

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

*Aug 8, 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

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

Office Closed **FRIDAYS** through August 27<sup>th</sup>

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

**St. Bernard Church**

- Mon August 9**  
 †8:00 **Lionel Fontaine** by the Family
- Tues August 10**  
 †8:00 **Carol Brassard**, 82nd Birthday Remembrance by Toni Paoletti
- Wed August 11**  
 †5:30 **Polly & Rita Houle** by Paula Gallagher
- Thurs August 12**  
 8:00 **Adrien Villela** by Mark & Kim Chasse
- Fri August 13**  
 †8:00 **Deceased Members of the Holman, Houston, & Murbright Families**
- Sat August 14**  
 8:00 **All women in crisis pregnancies & their unborn children** by Knights of Columbus, Council 819
- †4:00 **Maria Teresa Andreu** by her daughter and grandson and Family
- Sun August 15**  
 †9:30 **John Leavy** by Liz & Walt Sayre  
 †11:15 **William G. and Geraldine A. Zimmerman** by the Family

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

- Sat August 14**  
 †4:00 **Robert Valenti** by the Gasparik Family
- Sun August 15**  
 8:00 **Pro Populo**

**MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH**

**St. Joseph Church**

- Wed August 11**  
 †9:00 **Sophia Lipinski**
- Sun August 15**  
 †9:00 **Shirley Hildreth** by Gussie & Mary

**† FUNERALS AND BURIALS**

Prayers are requested for the souls of **Hazel Chard** and **Patricia Ann Toutloff**. We thank God for the gift of their lives and pray they are now at peace.

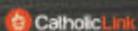
**BAPTISM**

We welcomed **Hudson Manuel Kenneth Favreau, Royal Fang Nuru, Ronny Faareh Nuru, and Melanie Saama Nuru** into the Catholic Church by the sacrament of baptism. Please remember them in your prayers.



"The deeper one is drawn into God,  
 the more one must 'go out of oneself';  
 that is, one must go to the world in  
 order to carry the divine life into it."

- St. Teresa Benedicta  
 Feast Day August 9<sup>th</sup>



**Deacon's Corner**



**"Songs"**

We use songs to worship the Lord and also to listen to his holy words. It recently struck me how songs can bring us closer to the Lord. In addition to our traditional Mass songs, in recent years I have been exposed to a variety of Christian songs in the following ways: Steubenville East Youth Conferences, NH SoulFests 3 Days of Music, Christian Musicals (e.g. Jesus Christ Superstar), Sirius Radio The Message Channel 63 Contemporary Christian Music, and Christian Movies that I have shown at the Cheshire County House of Corrections.

When I taught Religion for the Middle School students at Saint Joseph Regional School, I would begin each class by playing a Christian song. I would then ask each student to share which verse of the song stood out to him/her. It was always interesting to hear how the song spoke to them. I used CDs and accessed songs on YouTube for this exercise. I would get many requests from students to play a song they particularly liked. Often a grade would identify with a particular song. As a learning strategy, music is a great way to memorize and retain a particular message.

I often purchase movies for the residents of the Cheshire House of Corrections based upon their requests. One of the first movies that I purchased for them years ago was "I can only Imagine." It introduced me to the Christian band Mercy Me. Another movie "I Still Believe" about the life of Christian songwriter Jeremy Camp is also popular with the residents there. Often, during my visits, someone will tell me that he/she enjoyed the movie I showed last week and that he/she can't get the song from the movie out of his/her head. I think we have all experienced how a song can continue to play in our heads and to get us thinking about things in life.

Christian songwriters often build songs from a verse in the bible and share how it has impacted his/her life. If you have not listened to a Christian song recently outside of Mass, I suggest that you do so. It is a good way to bring us together to listen to, worship the Lord, and count our blessings.

*"Sing a new song to the Lord for he has done marvelous deeds (Psalm 98:1)."*

Deacon Ken

P.S. Let me know what your favorite song is (swymerken@gmail.com). Thanks also to the musicians and singers who contribute to our worship during Mass at Parish of the Holy Spirit and Mary Queen of Peace Parish.

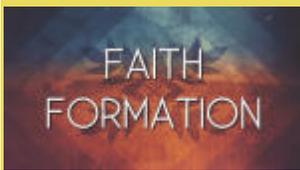
**PARISH SUPPORT**

**PHS:** Aug 1: \$TBA  
 Online Giving: \$1,000.00  
 Mailed in 7/23—7/29: \$1,670.00  
 Total: \$2,670.00  
 Weekly Offertory Needed: \$13,500.00



**MQP:** Aug 1: \$TBA  
 Mailed in 7/23—7/29: \$60.00  
 Total: \$60.00  
 Weekly Offertory Needed: \$1,000.00

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### 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](mailto:faithformationswnh@gmail.com) or 207-217-7041 with questions or to sign up to help.

### 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.

Today, in New Hampshire we have 16 districts, comprising 73 councils with 6,900 members.

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as a Knight please visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://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.

Mary Queen of Peace, Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.



### HELP WANTED! Bereavement Luncheon Ministry



"Bereavement Luncheon" ministry is an outreach ministry to families who have experienced a loss. The ministry consists of five teams (approx. 20 persons per team) that provide a light lunch for a family after a funeral service. This light lunch consists of finger sandwiches, salads, desserts, and refreshments.

We are always in need of more volunteers to work on teams. If you cannot join a team, but would like to be on a substitute list please let us know. We can also use help with set-up or clean-up.

You do not need to be at each luncheon, you can drop off your donation that morning at the appropriate Church building where the luncheon will be held.

