

ST. BERNARD



ROSARY – ½ HR. BEFORE MASS

MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2009

- 8 AM ANTOINETTE ALLAIN by Martha and Susan Zimmerman
 7 PM THOMAS RAFTERY by Liam and Laurel Brandley and family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:15 AM JOHN MORRESSY by his wife, Barbara
 12 noon MR. and MRS. MARCEL TELLIER by Linda Tellier

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

- 8 AM MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

- 8 AM EDWARD WILKOS (17th Anniv.) by the family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009

- 8 AM FRED LAFFOND (1st Anniv.) by the family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

- 8 AM RONALD FRISCHKORN by Catherine Dee
 4 PM MILTON BLANCHARD, in honor of his 71st birthday, by his wife, Sylvia, and son, Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

- 8:00 AM PETER CLARK, in honor of his birthday, by his mother
 9:30 AM RICHARD and ROSEMARY CASHMAN by Pat Chabot
 11:15 AM BERNARD SILK, in honor of his birthday, by the family



ETERNAL LIGHT

burning this week in loving memory of
MR. and MRS. MARCEL TELLIER
 by Linda Tellier

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

The Lord comes, let us worship



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL SANCTUARY LAMP

burning this week
 for the intentions of those who pray here

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Meeting, Monday, December 14, 2009
 Officers: 7:00 PM
 Members: 7:30 PM

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.

**NO COFFEE AND DONUTS on Sunday, December 13th.
 It will resume the following Sunday, December 20th.**

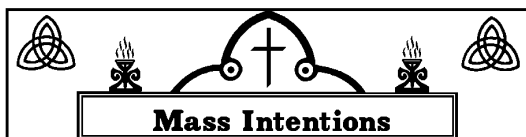
FAMILY PROGRAM: Parents are reminded that the Community Meeting for Family Program is this Sunday, December 6 at 8 AM and 10 AM (preceding and following the 9 AM Mass) at St. Margaret Mary. Deacon Arnold will join us to talk about how we can help brighten Advent for some of the people in our parishes.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: This 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 if you are unable to attend.

Also this 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.

PARISH SUPPORT			
November 22, 2009		November 29, 2009	
Envelopes	\$6,682.00	Envelopes	\$6,343.00
Loose	1,342.00	Loose	1,740.00
TOTAL	\$8,024.00	TOTAL	\$8,083.00
286 env., average \$23.36		277 env., average \$22.90	
Campaign for Human Development: \$1,681; Fuel: \$100.			
<i>Thank you for your support. Thank you also to those who mailed in their contributions.</i>			

ST. MARGARET MARY



ROSARY-WEDNESDAY - ½ HR. BEFORE MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

4 PM RON WRIGHT by the Fenton Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

9 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

8 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

7 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

8 AM JOHN SHAW by Dr. Joseph Guarneri

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

4 PM HELEN WILLIAMS by Bill and Terry Williams

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

9 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS



ETERNAL LIGHT burning this week in loving memory of:

ERIC JOHN FAUBERT

by his great aunt Rita E. DeBonville

PARISH SUPPORT

November 22, 2009

Envelopes \$ 2,736.00

Loose \$ 748.00

Total \$3,484.00

107 envelopes average \$25.578

Human Development: \$592.05

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

Meetings: St. Margaret Mary

Knights of Columbus January 8 at 7:30PM

Officers Meeting

Knights of Columbus December 17 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Rosary: Wednesday evening at St. Margaret Mary Chapel starting at 7PM.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters

Coffee Ministry. December 13: Louise Zerba

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

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.

Gift Giving Tree: We have placed a variety of tags on our giving tree to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Catholic Charities and children in the area. Tags consist of clothing, food and toy ideas. Clothing and toy gifts should be returned wrapped with the original tag on the outside and food items can be placed in a paper bags. All items will need to be returned before December 15.

Found at Catholic Daughters Holiday Fair: On November 21 at St. Margaret Mary Church hall a child's pocketbook was found. Please call the office 352-3525 to describe and claim.

