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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

JANUARY 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Bernard

Mon January 10th
†8:00 **Ruth Larochelle** by Peg Morris
Tues January 11th
†8:00 **Rusty Ball** by Peg Morris
Wed January 12th
†9:30 **Ray Bourke** by Jay Bourke
†5:30 **Deirdre Walsh** by The Derry Family
Thurs January 13th
8:00 **Agnes Ropiecki** by Allen & Barbara Ropiecki
Fri January 14th
†8:00 **Margie Chamberlain**, 14th anniversary by Shirley and Leon Nikiforakis
Sat January 15th
†8:00 **Gaston "Gus" E. Pichette** by the Walier Family
†4:00 **Rob Brewer** by Barbara
Sun January 16th
†9:30 **Norma Elliott** by Mary, Jeff & Ryan Croteau
11:15 **Pro Populo**

St. Margaret Mary

Sat January 15th
†4:00 **Mr. & Mrs. Anselme Lambert** by Miss Cora Lambert
Sun January 16th
†8:00 **John M. Howard** by Debbie and Kevin Rose

St. Joseph

Wed January 12th
9:00 *No intentions for this Mass*
Sun January 16th
†9:00 **Edward & Jennie Bruce** by Dennis & Carol Bruce



Sanctuary Candle

St. Bernard Church

Harry Emery

In Loving Memory, 28th Anniversary
by The Family

St. Margaret Mary Church

Margie Chamberlain

14th Anniversary
by Leon & Shirley Nikiforakis

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Mailed In: TBD

Online Giving: \$1,000.00

Total: \$9,819.15

Weekly Offertory Needed: \$14,500.00



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Deacon's Corner



"Supporting Each Other"

This past October, Noreen and I had an opportunity to spend a weekend in a conference with the Diocese of Manchester, NH's deacons and their spouses at Church Landing in Meredith, NH. This weekend was led by the director of the diaconate for New Orleans, LA. We had the opportunity to review and discuss the role of the diaconate and obedience to fulfilling our vocations as deacons and spouses. As with most meetings of this type, the participants not only enjoyed the program but more importantly the opportunity to reconnect with each other since we had not had an opportunity to come together for over a year due to the pandemic. I also had the opportunity to participate in a virtual online diaconate conference throughout this past November and view presentations by deacons, priests, and theologians from around the United States.

During my working years in the insurance industry, I was a member of and active in The Society of Insurance Trainers and Educators, as well as several other insurance professional organizations. I also pursued advanced education degrees to be able to better serve my customers. These activities allowed me to connect with people who were on a similar work mission as myself and greatly assisted me in achieving my work related goals.

We need to support each other in our ministries and living out our faith. I have been blessed this past year to work with the following groups in support of their missions: The Men of Saint Joseph, The Knights of Columbus, The Catholic Daughters, The Ladies of St. Anne, and Catholic Charities. I realize that there are many additional religious and secular groups that you may belong to that are doing the work of the Lord. The bottom line is that we do benefit from participating in these organizations and support each other in our efforts. While conducting team training sessions in the workplace, a main theme that was covered was "none of us is as smart as all of us."

Each week we gather during Mass to worship the Lord and be fed by His word and His body. It is important for us to gather together as a community to support each other in our faith journeys. As Pope Francis stated in his 12/9/21 reflection "the pandemic has a global impact, it has made us realize that we are all on the same boat; it has made us experience what it means to have identical fears." We are not alone; we are here to support each other.

Deacon Ken

"We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as it is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

† FUNERALS AND BURIALS

Prayers are requested for the soul of

Theresa B. Lamothe

We thank God for the gift of her life
and pray she is now at peace.



