

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

October 11, 2020



Parish of the Holy Spirit

St. Bernard Church

185 Main Street, Keene

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

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.

Parish of the Holy Spirit

St. Margaret Mary Church

33 Arch Street, Keene

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

Mary Queen of Peace Parish

St. Joseph Church

35 Brattleboro Road, Hinsdale

Sunday: 9:00AM
Weekdays: Wednesday 9:00AM
Holy Days: As Announced
Confession: By appointment & Saturdays 3:30-4:00PM

MASS INTENTIONS
PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. Bernard Church

- Mon Oct 12**
8:00 Michael Hanrahan, on his birthday, by his daughter Megan
- Tues Oct 13**
†8:00 William Rioux by the Family
- Wed Oct 14**
†5:30 Bernice Messier by Meghan
- Thurs Oct 15**
†8:00 Mrs. Lonsky
- Fri Oct 16**
†8:00 Charles Beauregard Sr. by Ted and Pat Regan
9:30 President Donald Trump
- Sat Oct 17**
8:00 Christopher Chasse, on his 28th birthday, by Mark & Kim Chasse
- †4:00 Caroline Kennedy Carnright**, 17th Anniversary by Fred & Mary Kennedy
- Sun Oct 18**
†9:30 Thomas Driscoll by Ernie Walsh
†11:15 Susan Fitzpatrick by Ann & Rusty
- St. Margaret Mary Church**
- Sat Oct 17**
4:00 Pro Populo
- Sun Oct 18**
†8:00 Ann Williams by Martha and Susan Zimmerman

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

St. Joseph Church

- Sun Oct 18**
†9:00 Yvette Samson by Jim & Louise Nolan

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of October 11th

St. Bernard's Church

Kerry

St. Stanislaus Church

Michael Byrne by his family



† FUNERALS AND BURIALS

Prayers are requested for the soul of **Patricia Hinckley**. We thank God for the gift of her life and pray she is now at peace.

Mass Intentions: You can now request a mass through our website, swnhcatholics.com.

- ◆ On the home page, under the Home drop down, click *Mass Times*.
- ◆ Click *Submit a Mass Intention Request*.
- ◆ The Mass calendar for both parishes is available for your review to see which masses are open for intentions. Click *Request A Mass* and fill out the form.
- ◆ A donation can then be mailed to the parish office or put in the offertory basket at mass.



Hello Everyone,

of the Parish of the Holy Spirit

It has been a while since I have given a simple Pastor's Note without all kinds of huge restructuring changes etc, to announce. In this note, I wanted to simply update you on a few moves and movements regarding Covid-19 and our parish. Every diocese has what are called deaneries, these are similar to what a county is in a state and every deanery has a dean. I am the dean for the Monadnock Deanery, which essentially means every now and then I have a meeting with the bishop and the other deans and we try to role out the bishop's initiatives. Last Monday, I participated in a deanery meeting. Much of the subject matter had to do with parish life during Covid-19. It was a time to address concerns that we hear and prepare for upcoming seasons and events (like Christmas masses). It was also a time to ask what, if anything, we can do to continue to try to open up our parishes. While we seem to still be far off in terms of being completely back to normal and our precautions all remain in full effect, there are a couple of things we can begin to do safely during this pandemic.

I have spoken with people from various ministries and we, as a parish, are preparing to reintroduce more musicians at each Mass (the Folk Group and our burgeoning Parish Choir). We will also be allowing for children to begin altar serving Masses again (at the parents' discretion, of course). We are also preparing to begin and expand our faith formation programs across the board. This means K-12, Religious Ed and Youth Ministry, but also Adult Faith Formation. You will be seeing and receiving more and more information in the weeks to come, registration opportunities for families with young children and registration for Bible studies etc. We are also planning our Advent Mission with Bill Wegner (which was supposed to be last Pentecost's mission).

Beyond all of this, we continue planning and carrying out various building projects, from the Adoration Chapel powder room, to much needed repairs at Saint Margaret Mary Church. These too, I will report and address in more detail, in the coming weeks. As we move forward with these things, I want to assure you that we will always follow protocols to keep our children and all of us as safe as possible. I also want to appeal to you all to pray for your fellow parishioners, especially those most affected by our necessary parish restructuring, particularly the people of Troy and Winchester. Thank you for your generous support and your time and attention to this letter. God bless you all.