OUR LADY OF HOPE- HOUSE OF PRAYER

400 Temple Road New Ipswich, NH 03071

603-878-2346

Looking at the Lights and Darks in our Lives.

January 29-31, 2010

We often hear people say "put God in the center of your life", but some of us find that difficult. Our past, our relationships, and daily life too often get in the way. This weekend, in order to maintain a balance with God in our center, we will take time to think about the "darks" and "lights" of our lives. As we reflect, we will create a quilt block to use as a reminder that we never walk alone. All materials will be provided, no sewing experience needed!

Presenter: Kathy Hill

Kathy has a Masters of Education from Antioch College. She is a former high school teacher and taught CCD for 25 years at Sacred Heart Parish in Greenville, NH. She retired after 35 years in education. She is currently employed as an administrative assistant for a small, local business. Kathy enjoys quilting with friends to create items for church fundraisers.

Registration deadline: January 22, 2010

Arrival and departure times: 4:00 p. m. Friday to Sunday after the noon meal.

LATIN MASS

Sunday, December 20, 2009

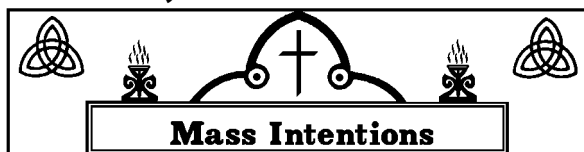
3:00 PM

St. Margaret Mary Church

Rosary begins at 2:30 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE



Mass Intentions

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

8:30 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

St. Stanislaus

7:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

8:30 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

St. Joseph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

4 PM JOSEPH PELIS by the Courtemanche Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

9AM LOUISE AMMANN AND MARIE DUNN

By their sister Dorothea Emery

10:30AM WILLIAM SMITH by the Family



ETERNAL LIGHT burning this week in loving memory of:

WILLIAM SALENSKI

by the Family

PARISH SUPPORT

November 22, 2009

Envelopes	\$1,295.00
Loose	\$ 482.25
Total	\$1,777.25

89 envelopes average \$14.55
 Human Development: \$505.75
 Development Fund: \$11
 Fuel: \$140

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

The Knights of Columbus will have a Coffee Hour after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph on Sunday, December 13th. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus: St. Joseph: December 7, 7:15PM

Adoration: January 2: St. Joseph 5-8 PM (Friday)

January 2 St. Stanislaus 5-7 PM (Friday)

NH Catholic Daughters: St. Joseph:

December 15, 7:00PM

Catholic Society: St. Stanislaus December 9 7PM

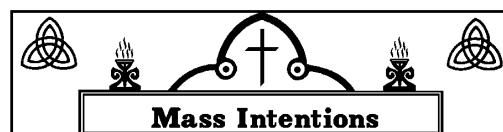
Pastoral Council: February 10 at St. Joseph 7PM

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 15th 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

11:00 AM JOANNE SHEATS

by Charles and Sharron Wojciechowski

PARISH SUPPORT

November 22, 2009

Envelopes \$343.50

Loose 184.00

TOTAL \$527.50

21 env., average \$16.36

Campaign for Human Development: \$117.00

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

November 29, 2009

Envelopes \$354.00

Loose 247.27

TOTAL \$601.27

19 env., average \$18.63

We need volunteers to stay after Mass on Sunday, December 19th to decorate the Church for Christmas. The more hands we have, the sooner the job will be done!

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

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

PARISH-WIDE INVITATION FOR KIDS' NIGHT OUT!

(Parents can use as their own night out)

Saturday, December 12th, 2009

From **5-10 pm** (St Joseph's School Cafeteria)
5-6pm Spaghetti Supper, Followed by Crafts for all ages, Secret Shopping, and lots of Fun! Plenty of supervision, this is a drop-off activity night. Co-sponsored with The Knights of Columbus & the Confirmation Class.

COST: \$5 per child (max of \$20 per family) to cover dinner and some materials. Parents do need to call and pre-Register children so we can properly prepare.