Parish of the Holy Spirit

St. Bernard Church

185 Main Street, Keene

Weekdays 8:00AM (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
 Wednesday 9:30AM, 5:30PM
 Friday 8:00AM, 9:30AM
 First Friday 5:30PM
 Saturday 8:00AM, 4:00PM
 Sunday 9:30AM, 11:15AM
 Holy Days: As Announced
 Confession: Sat: 2:30-3:30PM,
 Rosary: 7:30AM (before Weekday Mass)

St. Margaret Mary Church

33 Arch Street, Keene

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

St. Joseph Church

35 Brattleboro Road, Hinsdale

Weekdays: Wednesday 9:00AM
 Sunday: 9:00AM, Rosary at 8:30AM
 Holy Days: As Announced
 Confession: By appointment
 Adoration: First Monday of the month 6:00-6:30PM
 *If 1st Monday of the month falls on a Holiday, adoration will be moved to 2nd Monday of the month.
 *Holy Days of obligation masses at 6:00PM

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.

Readings for the week of January 9, 2021

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

1/9 DTS
 1/16 Rosary for Life
 1/20-22 March for Life

The High school youth group will meet **this Sunday (1/9)** for a night about **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**. Come join us as we kick off the new year at **4pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall**. Next Sunday, we will help lead the Rosary for Life in St. Bernard's at 2pm.

THANK YOU!

Dear People of God,

I sincerely express my gratitude for all your kind and generous cards, notes and gifts during this season. Your presence and prayers are most highly valued. Every day is Christmas for all of us. Let us have a joyful life and let me continue to rejoice in serving you all.

Fr. Britto HGN



We may find ourselves looking forward to the new year and making resolutions and plans.

What better time to commit to spending one hour a week in Adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We currently have an **immediate opening for a guardian from 2-3 PM on Thursday** afternoons which we need to fill. *Will you prayerfully consider making this commitment?*

We also have other times where we need a second guardian including: Wednesday 10:00-11:00 AM, Thursday 12:00-1:00 PM, 2:00-3:00 PM and Friday 11:00-12:00 AM.

Please contact the parish office at 352-3525 x305 if you are interested. Thank you!

A Family of Faith Program

Meets Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at SJRS Cafeteria

Next Adult Meeting: Sunday, January 9.

Lesson and Discussion of The Life of Jesus and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Next Community Meeting: Sunday, January 30.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Though this program primarily serves the families of the parish with children in grades K-5, all families and all parishioners are welcome to join us. Contact Liz Wilber with questions at 603-803-8396.

love for life

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



Dear Parish Family,

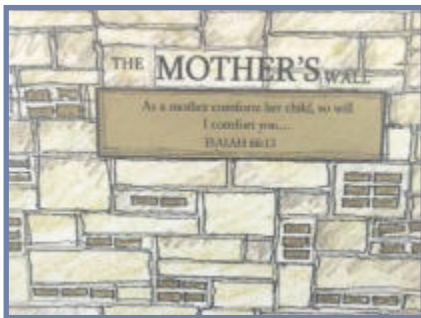
Now that we have all celebrated Advent and Christmas, I pray this finds everyone well and more deeply centered in the Mystery of Jesus' Life. I am including some pictures of a Rosary Garden that I prayed in at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine, Florida while I was visiting the Comunità Cenacolo America. I was able to pray at the shrine daily for a few weeks and I wanted you to see the images of Our Lady of La Leche and the Rosary Garden to help us pray together for the needs of our parish.

The shrine was established when Spanish settlers landed in St. Augustine, Florida in 1565 and said a Mass of Thanksgiving for their successful voyage. This is now known to be the first parish Mass in what is now the United States. It was also the beginning of a devotion to Our Lady of La Leche and the Infant Jesus which, in turn, led to the establishment of the first Shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the United States.

This image of the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of La Leche here is from the small mission chapel on the beautiful property shared with the Rosary Garden. The walls of the Rosary Garden hold the names of children lost before birth. The Shrine property is called the "Sacred Acre" where pilgrims come from all over the world to pray for fertility, the health of their children, for safe delivery of those expecting and for healing of the grief of lost children.

