

SAINT MARY

CHURCH

January 10, 2021



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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OUR MISSION:

**St. Mary Church in Newmarket, NH
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inviting all people to a personal encounter
with Jesus Christ and His Church.**

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Welcome back to Mass! COVID-safe mask wearing
and social distancing is required.*

Sunday 9:30am

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00pm

Daily (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)..... 7:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm in the Sacristy.
COVID safety guidelines apply.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 [7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Welcome Back!

We are happy to have you with us! Thank you for loving our fellow parishioners by wearing masks & social distancing.

Our diocese is now allowing public masses with a limited capacity. Due to the fact that we are not open at 100% capacity, this decision from our bishop has not changed the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to actually be at Mass. If you are unable to attend mass, you can still keep the Sabbath holy by:

- ◆ Avoiding unnecessary work
- ◆ Find weekly readings on this page <<
- ◆ Access weekly/daily readings at bible.usccb.org
- ◆ Watching Livestream Mass at any of the following sites: stmarynh.org | stmichaelparish.org (Recordings available.) EWTN, Word On Fire, CatholicTV, St. Patrick's Cathedral
- ◆ Make an **Act of Spiritual Communion**
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:00 pm Fred Greenwood

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:30 am Arlene Goudreau

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

7:00 am Fecteau Family
~Living

Thursday, January 14, 2021

7:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00 pm John Bogacz

Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:30 am Jack Elliott

CONNECTING our COMMUNITY ONLINE

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



@stmarystmichaelnh groups\stmarynh

Tag us & share: Do you know when you were baptized?
What are your "ordinary" prayer habits?

Eucharistic Adoration

THIRD THURSDAYS - NEXT IS 1/21

Sign up for a time slot in the back of the church, or stop by from after 7am Mass until 6pm.



Encounter Jesus in Reconciliation

SATURDAYS, 3-3:30 IN THE SACRISTY

Experience the love and mercy of God and release your burdens through the sacrament of confession. Covid precautions are being observed. Thank you!



Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle is lit this week in prayer for **Francis Farnum**



What can we pray for?!

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As we look forward to the start of a new year, perhaps a year with more certainty about the future and in-person gatherings, we would like to reflect on the gifts of 2020.

Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*
 ~Matthew 19:14

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us each by name and invites us, especially children, into a personal relationship with him. St. Mary Church & St. Michael Parish are blessed with the gift of children!

With inspiration from the children of our community, 2020 brought new ways to share our faith and love for Christ. Kids have a beautiful way of experiencing the wonder and awe of God's presence in their lives. It is a gift and privilege to witness the blossoming of their faith, their growing relationship with Jesus, and their ability to ponder, be still and listen to their hearts.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who made the following events possible:

Virtual Vacation Bible School
(VBS from home with daily craft bags and activities!)

Outdoor Rock Paper Scripture
(Games, faith and fun!)

Zoom Game Nights

Outdoor Halloween Gathering

Zoom Christmas Games and Sing-a-long

Preschool Bible Story Time
(Weekly story and craft for your children and their caregiver!)

Santa Drive-By
(Children picked up Advent Crafts and had the chance to wave hello to Santa!)

Virtual Night in Bethlehem
(Video walk through Bethlehem the night Jesus was born, plus a drive-thru to pick up activity bags!)

Outdoor & Virtual Sacramental Retreats

At-home sacramental preparation

We pray that you all have a healthy, happy New Year!

- Stacey Cooper-Jennings & Susan Breton

Divine Dinner Dates

presents

Date Night at the Movies



1hr 45min

**Featuring The Stars of Heaven:
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**THIS WEEK, January 15th,
 ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO**

**Calling all Married and Engaged Couples
 to join Deacon Eric and his wife Laura
 Friday Nights this January, 7-9:30pm**

Space is Limited as Couples will be Safely Distanced
 in Cotter Hall at St. Michael (Masks Required)

Reserve **FREE TICKETS** at stmichaelparish.org/ddd

*Popcorn, Soda, Water, and Boxed Candy
 will be available from 6:30-7pm prior to movie start!*

**Answering the Call to Everyday Stewardship:
 Recognizing Our Own Baptism**

What have been the most significant moments in your life?

You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.



You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God.

If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPi Vibrant Churches

Thank You!

We're grateful that you're part of our faith family and appreciate your time, talent, and generosity.

We look forward to a prosperous 2021 together!

PARISH GIVING

December 20, 2020

Envelopes	\$830.00
Loose	\$248.00
On-Line Giving	\$3,422.00
Total	\$4,500.00

Thank you for your continued contribution to our church during this difficult time. Your support will keep our ministries vibrant in 2021 and beyond! See below for our online giving option.

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Please remember that if you place a loose check in the offertory, you will need to write your St. Mary envelope number in the memo section in order to receive credit for your donation. Don't know your number? Call the parish office and we will be happy to help you out!



Respect Life Ministry Shares... Diary of a Little Soul: Week 15



Today, I weigh almost 5 ounces and could fit in the palm of my mother's hand. I am starting to get a special kind of baby fat, called "brown fat," which will help keep me warm throughout my whole life. Another important piece of news - I can now breathe underwater! Drawing the fluid in and out helps to strengthen and develop my lungs. Isn't God a genius?

"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See upon the palms of my hands, I have written your name" - Isaiah 49:15-16a

Sampled from Fr. Wilfred Deschamps, copyright 2017. Look for more next week!

St. Mary and St. Michael Respect Life Ministry

Invites You to Our

Day of Prayer for the Unborn

In lieu of traveling to the March for Life during COVID, we are hosting Mass & Adoration for the parishes of the Seacoast Deanery.

1/23/2021 at St. Michael Parish
8am Mass followed by
Adoration until 11:30am

Join us for the Holy Rosary, Litany of Life, and personal prayer time.

To join the St. Mary/St. Michael Respect Life Ministry, email Corinne & Kevin Kaneb via cwinter121@gmail.com. God bless!

PREGNANT?
NEED HELP?

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With loving contributions and heartfelt generosity, we were able to decorate our church beautifully again this year! A special thanks to all of our benefactors and continued prayers in memory and in honor of those for whom these flowers were offered.

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CHANGED BY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, TRANSITIONING TO ORDINARY TIME

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, this baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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PARISH INFORMATION

St. Mary Church is open daily for personal prayer.

BAPTISMS: Please contact Deacon Eric at Deacon@stmichaelparish.org or 772-2494 X211.

MARRIAGES: Please register your intentions with the parish at least six months in advance.

CALVARY CEMETERY: Michael Pelczar @ 659-3344

MERCY MEALS: Please contact Karen Polzinetti at 397-7685 or kdd42409@yahoo.com

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339-309-9187 or hannahrose.parent@gmail.com

HEALING PRAYER: For an individual healing prayer appointment by a trained prayer team please contact us at Healing.StMaryNH@gmail.com or at the parish office.

ROSARY: The rosary is prayed Mon, Tue, Thurs at 6:30am before the 7am mass and Sat at 3:30pm before the 4pm mass. First Saturday Devotional Rosary is prayed at 3pm before the 4pm Vigil each first Saturday of the month.

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