

ST. BERNARD



ROSARY – ½ HR. BEFORE MASS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2009

8 AM ANNIE-JEAN THEVENIN, in honor of her birthday, by her husband

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009

8 AM JOSEPH and IRENE BRUCE by the family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

8 AM MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

9 AM BARBARA and GABRIEL SHAKOUR by the family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

8 AM RONALD FRISCHKORN by Catherine Dee

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

8 AM ADELINE DI GIOVANNI by her daughter  
4 PM JOHN L. KELLY by the family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

8:00 AM MARIE COSTA (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) by her sister, Roberta  
9:30 AM RON CROTEAU (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Mary  
11:15 AM MAYNARD TREMBLAY by his wife, Brigitte, and family



ETERNAL LIGHT

burning this week in loving memory of  
**SCOTT BALL 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
by the family

PARISH SUPPORT

will be reported in the December 5-6 Bulletin, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Clairvaux Chapel: Sun 3-7PM, Mon-Fri 9AM-8PM

We pray for more Guardians, 2 for each hour

Contact: Pat Crisman 847-9596; Ernie Walsh 358-5515; Jo Johnson 352-8707; Peggy Hussey 352-8648.

*Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords: Come, let us adore!*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL SANCTUARY LAMP

burning this week in memory of  
**JIM CRISMAN**  
by the family

ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY



Our Giving Tree is set up in the Sanctuary. Parishioners who wish to participate are asked to take an ornament tag from the Tree and purchase the items written on the tag. Please return all items to the Tree. St. Vincent de Paul depends on the generosity of the parishioners for food donations and/or monetary donations.

Your continued support and generosity is most appreciated.



FIRST SATURDAY

On Saturday, December 5, 2009 please join in the Liturgy of the Mass at 8 am at St. Bernard Church followed by the recitation of five decades of the Rosary while meditating on the Mysteries in answer to Our Lady's Request for World Peace. All are welcome.

**FAMILY PROGRAM:** Parents are reminded that the next Community Meeting for Family Program will be Sunday, December 6 at 8 AM and 10 AM (preceding and following the 9 AM Mass) at St. Margaret Mary. Deacon Arnold will join us to talk about how we can help brighten Advent for some of the people in our parishes.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Dead Theologian Society will meet this Sunday, November 29, from 8-7:30 PM. All are welcome, even if you've never joined us before!

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Next Sunday, December 6, there will be a required meeting for all first year confirmation parents(s) at 5 PM in St. Bernard Parish Hall. Please call Joy at 352-2961 or email at [stbernardyouth@myfairpoint.net](mailto:stbernardyouth@myfairpoint.net) if you are unable to attend.

Next Sunday, December 6, is our monthly Student Mass. ALL Confirmation classes meet at 5 PM on December 6, followed by Mass at 6 PM. Confirmation students and parents are required to attend this Mass.

## ST. MARGARET MARY



### ROSARY-WEDNESDAY - ½ HR. BEFORE MASS

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

4 PM PAULINE FAUBERT 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
by Claudette, Richard and Martha Faubert

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

9 AM IN CELEBRATION OF RUTH SWYMER  
80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY by Ken and Noreen Swymer

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

8 AM ARTHUR AND WENDY LONG AND FAMILY  
By the Farrington Family

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

4 PM RON WRIGHT by the Fenton Family

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

9 AM IN CELEBRATION OF RUTH SWYMER  
80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY by Ken and Noreen Swymer



*ETERNAL LIGHT* burning this week in loving  
memory of:

MICHAEL O'BRIEN  
By the Family

#### PARISH SUPPORT

November 15, 2009

Envelopes	\$ 2,404.00
Loose	\$ 788.00
Total	\$3,192.00

99 envelopes average \$24.28

*Thank you for your support. Thank you also to those  
who mailed in their contributions.*

Meetings: St. Margaret Mary

Knights of Columbus December 3 at 7:30PM

Officers Meeting

Knights of Columbus December 17 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meeting

December 2, Wednesday Evening Rosary will be  
cancelled so all can attend the Mission

Coffee Ministry. December 13: Louise Zerba

2-20 Winners: Ellen Wright and L/R Zerba

**Holy Adoration:** St. Margaret Mary's Chapel the first  
Friday of every month from 9AM-4:00PM. Next Holy  
Adoration will be December 4.