It is a joy to announce that in our last Love for Life collection we received some monetary gifts to support the building of the Baby Garden in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The site has been set apart in the cemetery and already two families experiencing miscarriage have buried their babies in the garden. When we pray together on January 16th, we will be at the site of the Baby Garden. It is Fr. Alan's hope to build a memorial wall around the garden for parents to place the names of children lost to miscarriage and abortion. It is our hope that this will become a place of healing and communion with the larger community to recognize the dignity of these children in their short time here with all of us.

I am not at all good at taking photos but here are the photos I took while praying in the Rosary Garden at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine. Maybe these will help us imagine our own Baby Garden here at Parish of the Holy Spirit and to begin to pray more intentionally for the health and well-being of our children and our families.



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

REVELATION 12 : 11b - 12a



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NOVENA FOR LIFE and ROSARY FOR LIFE

Sunday January 16

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 pro-life event to include a novena, nine days of sustained prayer to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. The event will begin at St Joseph cemetery in Keene at 1pm Sunday January 16. Deacon Ken will lead us in the first days novena. The remaining 8 days will be done privately. At the conclusion, the event will move to St Bernard church where at 2pm the Love for Life and Youth ministries will lead a pro-life rosary assisted by our parishioners. All are welcome.

Celebrate the Gospel of Life

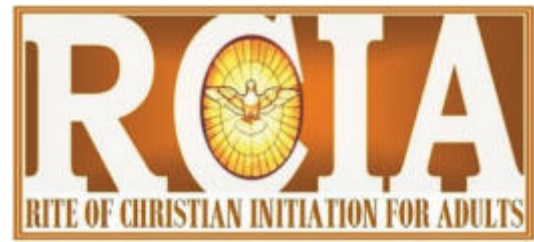
O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

— Evangelium Vitae

Link for printable copy of the 9 days for life novena

<https://www.respectlife.org/leaders-resources>

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (*unbaptized*) and Rite of Welcoming (*baptized*)

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 catechumens on their journey of faith. It is their first recognition and consecration by the 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).

This Sunday, January 9th, at St. Bernard's 11:15 am Mass, we will celebrate this first consecration and formal Rite for our catechumen, Jason Russell.

We will also celebrate the **Rite of Welcoming the Baptized** with our candidates Melissa Butler, Ty Brown, Stan Castor, and Derek Forcier. They will continue their catechetical formation until such time as they are ready to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

From this time on, after each Sunday's homily, our catechumen, Jason, will be called up for a blessing and then sent to "Break Open the Word of God" and be further nourished by the scripture readings of the day.

Look to these Rites as a powerful witness and example of people seeking out God's will for their lives. It 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 ask that you support our catechumen and candidates through your prayers and as living examples of what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Blessings to all!

Create a Legacy

Be a part of ensuring the future of our church!

In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to the Parish of the Holy Spirit, and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come.

For more information about how to include the Parish of the Holy Spirit and the Catholic Church in your will, please contact Bevin Kennedy at the Diocese of Manchester (bkennedy@rcbm.org; 603-663-0136).



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PRAYER SHAWLS: We have lap robes and shawls hand-made with love to be a mantle of God's healing presence. If you know of someone who can use a reminder of God's love call the office at 603-352-3525 to obtain one. Our next meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 9:00AM at St. Margaret Mary parish hall.

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 **February 7th, 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 **January 11th**.

THE LADIES OF ST. ANNE: The next meeting of the Ladies of St. Anne will be on **March 8, 2022** at **4:00PM**. The meeting will be in the Parish Hall and will include a light supper. Please remember to call Roberta at 603-903-0381 if you know of someone who needs a greeting card. For more information call Jean Girard at 603-355-8831.

MARIE RIVIER ASSOCIATION (MRA): 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 **January 22th** starting at **9AM**. Join us as we prepare the Church for Christmas!

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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