Children should also bring a shopping list (for family gifts) and a quarter for each person they need to shop for. They will "buy" their own gifts in our "secret shopping corner". We will help to wrap and label gifts for the children to take home with them.

We do have lots of activities, so parents should plan Pick-up accordingly. We can keep them busy until 9 or 10!

Donations for the "Secret Shop" now being accepted! Grandparents welcome to "help" -call us to sign-up. We also will accept craft materials, wrapping paper, and specific special items (like old wool sweaters) prior to Friday Dec 11th. Please contact Susan or Steve Ruel for reservations, donations, or more details... 352-7239.

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

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: Dec. 7, 14 at 7:00pm at the public library in Troy, NH.

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

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 and needing Christmas assistance for the first time.

ST. ANNE SODALITY will be hosting their Annual Christmas Dinner after the 11:15 Mass at St. Bernard on December 13th. It will be held in the Parish Hall. We must have an accurate count of those who will be attending, so you must answer yes or no when called by the committee, we cannot take maybes for answers.

Christmas Caroling

Middle School and High School Youth - Please join us for Christmas caroling on the evening of Monday, December 21. We will be meeting at 6pm in the St. Bernard's Parish Hall and walking to the Harborside at Westwood Nursing Home on Main Street to sing and visit with the residents. Confirmation students can use this fun and worthwhile event for their community service hours. Flyers with more details and permission slips will be distributed at religious education classes. Parent chaperones are welcome. Call Liz Wilber, 903-5226, for more information.

Sunday December 13, 5-6pm Youth Room, Clairvaux Center

Practice for the Christmas Posada

If you would like to help sing on December 20th, come to this simple practice. All ages welcome, a very simple call and response sing will be taught! Middle School Youth Group will attend this practice as our meeting!

What is a Posada?

Traditional Mexican Christmas Tradition: With the collaboration of The Starving Artist and other churches and businesses in walking distance on Main Street, we will enact this special holiday event. Imitating the journey of Joseph and Mary as they traveled door to door looking for room at an inn, we will walk in candle-light procession, singing carols, to 9 doors. At each stop, the group will sing a call, to which someone inside will respond singing "no room!" The songs are very simple and we will teach the group as we go. The evening will conclude at the 9th door where all will at last be "let in" for Christmas treats and a few words reflecting on the upcoming Christmas Celebration. This will be a beautiful interfaith, multi-cultural, community event that we hope to continue in the years to come! We need volunteers to stand on the inside of every door to sing the response. Please join us for the event with your whole family! If you are able to attend and can volunteer to be an "inn-keeper" please attend our practice meeting on December 13th 5-6pm.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Lk 3:3

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.

NEWS FROM SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL

A Blessed Advent Season from Sister Laura and the Saint Joseph Regional School Community!

Please join us for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception School and Parish Mass on December 8th at 9:15 a.m. at Saint Bernard Church.

Saint Joseph Regional School invites you and your family and friends to our Christmas Pageant and Concert Pre K – Grade 8 Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. Saint Bernard Church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming the Baptized

Our catechumens (unbaptized), Joshua Huggins and Rebecca Stearns, are celebrating the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens* during this Sunday's 11:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. The *Rite* is of great importance as it symbolizes their call to an ongoing experience of conversion and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church.

Our candidates (baptized), Jan Bergeron and Lisa Hultgren, are celebrating the *Rite of Welcoming* as they continue catechetical formation prior to completing their Christian initiation and prior to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

After each Sunday's homily, they will be dismissed to "Break Open the Word" (reflect more deeply upon Sunday's scripture readings) with various members of our Catholic communities.

We ask that you prayerfully support Joshua, Rebecca, Jan, and Lisa in your daily prayers as they discern God's will. Their witness of the search for God in their lives is an invitation for all of us to be consciously growing in our own faith. As a Christian Community, we want our catechumens and candidates to know that we will support them through prayer and hopefully through our own living example of what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

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

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, December 7, 2009

NOON - 5 PM St. Bernard Parish Hall

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 16, 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.

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