**Winter is coming!** The Sisters of Mary in Manchester are  
looking for gently used and/or new boots of all sizes for  
children and adults of refugee families. Please drop off  
boots in the labeled box near the entrance of St. Margaret  
Mary Church on or before Monday, November 30. Thank  
you.

**Light Up for Christ:** December 1 Knights of Columbus  
invites all families for their annual Light Up for Christ  
starting with pot luck dinner at 6:00PM and following with  
caroling. Please call Ned Sitler with your food item at  
357-1202 Knights will supply the desserts

**Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Caroling at  
Maplewood Nursing Home** will be Tuesday, December 15.  
We will be leaving St. Margaret Mary's parking lot at  
6:00PM

Anyone wishing to donate a small, unwrapped gift to the  
elderly may place their donation in the baskets in the  
vestibule.

### ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE AGREEING WITH YOUR SPOUSE ABOUT FINANCIAL GOALS AND MANAGING MONEY?

#### 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, A Catholic Small Group Study

We are all called to be faithful stewards of the gifts God  
has entrusted to us. The only way to achieve true  
financial freedom and peace is to recognize that God has  
a plan for our lives, including our finances. This  
program helps us to achieve balance between our faith  
and finances and to deal with our consumer-oriented,  
me-first society. This seven-session program will help  
couples and individuals get their finances on track and to  
make the most of God's gifts through group discussion  
and peer support. For more information, please contact  
Ken Swymer at 357-9604.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM

Clairvaux Center, 161 Main Street, Keene  
February 16, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 7

Cost: \$34.95/couple or individual

Please make your check payable to: Our Sunday Visitor  
and mail to the church office at 161 Main Street, Keene  
NH 03431.

Register by February 1, 2010

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

4 PM CLAYTON "SONNY" HALE  
by Gus and Mary Whittle

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

9AM MICHELLE BROW by Mom and Dad  
10:30AM STANLEY PLIFKA SR. by the Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

8:30 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS  
St. Stanislaus

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

4 PM MARY AND JOSEPH WASILESKI by the Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

9AM DOROTHY T. KELLEHER by her Children  
10:30AM JOSEPH PIURKOWSKI  
by Michelle Piurkowski Turner



ETERNAL LIGHT burning this week in  
loving memory of:

KENNETH DIXON  
by the Family

Coffee Hour: Please join us on December 6 after the  
10:30 AM Mass at St. Stanislaus for Coffee and Donuts.

NH Catholic Daughters: Court Josephine

Court St. Joseph #1773 has received information for our  
Christmas Family. We have a large family this year. If you  
wish to donate to the clothing and gifts for this family, there  
will be envelopes in the church for the next 2 weeks. We  
have always been able to give generously with your help and  
the money donated from our treasury. Thank you in advance.

The December meeting will take place on Tuesday,  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the parish hall. We will wrap gifts  
(bring scissors, paper, and tape) for our family and have a  
cookie exchange. Please bring 2 dozen cookies to share. The  
meeting was changed because of the mission and cookie  
exchange.

Good Friends

St. Vincent dePaul members will have the Giving Tree ready  
at both churches during Advent. We welcome all our parish  
members to take a holiday tag from the tree and purchase the  
food items listed on the back of the tag. Parishioners may  
then return the gift items and place under the tree. The food  
items will be used in our Food Pantry. In doing this we will  
not only give the gift of food but also the gifts of hope and  
caring.

