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If you are in the hospital or home-bound and would like a visit from a priest, deacon, or EMC, please call the parish office. Also, be sure to notify the hospital that you are a Roman Catholic and a member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to the parish! If you are interested in registering or becoming Catholic, please call the parish office.



St. Catherine of Siena
(1347 - 1380)
Doctor of the Church

**“Be who God created you
to be, and you will set the
world on fire”**

SACRAMENTS

Masses: Please see the inside sheet for Mass times and information.

Reconciliation: Saturday afternoon: 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6-7 PM or by appointment.

Baptism: Third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Parents are required to attend Catechesis prior to the baptism. Godparents are encouraged to participate. **No Baptisms during Lent.**

Marriage: Please call the parish office at least six months in advance for arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wednesdays, 3 PM



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

The number to call for prayer requests, or if you wish to pray with us, is 622-2094.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

“The Word became flesh and lived among us.”
Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, call Fr. Matthew Mason at (603) 663-0132 or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISER

Please prayerfully consider making an investment in the future of our diocese by supporting our seminarians. With a donation of \$25 or more, we will send you a pin and a vinyl sticker so you can show the world your support! Each year, the diocese spends approximately \$500,000 on tuition and room and board for our seminarians. Every pin and sticker purchased will help these fine young men studying for the priesthood by supporting their education and formation. Please visit: form.jotform.com/RCBM/seminarian-fundraise.

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Thursday, **December 31** at 5:30 p.m. and New Year's Day, Friday, **January 1** at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

STATUS OF SATURDAY'S 5:30 MASS

We have decided to continue with the 5:30 Mass on Saturday afternoons for a while longer. Because of the continued crowding at the 4:00 Mass, as well as the rising pandemic numbers, we'll reassess at the end of February as to whether this Mass will continue.

GLUTEN-FREE HOST AVAILABLE

Please note that we have gluten-free hosts for anyone allergic to gluten. Please come to the sacristy before Mass and notify the celebrant of your need for a host.

SEWING AND KNITTING GROUP

We extend a warm welcome to all who wish to come and work at knitting, crocheting, or sewing small items including prayer shawls for the needy and homeless. Our meetings are every other Monday, 9:30am - 11:30am in the church hall. The next meeting is scheduled for this Monday, **December 21**.

PRAYER FOR A TIME OF PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our
children when their schools close
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically

wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving

embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen

Cameron Bellm, www.ccvichapel.org/post/prayer-for-a-pandemicv-cameron-bellm

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAYS

Why at 3 pm? Our Divine Lord Jesus told St. Faustina, “I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke it omnipotence for the whole world and particular for poor sinners, for at the moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice.” Please join us the Adorers on **Wednesdays** at 3PM to pray the Chaplet for the Sick, Suffering and the Dying. St. Pope John Paul II told us “the Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all who participate.”



HOUR OF POWER HOLY HOUR

Are you looking for a great way to end your weekend and to get you ready for the week? Join us for an Hour of Power Holy Hour. Each of these nights will consist of a guided Holy Hour, asking the Lord to open our hearts, to bring us healing, to praise Our Lord, and to seek out His protection. Each week there will be a different theme to guide us. Join us from 7 to 8 pm either in person or on the Livestream.

December 27: Celebrate the Christmas Joy of the Holy Family

January 3: Enter into the Epiphany

January 10: Rekindling the flame

January 17: Prayers of healing caused by division

January 24: Prayers for Life

January 31: Prayers for Catholic Schools

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

This first Gospel, often called the Gospel of the Church, contains many beloved teachings of our faith: The Adoration of the Magi, The Sermon on the Mount, The Call of Peter to the Papacy, etc. We will join scripture scholars Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they undertake a close analysis of each chapter. We hope you enjoy this lively and faith-filled study.

FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

December 19/20, 2020

Due to the Christmas holiday, collection information for December 19/20, 2020 will be in the next bulletin.

JESUS WAS BORN IN A SHELTER

The box at the main entrance of the church is to collect items for those who are in need of the food pantry at the Parish of Transfiguration. *Needs include: non-perishable food items and personal care products only.*

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.



GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.