Fr Alan

PARISH SUPPORT

- PHS: Oct 4: \$8,074.25**
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- MQP: Oct 4: \$1,139.00**
Weekly Offertory Needed:\$1,600.00



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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

- SUN 10/11** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- MON 10/12** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/
Lk 11:29-32
- TUE 10/13** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41
- WED 10/14** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46
- THR 10/15** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54
- FRI 10/16** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7
- SAT 10/17** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12
- SUN 10/18** IIs 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

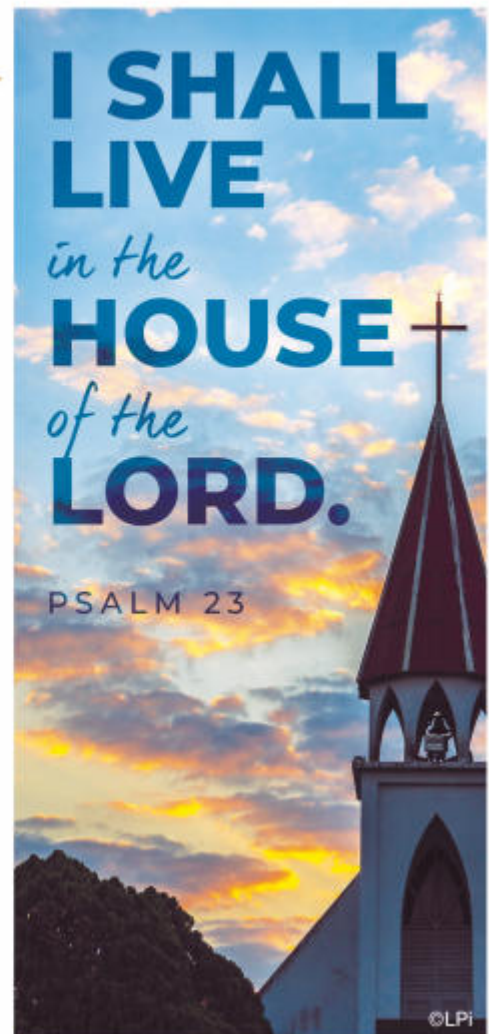
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day
- Wednesday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Come to the feast! God calls us to participate in the banquet of life, a banquet that can fill and satisfy us like no other. It is a spiritual feast where we kind find inner refreshment and satisfy the thirst and hunger of our souls. Do you want to come? Every human being receives an invitation; no one is excluded. There is no charge and an abundant table is set. Some will blatantly refuse. They see no merit in attending and feel that they can fill their needs in other ways. Others will simply ignore the invitation. Maybe they are too consumed with other matters they feel are more important at the time. Still others may even get angry and feel deep resentment for even being asked, resorting to acts of violence in protest of the very presence of the feast. In spite of this, many will also come. They will be the good and the bad, the lost and the lonely, and the ones who understand. They know love when they see it. When they go to the feast, they will rejoice and be glad as they will have found the God for whom they looked!



*The word
became flesh
and dwelt
among us.*

— JOHN 1:14 —

PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Clairvaux Center, 161 Main Street, Keene

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00am-8:00pm

St. Margaret Mary Church, 33 Arch Street, Keene

First Friday of every month 9:00am-3:00pm

WINGS: UPDATE: Barring further social distancing restrictions due to COVID-19, WINGS will resume September 17-October 22, "Faith Journey."

PRAYER SHAWLS: We have lap robes and shawls for the sick, those having surgery, or those struggling with their health. All items are made with prayers and blessed by the priest. Please call the office to obtain one. **UPDATE** Next meeting October 8th at St. Margaret Mary's at 9:00AM, 10:00AM when WINGS is in session.

WIDOWS GROUP: UPDATE: Please call Sarah Avery at 357-0176 for further information.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF CHARITIES: UPDATE Next meeting **April 5, 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 gathering will be on **October 13th**.

THE LADIES OF ST. ANNE: UPDATE Information about a holiday event and a date will be posted soon. Please stay safe.

MARIE RIVIER ASSOCIATION (MRA): UPDATE Starting September 8th, we will meet from 6:30-8:00 in St. Bernard's parish hall every second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in learning about the MRA in Keene, call Ginny Houle 352-1152 (leave message) or go to <https://presentationofmary-usa.org/marie-rivier-associates>.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings **September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM**. 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 \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH MAINTENANCE: Monthly clean up **October 31st** starting at **9AM**.

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).



WINGS

September 17—October 22, 2020

Faith Journey

Everyone is invited! The hour long spiritual presentations with question and answer follow the 8am mass at St. Bernard Church in the parish hall. Light refreshments and coffee are served. All programs on Thursday. All those in attendance are required to wear facemasks and to maintain the physical distance requirements.

