# St. Catherine of Siena Parish & School
## One Heart, One Campus

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Mrs. Norine Calvano .....540-7512

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Mr. David Gocklin.....Music Director

***St. Catherine Parish School: (622-1711)***
Principal - Mrs. Katie Knight

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.

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***"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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# 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 12, 2021**

## UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

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

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Catholic Charities has provided our parish with a list of 7 deserving families that would like to give their loved ones a wonderful Christmas. If you are interested in helping, please contact the rectory. Unwrapped gifts are due back **December 17.**

## 2021 CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our most recent Calendar Raffle winners: J. Claude Laroche, George Huppe, Joyce & Keith Koerber, Eveleen Barcomb, Jeanie Elskamp, Jeffrey Luebkert, Mary Foye, Claire St. Hilaire, Kathleen Martel, Stephen Tomsic, Judy Cheung, Christine Radavich, Ella Fong, Ally Bordeleau, Linda Gauthier, Michele Smith, Claire Coderre, and Casey Bergeron.

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT

"All were questioning their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

It's that time of the year!! We are looking for children to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant during the 6 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. The children should be between ages 4 - 10, and there are no spoken parts. There will be three 45-minute rehearsals one on Tuesday, **December 21**, Wednesday, **December 22**, and Thursday, **December 23**, if needed, at 6:15. We will meet in the church hall. Please contact Lisa Daugherty at yff@scsnh.com or 622-6264 if you are interested. We hope you will join us!

## GET READY FOR SUNDAY

Bible Reflections – All are welcome to join the **Wednesday mornings** Bible Reflections in the hall at 9:30 am. We will take some time to slowly read the Sunday Readings and then to reflect on a few questions about the readings and how they apply to our daily lives.

## 2022 CALENDARS

The parish has purchased a supply of religious 2022 calendars. Please take one while supplies last.

## 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."

**FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**
**December 4/5, 2021**
**Checks: $ 7,039.00**
**Cash: $ 1,264.00**
**E-Give: $ 1,855.00**
**Total: $10,158.00**
***Average November Weekly Collection: $9,521.78***
***Budgeted Weekly Collection: $10,600***

## MASSES FOR THE DECEASED

It is a Catholic practice to have Masses said for the deceased. They have infinite value for the souls of the departed and bring comfort to those who survive their departed loved ones. You may arrange to have a mass said by calling the office at 622-4966. We also offer the Tabernacle and Perpetual candles for the week.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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 $100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

## 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 p.m. either in person or on the Livestream.

**December 5:** Mary said "yes."
**December 12:** Let us rejoice

## FASTER FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

(Families Advocating for Substance Treatment, Education, and Recovery) for adults with a loved one dealing with substance use. You don't have to face this alone. Call Susan or Patrick 603-668-4859 for more information.

## 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Parishioners should have received their 2022 offertory envelopes by mail. If you haven't received yours, please call the rectory at 603-622-4966.

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## WANTED: RELIGIOUS ED VOLUNTEERS

If anybody is interested in helping with Religious Ed, from teaching to babysitting, please contact Lisa at 603-622-6264 or yff@scsnh.com.

## 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.

## FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

## SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

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| **SATURDAY** | **DECEMBER 11** |
| 8:00 | ELIZABETH SMITH by Pauline Caron |
| | LISA SZULC & KATHLEEN DOLAN by the Hayes Family |
| 4:00 | VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN & JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families |
| | CATHERINE MULROY by the Foye Family |
| **CONFESSIONS: 2:30pm – 3:30 pm** | |
| **SUNDAY** | **DECEMBER 12** |
| 7:30 | FRANCIS X. SCHULTZ by his daughter, Nancy |
| | FRANK & CATHERINE MCKALLAGAT by the family |
| 9:00 | JOSEPH MCDONOUGH, JR & JUDITH MCDONOUGH by the family |
| | JEAN LASS by Phyllis |
| 11:00 | CAROL BOUCHER by her husband, Paul |
| | CLAUDETTE BEAUDOIN by Aline Gagnon |

**MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30am**

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| **MONDAY** | **DECEMBER 13** |
| | **ST. LUCY, Virgin & Martyr** |
| 9:00 | DORIS CARON by Priscilla Ledoux |
| | JERRY LACY by a special friend, Janice Richard |
| **CONFESSIONS: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm** | |
| **TUESDAY** | **DECEMBER 14** |
| | **ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, Priest** |
| 9:00 | ELMER DAHLQUIST by the Dahlquist Trust Fund |
| | DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TALMONT FAMILY by the Beal Family |
| **WEDNESDAY** | **DECEMBER 15** |
| 9:00 | RICHARD SMITH by the family |
| | DICK BERGERON by his son, Danny |
| **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** | |
| **CONFESSIONS: 6:00pm – 7:00pm** | |
| **THURSDAY** | **DECEMBER 16** |
| 9:00 | MICHAEL O'SHEA by his wife, Deborah |
| | PAULINE BLAIS by her husband, Ron |
| **SATURDAY** | **DECEMBER 18** |
| 4:00 | JOHN CRESTA & MARY FLYNN by Margaret Cresta |
| | FR. CHARLES DAVIS by Fredda Miles |
| **SUNDAY** | **DECEMBER 19** |
| 7:30 | ELIZABETH SMITH by Muriel & Roland Soucy |
| | DORA CARON & YVONNE CARON by the family |
| 9:00 | FRANKLIN & DESROCHERS FAMILIES by the DesRochers Family |
| | LAURETT BILODEAU by Gilles Bilodeau |
| 11:00 | DENISE BULLUCCI by Tony & Jan Burdo |
| | CLAUDETTE BEAUDOIN by Aline Gagnon |

**Tabernacle Candle**: For he repose of the soul of David Springs by his wife, Rita

## *ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS*

### PARENT SERIES – ALL Parents welcome

St. Catherine of Siena Parish and School are teaming up to help parents answer the difficult questions are children ask. These nights will give you some of the resources needed, along with the Church teaching to help guide you child. All parents, grandparents, and any interested adult is welcome to join. It is held on the **First Thursday of the Month** at 6 pm in the Church. There will be childcare available to make it easier, however we ask that you please sign your children up so that we are prepared: saintcatherinesienaparishNH.com/parent-series or call the parish office.

**January 6**: School Curriculum –should critical race theory, BLM/1619 project curriculum be taught in schools? If not, how should the issue of race, equality and human dignity be addressed in school? How do I help my child differentiate between the BLM movement and all humans made in the image and likeness of God? Led by Derrick Alexandre

### KEEP KIDS SAFE: TECHNOLOGY TIPS – ONLINE SAFETY

As caring adults, we are all concerned about what our children may be exposed to on the internet, including "smart" devices. Here are some tips to help keep your children safe when they are online:

- Keep your computer and other devices in high traffic areas of the home.
- Set rules about what sites your child is allowed to visit.
- Make sure your child does not use their name or identifying information as their user name.
- Remind your child that he or she should never give out personal information.
- Activate the parental controls on all devices, including laptops, phones, TVs & gaming systems.
- Know your children's passwords and make it clear that you will periodically check on their online activity.
- Have your children turn in their devices to you at a designated time each evening.

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

### ST. GIANNA'S PLACE

St. Gianna's Place is Now Accepting Residents. Do you know a pregnant woman in crisis who is need of safe housing and support? St. Gianna's Place is open and now accepting residents. Please visit our website at stgiannasplace.org or call us at (603) 521-8440. We are here to help.

### HALL TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to announce Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette in 2022! This is possible in accordance with the terms of a bequest received by the diocese. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. The full scholarships granted to those in financial need are based on the recommendation of the pastor of their parish. Please contact your parish office to request a letter of recommendation and application. The deadline for submission of recommendations is March 11, 2022.

### 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.

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) names the process by which interested persons gradually become members of the Catholic Church. St. Catherine Parish welcomes all who believe that their journey in faith has led them to learn more about the Catholic faith, to grow in their life of prayer, and express their faith in community with others. If you know anyone whose faith journey may be prompting him/her to learn more about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. Chris at the rectory, Derick Alexandre, or Norine Calvano. Contact information for them is on the front of the bulletin. Sharing one's faith is a gift, also. **The RCIA team is looking for new members to journey with the inquirers.** If you are interested in sharing your faith, please contact Derick or Norine. No special training is necessary.

### BIN FOR CLOTHING

St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a bin for donations of clothing located in the school parking lot adjacent to the rectory. Items accepted for the bin: gently used coats, clothing shoes, boots, hats, mittens, undergarments, socks, bedding, towels. No large items, please.

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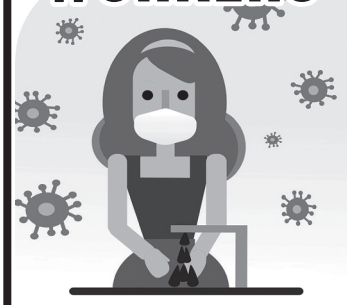
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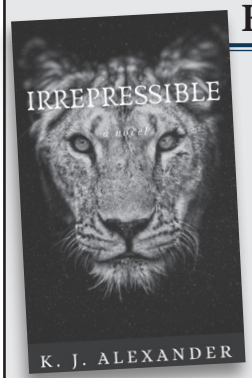

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