Thank you to all.  
Bonnie McAlpine, Secretary  
St. Vincent dePaul

PARISH SUPPORT

November 15, 2009

Envelopes \$993.00

Loose \$ 437.25

Total \$1,430.25

71 envelopes average \$13.99

Free Will: Asia and Pacific Relief: \$119.90

Fuel: \$540

Development Fund: \$10

Thank you for your support. Thank you also to those  
who mailed in their contributions.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

11:00 AM GASPER F. DeSANTIS SR.  
by his grandson, David Squires, and family

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Thanksgiving holiday.

Knights of Columbus: St. Joseph: December 7, 7:15PM  
Adoration: December 4: St. Joseph 5-8 PM (Friday)  
December 4 St. Stanislaus 5-7 PM (Friday)  
NH Catholic Daughters: St. Joseph December 15, 7:00PM  
Catholic Society: St. Stanislaus December 9 7PM  
Pastoral Council: February 10 at St. Joseph 7PM

**Readings for the Week of November 29, 2009**

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

With **Advent** starting up, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use **The Word Among Us** to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just a few minutes a day reading **The Word Among Us** magazine will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are provided by the parish and are located at church exits. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Christmas tradition!

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009**

**ST. BERNARD**

7:00 PM Vigil Mass

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

7:00 PM Vigil Mass

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009**

**ST. BERNARD**

9:15 AM (School Mass)

12:00 NOON

**ST. MARGARET MARY**

8:00 AM

7:00 PM

**MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE AT ST. STANISLAUS**

8:30 AM

**MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE AT ST. JOSEPH**

7:00 PM

**ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK? So are our parishes! Check out and join our new Facebook Page by searching for "CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SOUTHWEST NEW HAMPSHIRE." There is also a link to the page on our website: [www.swnhcatholics.com](http://www.swnhcatholics.com).**

**Evangelization Corner** - *"When we see ourselves as nothing more than tools in the hands of God, our actions have power! By giving all of the glory to God we are giving God visibility in his world, and that's an excellent definition of evangelization."* Fr. Tom Forrest, C.Ss.R.

**Afghan Raffle:** World Youth Day Pilgrims are raffling off a beautiful hand-made afghan that was generously donated to help with costs to attend World Youth Day in 2011. Tickets are \$1 or 6/\$5 and can be purchased in the parish offices or from pilgrims after Mass. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 13. This afghan would make a beautiful addition to any home or a great Christmas gift!

**BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON MINISTRY MEETING:** We have scheduled a meeting for all Bereavement teams and leaders for **Wednesday, December 2, 2009**. You have the option of two meeting times. The first is at **10:30-11:30am (after the monthly outreach meeting)** or **Wednesday evening at 6:30-7:30pm**. Both meetings will be in the meeting room in the basement level of the Clairvaux Center. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please feel free to come to either of the meetings to sign up to be on a team. If you have any questions, contact Sr. Kathleen at 357-3093, ext. 13.

CDA Court Josephine #319 will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, December 14, 6:30 PM, at St. Bernard Parish Hall. Please remember your unwrapped gifts for children (infant-12yrs) for Sr. Kathleen. Also, your unwrapped gifts for the elderly. A food donation for St. Vincent DePaul would be greatly appreciated. We invite any women 18 years of age and older to come join us. Any questions, you may contact: Marie Therieau, Regent, 357-4071.

**CD Ministry**

Great Catholic CDs are available at the entrances to St. Bernard and St. Margaret Mary Churches. This week's featured CD is **"Prepare the Way of the King – Making the Most of Advent – Dr. Scott Hahn**. Dr. Scott Hahn is one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today. Discover what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind – Jesus Christ." **\$3.00 donation requested to pay for CD and allow us to order new titles!**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Lk 21:36

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** As in the past we are asking for your assistance in purchasing our Christmas flowers to decorate St. Bernard, St. Margaret Mary, Immaculate Conception, St. Stanislaus and St. Joseph. If you are interested, checks made payable to your church may be sent to the Parish Offices at 161 Main Street, Keene or placed in the collection basket with your intentions (in memory or in honor of loved ones). Please place your donation in a white envelope marked "Christmas flowers" or use the Christmas flower envelopes that are at the entrance to the Church. The names of those you wish to have remembered will appear in a Bulletin after Christmas.