Sept 17, 2020: Fr. Alan Tremblay, *John 14:6, The Faith Journey of Doubting Thomas*

Sept 24, 2020: Fr. Barrent Pease, *Galatians Chapter V*

Oct 1, 2020: Fr. Sliva, *Into Your Hands: Seven Highlights of Catholic Exequies*

Oct 8, 2020: Fr. Charles DiMascola, *Charity—Heaven—Waiting for God*

Oct 15, 2020: Fr. Donald Noiseux, *St. Theresa of Avila*

Oct 22, 2020: Fr. Britto Adaikalam, *The People of Israel*

Oct 29, 2020: Fr. Gregory Mackey, *The Pilgrimage of St. James*



OCTOBER

They Might be Saints: Sr. Marie De Mandat-Grancey

Learn how the holy writings of a bed ridden woman led Sr. Marie de Mandat-Grancey on a life's journey to locate the house once occupied by Mary, the Mother of Jesus. **October 12, 6:30PM (30mins)**

Madre: Our Lady of the Pillar

Ordinary life is the perfect place for extraordinary things to happen as seen in this inspiring story of the Blessed Mother's intercession in the lives of the apostle James and a college student diagnosed with cancer. **October 16, 8:00PM (60mins)**



The Divine Plan (EWTN Live Event)

A president and a pope join forces to defeat the Soviet Union's evil empire in this compelling documentary about the alliance between Ronald Reagan and Pope St. John Paul II. **October 21, 10:00PM; October 22, 4:00PM (90mins)**

The "Reformation" Marathon

A special presentation of all twelve episodes of the EWTN series, "Reformation," chronicling the religious upheaval that began in the 16th century with Martin Luther. **October 31, 9:30-11AM (episodes 1-3); 2-3PM (episodes 4 & 5); 4-6:30PM (episodes 6-10); 11-12noon (episodes 11 & 12). (30 mins)**

John Paul II In America: Uniting a Continent

Rare footage and interviews reveal the transcontinental influence Pope St. John Paul II's papacy had within the Americas, and how it played a role in the fall of multiple dictatorships. **October 23, 8PM (60min)**



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The 2020 Coats for Kids Drive!

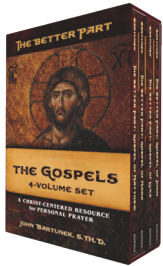
Each year with your help the Knights of Columbus Council #819 provides warm coats for kids in need. The Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting a COLD winter. Please help your Knights of Columbus keep the kids of the Monadnock Region WARM this winter. Thank You!

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There are three ways to donate:

- (1) Mail your check to: Parish of the Holy Spirit, Knights of Columbus, 161 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431;
- (2) Place your donation in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked Coats for Kids
- (3) Place your donation in one of the designated jars at the entrances to St. Bernard's or St. Margaret Mary's Churches.

Do You Want the "Better Part"?



Jesus said "... but one thing is necessary, only one; for Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:42)

Join Fr. Alan as he presents the series: The Better Part, (Sophia Institute Press, 2020). Within a group setting, this series will help us to know, love and follow Christ more closely by encountering him more deeply and personally in prayer with the Sunday gospels of Advent.

Groups will begin Thursday, **November 19, 6:30-8:00 pm** and will continue for 5 sessions through Advent:

November 19, December 3, 10, 17 and January 7, 2021

Stay tuned for more!



Dead Theologian Society Resumes Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 18th, we will kick off our Fall Semester of Dead Theologian Society. Join us for a fantastic evening of games, great food, and inspiration from the life of Canadian martyr, St. Isaac Jogues. We will gather in the parish hall at **Saint Bernard's at 4pm.**



Greetings to all in the Parish of the Holy Spirit,

I hope this note finds you all safe and well!

I wanted to share a quick update with you about the schools. On Monday, September 14, Our Lady of Mercy Academy officially opened its doors to 16 ninth and tenth grade students! We are so thrilled to welcome them. Despite all of the challenges that we continue to face with COVID-19, our new high school is thriving. We have a faculty and staff who are eager to be part of a dynamic, Catholic high school!

If you have visited the Adoration Chapel or Parish Offices, you are seeing many new faces and lots of activity with the high school students. They are eating lunch outside in the gardens, and playing frisbee in the parking lot. There is tremendous energy everywhere! We know that many of you have had to make some adjustments with all of this new activity around, and we sincerely appreciate all of your patience as we continue to figure out the best procedures for in and around Mercy Academy.

Saint Joseph Regional School is also bustling! We are happy to be in school each and every day with everyone. All of our students have adjusted quickly to wearing face masks to school each day, and our families have been extremely supportive of the new protocols that we have put into place. Our primary goal above all else is to maintain the safety and health of all of our students -- preschool through high school -- and give them an inspiring, spiritual learning environment each and every day.

We are truly blessed to be educating a total of 209 students for the 2020-21 academic year! If you ever have any questions or concerns, my door is always open (and my email is only a click away!). I ask that you continue to keep our students, faculty and staff in your prayers.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
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**October 11, 2020
Gospel Meditation**

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

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