

ST. BERNARD



ROSARY – ½ HR. BEFORE MASS

MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2009

8 AM GERALD HOLMES by Dorothy Holmes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

8 AM ROLAND T. CULLEN, SR. by the Keene District Office, NH Catholic Charities

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

8 AM MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009

8 AM C. NEILSON FENN (100th Birthday Remembrance) by Curtis and Nancy Taylor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

8 AM JOHN and CATHERINE DONAHUE and FAMILY by Austin and Mary Frain

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009

8 AM BARBARA and GABRIEL SHAKOUR by the family
4 PM JOHN L. KELLY by the family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

8:00 AM WARREN and DOROTHY MOONEY by the family
9:30 AM MICHAEL HUSSEY by the family
11:15 AM CHARLES MILLER by his wife, Irene



ETERNAL LIGHT

burning this week in loving memory of
MR. MARK THEISS and FAMILY
by Linda Tellier

PARISH SUPPORT

December 6, 2009

Envelopes	\$7,088.44
Loose	1,434.88
TOTAL	\$8,523.32
274 envelopes, average \$25.87	
Fuel: \$325.00	

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

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 in loving memory of
THE DI GUILIO FAMILY
by the Eastman 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Dead Theologian Society will meet this Sunday, December 13, from 6-7:30 PM. All are welcome, even if you've never joined us before!

**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.

ST. MARGARET MARY



ROSARY-WEDNESDAY - 1/2 HR. BEFORE MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

4 PM HELEN WILLIAMS by Bill and Terry Williams

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

9 AM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

8 AM JOHN SHAW by Rusty, Ann and Stephanie Ball

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009

4 PM JESSE AND MARY MARTIN
by Bill and Terry Williams

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

9 AM ROSEMARY AND RICHARD CASHMAN
By Pat Chabot
3 PM SOULS IN PURGATORY



ETERNAL LIGHT

burning this week in loving memory of:
PATRICK O'BRIEN
By the Family

PARISH SUPPORT

November 29, 2009

Envelopes	\$ 1,977.00
Loose	\$ 564.00
Total	\$2,541.00

78envelopes average \$25.35

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
December 20: Mary Ann Williams

2-20 Winners: Adeline Burke
Mr. and Mrs. McGilvery

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.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas after the **8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday, December 23.** Any and all help would be appreciated!

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.
During the week a pair of glasses was found

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

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

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE



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 JENNIE ERUNSKI by Irene Clark and Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

8:30 AM ANTHONY AND ISABELLA PERLOWSKI
by their daughter Cecelia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009

4 PM HELEN PINGER DOERR AND HENRY
BURACZYNSKI by his daughter and her
God daughter Patti

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

9AM ALCID JARVIS by the Family

10:30AM DEB ZITTA by her Family

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

11:00 AM STEPHEN MURPHY
by Martha and Susan Zimmerman



ETERNAL LIGHT

burning this week in loving memory of:
DOROTHY T. KELLEHER
by her Children

PARISH SUPPORT

November 29, 2009

Envelopes	\$1,185.00
Loose	\$ 292.75
Total	\$1,477.75

82 envelopes average \$14.45

Development Fund: \$203

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

PARISH SUPPORT

December 6, 2009

Envelopes	\$292.00
Loose	219.00
TOTAL	\$511.00

14 envelopes, average \$20.86

Needed weekly to meet expenses: \$624.00

Thank you for your support.

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!

Knights of Columbus: St. Joseph: January 4, 7:15PM
Adoration: January 2: St. Joseph 3-6PM (Friday) winter hrs
January 2 St. Stanislaus 5-7 PM (Friday)
NH Catholic Daughters: St. Joseph:
December 15, 7:00PM
Catholic Society: St. Stanislaus January 13 7PM
Pastoral Council: February 10 at St. Joseph 7PM

The PRAYER PARTNERSHIP – Pat Bowers, Susi Canu, Nancy Cummings, Theresa Haag, Amy Barstow, Mimi Lafond, Cathy Croteau, Jackie Leahy, Sharron Wojciechowski, Judy Mentzer, and Eileen Breckell, – pray every day for the intentions of those who wish prayers said for themselves, family or friends, anyone who asks for our prayers. See or call Nancy Cummings 242-3469 or Amy Barstow 239-4350 to add your intentions to our prayer list. You can also get additional information if you are interested in joining our group,



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Call Father Jason Jalbert (603) 669-3100, or write: jjalbert@rcbm.org.



Retirement Fund helps Senior Religious – "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. www.retiredreligious.org.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. BERNARD, KEENE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009 – CHRISTMAS EVE
4 PM, 7 PM, 12 MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2009 – CHRISTMAS DAY
9 AM, 11 AM

ST. MARGARET MARY, KEENE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009 – CHRISTMAS EVE
4 PM, 7 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2009 – CHRISTMAS DAY
9 AM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TROY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009 – CHRISTMAS EVE
6:30 PM

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

ST. JOSEPH, HINSDALE:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009 – CHRISTMAS EVE
4 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2009 – CHRISTMAS DAY
9 AM

ST. STANISLAUS, WINCHESTER:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2009 – CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30AM

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – Sponsor Ministry

I would like to thank Will and Janna Andrus, Kris Bergeron, and Rita Pero for joining the R.C.I.A. "sponsor ministry" this year. They will be representing our parish communities in a most personal way. They will informally pass on the spirit of the church community and experience first-hand the challenges a new member faces. Thank you for your time commitment and being available to our catechumens and candidates.

In gratitude and prayer,
Corey Tetreault, RCIA coordinator

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.

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 today, Sunday, December 13. This afghan would make a beautiful addition to any home or a great Christmas gift!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to come to our Festival of Lights celebration. Opening event will be a candlelight procession to the living crèche. Children are invited to come dressed as Angels and Shepherds. Gathering time-4:00pm; Procession and Caroling-4:30pm; Fields and Tree Lighting-5:00pm. Bonfire, Hot Chocolate, Doughnuts for all! Directions: www.ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org.

TRAVELING LIGHT PRAYER GROUP: welcomes all in our community to come to sing, to praise, to share Scripture and fellowship, and to intercede for your own or others needs and our churches' needs. December's intention is the community of Immaculate Conception, Troy. We meet Thursdays, 7pm, in the St. Bernard Parish Hall. Spiritual Director: Deacon Arnold Gustafson; contact person: Joy Davis, 352-2861.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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!**

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.

Evangelization Corner - *"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope...It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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

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.

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 Christmas items such as greeting cards, ornaments, nativities, etc. 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 evening: December 14 at 7:00pm at the public library in Troy, NH.

Wednesday morning: December 16 at 9:00am at St. Margaret Mary church hall in Keene.



WELCOME! We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us in the Catholic Community of Southwest New Hampshire (St. Bernard, St. Margaret Mary, Immaculate Conception, St. Stanislaus, and St. Joseph) this weekend. We are happy to have you here and pray that you will have a safe and happy visit!

