NEW DATE Monthly clean up **August 28th** 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).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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August 13, 2021-August 15, 2021

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer is pleased to host a retreat on "The Book of Revelation" by Rev. Dominique Faure.

Fr. Dominique is chaplain of Catholic Discipleship College in the diocese of Auckland, New Zealand, and is a member of a newly founded religious community: VERBUM SPEI (word of hope).

Father oversees the spiritual formation for the Missionaries of Charity worldwide. Fr. Dominique also teaches and preaches around the world offering various forms of retreats, conferences, and seminars to lay people as well as religious, priest and bishops.

Twice a year, on the island of Patmos, where St. John received the book of revelation, Father preaches retreats on the Apocalypse; he offers a profound teaching in a way you have never heard before.

Please contact Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer for reservations. \$20.00/ person /day.

May Our Lady of Ephesus Keep You in Her Care

Readings for the week of Aug 1 2021



Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-5

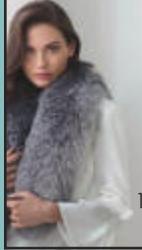
Mary Queen of Peace, Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, **September 12th** at the Hinsdale Heritage Park. Food will be served at **12:30**. If you would like to bring a dish or a desert, reach out to **Maurice Russo at 603-239-4332**, or **Ed Girroir at 603-336-7256**. There will also be a sign up sheet at the back of the St. Joseph church.



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Gospel Meditation

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes



limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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