If this outreach ministry is something you would like to be involved with, please let us know. If you would like to make finger sandwiches (egg, tuna, chicken or deli) or a salad (potato, coleslaw, pasta) or a finger dessert (brownies, cookies or other finger dessert) please contact **Kim Dwyer, (203) 314-7715**.



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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*

love for life

"...love for life did not deter them from death..."



As I spent time this week delivering all the gifts given through our **Love for Life** collection, I found myself constantly wondering how to share the responses of those receiving the gifts. I could copy and paste from emails... or quote what was said to me at the time of giving the gifts, but these ways of communicating to you seem too removed from the personal nature of the smiles and the tone with which they received your gifts. I am constantly aware that the reason that **Love for Life** is structured the way that it is stems from the hope that we are building relationships with real people and places within our community and within our parishes.

Over and over again I see the faces of those receiving your gifts and I can see that there is a personal experience of the generosity of each one you who gave to the people they serve. Here are only a few examples:

Nicole Wood, Administrative Assistant at 100 Nights wrote: "The Parish has been so good to us and we could not be more grateful!" She wrote to us by email stating that she hoped to meet us in person to drop off our gifts rather than mail them. She graciously gave us a tour and was eager to tell us how they have met the challenges and demands over COVID for those who need shelter there.

When I emailed the pictures of the balls and gifts we purchased for the children at Crotched Mountain, Patti Leccese (who provides the wish lists for the children), wrote: "Oh my goodness... this is AMAZING... thank you!" When I delivered the balls and toys, she told me how these would be used while also sharing that new children arriving from out of state have no personal belongings or clothing at all. She was relieved in hope that we can provide some help in a very personal way by providing for their personal needs as well.

Volunteers brought flowers and cards to the nursing homes. The staff expressed their gratitude and joy to those who have volunteered to deliver the gifts.

While visiting the Pregnancy Resource Center of Keene, Evelyn Konig shared her gratitude for all of those who support and believe in the work done at the center. She wanted me to tell "everyone at the church" that she is "grateful for all of us who make it possible for this ministry to continue and she is grateful for everything that has been given." They have hopes to grow and expand their work and we can all pray and be part of that important work.

Also, I have met with Deb Ecklund who is the director of the local chapter of **40 Days for Life**. We have not fully presented this organization yet, but I will be providing information regarding the prayer vigil of **40 Days for Life** September – October. This effort relies on prayer to end abortion and usher in a culture of life. In talking to Deb, I told her about our Adoration Chapel that has existed here in our parish for 22 years and that we were hoping to provide cards in the chapel for those to write out their prayers for a culture of life to offer for Sunday Mass intentions.

**Love for Life** is essentially grounded in Loving Christ's Life. **Love for Life** issues directly from the Author of Life... Christ. We as Catholics have access to God's **LIFE** in Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in our Eucharistic Celebration of Mass and in our Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel.

Here is where I refer to Fr. Alan's appeal for Adorers for the Adoration Chapel. I heard him say that he was "begging for adorers" at Mass two weekends ago. He asked for us to sign up for hours of Adoration on the sign-up sheets. Our gifts and our witness will mean nothing if they are not centered in the Life of Christ in the Eucharist. Our unity as a community is found in our devotion to Christ's Life in the Eucharist; that is what makes us strong and unique in our giving of ourselves. Our good works and our generosity must also be given to Christ in the Eucharist first and foremost. That place of self-giving is central and essential in our **Love for Life** which is the same as saying our "**Love for Christ's Life**".

Fr. Alan is asking, the ministry leaders are asking, and I believe Christ is asking us: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40) Pope Benedict XVI speaks about relieving suffering through prayer:

*"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."*

**Please contact Diane Farina: 352-3525 x305 to sign-up for Adoration hours  
Or... email Jim and Cyndi Newcombe: [nmljen@worldpath.net](mailto:nmljen@worldpath.net) or [newcombejmj@gmail.com](mailto:newcombejmj@gmail.com)**

"...so rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell therein."

REVELATION 12 : 11b - 12a

## 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

**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 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**THE LADIES OF ST. ANNE:** Celebration of the feast of St. Anne will be held on Saturday, **July 24<sup>th</sup>.** 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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>.



### **Prayer to St. Joseph for Priests**

**H**oly Father, St. Joseph, you who listened to the holy angel who spoke to you in the night, to put your fear aside, so that you obeying his word would take the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was with Child, into your home. Show yourself as the advocate and protector of priests and bishops in these troubling times!

Father and guardian of the Child Jesus, defend them against every attack of the enemy, preserve them from the dangers that surround them on every side. Forget not Herod's threats against the Child Jesus, the anguish of the flight into Egypt by night, and the hardships of your exile. Stand by the accused; stretch out your hand to those who have fallen; comfort the fearful; forsake not the weak; and visit the lonely; admonish the tepid; bring to all, light in the darkness. Let all priests know that God has given them in you a spiritual father, a model of faith in the night, of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

You are the terror of demons and the healer of those wounded in spiritual combat. Come, then, to the defense of every priest and bishop in need; overcome evil with good. Where there are curses, put blessings, where harm has been done, do good. Let there be joy for the priests of the Church and peace for all under your powerful protection. Amen

### **Readings for the week of Aug 8, 2021**



**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/  
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
[12a]/Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/  
Jn 12:24-26

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and  
10b]/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt  
18:21—19:1

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt  
19:13-15

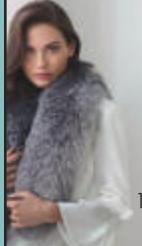
**Next Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-  
10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-  
6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



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## Gospel Meditation



The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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