<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 26</u>
4:00	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KIRBY & MCNAMARA FAMILIES by the family JOHN CRESTA & MARY FLYNN by Margaret Cresta
5:30	NORMAN CHAMPAGE by the family RAY DENT by Heather & Rob Hayes
CONFESSIONS: 2:30pm - 3:30 pm	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 27</u>
7:30	DAVID ROYER, SR. by the family
9:00	DIANE SOUCY by the family
11:00	ALYSSA SKOGLUND by Mom & Dad (14 th Anniv.) ANNE BAUMEISTER by Kathleen Malatras

MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30am

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 28</u>
9:00	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs CONRAD LAFOND CONSTANCE PLANTE
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 29</u>
9:00	ST. THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr JOHN GRANT by his wife, Lorraine (5 th Anniv.)
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 30</u>
9:00	PAULINE BLAIS by her husband, Ron JEAN HEBERT by Trudy Klufits
9:30 – 5:00pm ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CONFESSIONS: 6:00pm – 7:00pm	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 31</u>
9:00	ST. SYLVESTER I, Pope
5:30	CONRAD LAFOND CONSTANCE PLANTE
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 1</u>
9:00	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CONRAD LAFOND & CONSTANCE PLANTE
11:00	ALYSSA SKOGLUND by Mom & Dad JEAN HEBERT by Barbara Raulerson
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 2</u>
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE EDNA & CARL MILES by Fredda & Dick Miles
4:00	HENRY CORVARI by the Arrison Family
5:30	NORMAN CHAMPAGNE by the family
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 3</u>
7:30	GEORGE SHATFORD by his wife RICHARD NAULT by his wife, Lorraine GERARD DESROCHERS by the family LORAIN CLOUTIER by Judy Labbe-Huard MIKE GORDON by his wife, Shirley DIANA GLENNON by Therese & AJ
9:00	
11:00	

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

We are now accepting application for the 2021-22 school year. Please visit our website at scsnh.com to take a virtual tour and apply. For more information, please contact the office at 622-1711 or office@scsnh.com.

KEEP KIDS SAFE: TECHNOLOGY TIPS: SMARTPHONE SAFETY

Gaming is a popular pastime, especially for many boys. Smartphone technology means that the internet is literally at our fingertips! This is both a blessing and a challenge. When your kids are ready for a Smartphone, keep the following in mind:

- Use parental controls to limit access to inappropriate content
- Set the device so that app purchases require parental approval
- Make a contract with your child listing rules you expect him or her to follow
- Be aware that in-phone apps sometimes provide access to sites you've blocked
- Consider having children turn in their phones to you at a certain time each night
- Know passwords & make it clear that you will be checking the phone periodically
- Tell your kids that they will not be punished if they come to you and report that they received inappropriate content or messages—you will help them!

For more information about child safety, visit www.catholienh.org/safety

STE. MARIE'S YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meet on **Mondays, at 7pm**. If interested, people can contact Julia Scott at jfscott@wpi.edu for more information and the link to join.

VOTIVE CANDLES

You might have wondered why there are votive candles in front of Saints Mary, Joseph, and Catherine. We light a votive candle as part of our prayer, whether it's a prayer of thanksgiving, intention for someone both living or deceased, or a prayer of praise to God, and that light represents our prayer that will continue long after we have left the Church and we have gone back to our daily routine. We state our prayer, and the candle represents our prayers being sought on behalf of the saint that we light the candle to. As we make our prayers, many people make a small donation for the prayers. All are welcome to use these candles, as a way to keep their prayers alive.

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass? Why should we bother to use the envelopes or E-give?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that, because they attend a particular parish, they are members automatically. Young adults who have moved away for years believe that they are still signed up under their parent's registration. Parish registration requires signing up formally as a family. **It is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish.** Your registration affects you and the parish in several ways. Registration shows you belong. It is necessary for certain benefits, such as the sacramental programs of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. It helps to know the person whose weddings and funerals are being planned. Active and registered parishioners are verification for Catholic elementary and high school support. Certification for godparents and sponsor letters for the sacrament of Confirmation are processed more easily. Registering in your parish is a statement of commitment and confidence in the life and work of your parish. You are welcome to become a registered member of St. Catherine at any time. Pick up a registration form at the rectory or call 622-4966 for more information.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS 12-20 THROUGH 12-26-2020

Congratulations to our next batch of winners: Sr. Jeannette Landreville, LeRae Kinney, Dotty McDonald, Louise Ouellette, Terrie Robinson, Hilary Mortimer, and Kim Sweet.

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

Nationwide Mass times and locations may be found online at www.Masstimes.org or call 1-800-627-7846.

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again," a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (**January 28 – March 4**) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/berement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.



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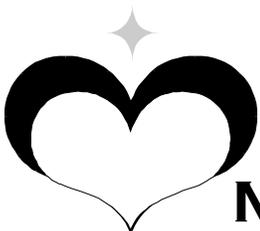

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