**Children of Hope** – Children and parents are encouraged to join us on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard Church. The next opportunity will be **Wednesday, December 2, from 3:30-4 PM.** Children of all ages with parents are welcome to come! Please consider taking a break at the end of a busy school day to spend some time with the Lord in adoration.

**New Warm Clothing Needed:** Children in the Monadnock Deanery are in need of warm clothing this Christmas. NH Catholic Charities, working with the US marines, are assisting needy families with toys for Christmas. Many of these children are also in need of warm clothing for the winter months, especially: COATS, JACKETS, HATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, BOOTS, ETC. If any parishioners/families, parish groups or organizations would like to adopt a child or children to purchase new warm clothing for Christmas, they can contact Sr. Kathleen at N Catholic Charities, 357-3093, ext. 13. If you don't like to shop you can make a donation toward the purchase of the clothing items needed for a child. We are receiving requests from more two-parent families both out of work this year and in need of Christmas assistance for the first time.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY** will meet on **Wednesday December 2, 2009, 9:00 AM, in the Clairvaux Center Large Meeting Room.**

The Advent Retreat for women will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Joseph Hall, Hinsdale, from 9:00 – 1:00. The members of Court St. Joseph will host this retreat. Deacon Arnold, our chaplain will conduct the retreat. This morning is opened to all women in the southwestern area, with a special invitation to our sister Catholic Daughters in Court Josephine #319. We will begin promptly at 9:00 and end with a potluck from 12:00 – 1:00. Please join us for a morning of prayer, reflection and friendship during this Advent Season. If you have any questions, please call Judy @ 336-6200.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

**Sunday, December 6: Reconciliation, St. Stanislaus Church in Winchester, 2:00 PM**  
**Sunday, December 13: Reconciliation, St. Margaret Mary Church in Keene, 2:00 PM**  
**Sunday, December 20: Reconciliation, Immaculate Conception Church in Troy, 2:00 PM**

### DON'T MISS THE PARISH MISSION THIS WEEK!

Fr. Rivers is here this weekend and will preach a mission on the theme "From Maintenance to Mission." He will concelebrate the regularly scheduled 8AM Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week and will be available for confessions. In the evening he will present the mission topic of the day. Each session is from 7-8:15PM followed by a social gathering and the schedule is as follows:

Monday 7-8:15pm at St. Margaret Mary: "Revitalizing our Faith"

Tuesday Morning after Mass: Meeting with WINGS women at St. Bernard

Tuesday 7-8:15pm at St. Bernard Church: "Making a Difference in our Faith" (includes Mass)

Wednesday 7-8:15pm at St. Bernard: "Moving from Maintenance to Mission in our Parish"

Come and see how all of us, working together, can support each other in our journey of faith, and reach out to those who are inactive, alienated, or unchurched.

### *Catholic Faith Formation Center*

*Clairvaux Center, 161 Main St., Ste 118, Keene NH 03431*

603-352-7662 E-mail: cffc-keene@myfairpoint.net

[www.catholicfaithformationcenter.org](http://www.catholicfaithformationcenter.org)

**REGULAR HOURS** – Monday-Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm.

**GIFT SHOP** – We have for sale Advent items such as wreaths, candles, calendars and booklets to help you with your spiritual preparation for the season. Our Christmas items such as greeting cards are also available. **In addition, we have the Guides for Christian Prayer and for Liturgy of the Hours.**

**ADVENT PROGRAM**- "Praying the Advent Sunday Gospels." Through the practice of *Lectio Divina*, we will experience how God speaks to us through Scripture.

Facilitator – Anita Plourde

Monday evenings: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 at 7:00pm at the public library in Troy, NH.

Wednesday mornings: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16 at 9:00am at St. Margaret Mary church hall in Keene.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** – The Center will have a table with religious items for sale at Sacred Heart Church in Greenville on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

