

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

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

NEW INDEPENDENT LIVING IN WINDHAM

Searles Place at Warde, a faith-focused Catholic Charities NH Independent Living Community for people 62+, is now accepting reservations for January occupancy. Featuring 1 & 2 bedroom, open-concept apartments, it is located at the Warde Healthcare Campus, which offers a continuum of care options. Residents have inside access to Mass in the onsite chapel Monday through Thursday and Sunday, a Pastoral care Director and many other services and amenities. For more information, please call 603-845-1664 or email: SearlesPlace@nh-cc.org or log onto SearlesPlace.com.

PRAYING ON PENNACOOK STREET

The number of women showing up at Planned Parenthood for surgical abortions continues to dwindle. At 10 am sidewalk counselors talked to a woman leaving PP. She said she had an appointment for a surgical abortion but didn't have any money. She said PP agreed to "waive" the \$550.00 fee for the abortion but insisted she pay \$125.00 for connected services. Counselors walked her up to the Pennacook Pregnancy Center to get her connected with resources for housing and to meet her needs so she feels confident about continuing her pregnancy. She has been "clean" from drugs for a year and wants "to be a mother," as her first two children were adopted. Please pray she accepts the assistance offered to her. It was 4 pm when the abortionist went outside and said to the counselors, "You can go home now. It's all done." She then went for a jog down Elm Street. For more information about the life-affirming Pennacook Pregnancy Center, visit www.pennacookpregnancy.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Women's Group meeting in December. Our Christmas Social will take its place. Our meetings will resume on Wednesday, **January 8**. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

RECENT DEATHS



We remember those who died in December, especially Michael Smith. May he be rewarded with eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION CALLING?

"Nations shall walk by your light." If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to be part of the revelation of Christ to man as a priest, or in the consecrated life, call Fr. Matthew Mason at 663-0132 or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

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."

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Catherine of Siena's Men of St. Joseph will be meeting Saturday, **January 11** for Mass at 8 a.m., followed by the rosary, a full breakfast, and a guest speaker. Any adult male is invited. For any questions, contact Ron Latouche OFS @ 603-669-2674.

THE MEANING OF THE EPIPHANY

For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

We are
sharers
of the promise

ELECTRONIC GIVING CAN BE FOR YOU

Giving to St. Catherine Parish is just a few clicks away. Some of the benefits are:

1. You will simplify your life by using the same method to make your donations, even while you are away on vacation. It can also simplify your bookkeeping.
2. You will take a step of faith by deciding in advance to faithfully give to your church.

Visit <http://give.egive-usa.com/stcatherine> and sign up today. If you have any questions call Paul Proulx, a finance committee member, at 206-4370.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
December 21/22, 2019**

**Checks: \$ 4,964.00
Cash: \$ 2,567.00
E-Give: \$ 1,577.00
Total: \$ 9,108.00**

Christmas: \$18,085.00

Average November Weekly Collection: \$9,391.00

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$10,600

**THANK YOU
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Due to the New Year holiday, collection
information for December 28/29 will be in the
next bulletin.**

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.

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

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

2019 DONOR SUBSTANTIATION

For those parishioners who wish to have a statement of charitable contributions to Saint Catherine of Siena Parish for 2019, please call the office at 622-4966 and we will be happy to provide you with one. *Please note that we can only give you a statement of donations from the use of your envelopes or e-Give.*

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.

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.



<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 4</u>
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
4:00	HENRY CORVARI by the Arrison Family NORMAN RAINVILLE by his friend, Danny
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 5</u>
7:30	GEORGE SHATFORD by his wife JEAN BARBAS by Brian & Dolly Nordle
9:00	EDWARD F. & EDWARD H. KLUFTS by the family CATHLEEN CERE by Carolyn Kirby
11:00	ROMEO LEMAY by the family (10 th Anniv.)

MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30 am

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 6</u>
9:00	ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, Religious JOHN SCHMIDT by his wife, Winnie TED COMSTOCK by the family (1 st Anniv.)

<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 7</u>
9:00	ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, Priest EDWARD & EVELYN VERROCHI by their daughter, Cindy

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 8</u>
9:00	DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS by Louise & Jay Lachance JOHN F. SULLIVAN by his daughter, Barbara

9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	<u>JANUARY 9</u>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	MADELINE SWIST & GEORGETTE GUERIN

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 11</u>
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
4:00	ROBERT E. KIRBY by the family JEANNE D'ARC MARTEL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 12</u>
7:30	MICHAEL BARBARITA by his wife ALFRED & ANNETTE MARQUIS by the family
9:00	PATRICK REILLY by the Kirby Family LEWIS FRANKLIN, SR. by the DesRochers Family
11:00	CAROL BOUCHER by her husband, Paul

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE IS FOR THE SOUL OF JOHN F. SULLIVAN by his daughter, Barbara

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.



ST CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - SCS AUCTION

Mark your calendar for our annual auction fundraiser on **Saturday, April 4** at the Derryfield Country Club, Manchester.

KEEP KIDS SAFE – TECHNOLOGY TIPS: GAMING GUIDELINES

Gaming is a popular pastime, especially for many boys. Most video game platforms have internet connectivity, meaning that kids can go online while playing games. This allows for chatting and website browsing. Here are some tips to help make gaming safer:

- Before allowing your child to play a new game, check ratings and reviews
- Use parental controls to restrict use to the ratings and features you approve
- Keep gaming systems in a public area of the home
- As with any technology, remind your child not to give out personal information
- Check out www.esrb.com, which provides additional tips and ratings information

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

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.

CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS

The Parish Nurse is at St. Catherine Church Hall every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to Noon.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS (FREE)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Immaculate Conception, Nashua, **January 18**, 10-N

ONGOING PROGRAMS

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)

Tuesdays at St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford, 9

Wednesdays at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

Thursdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

KNITTING GROUP

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 1 – 2:45

SHINE

A senior support group offering sociability, education, nutritious food and exercise.

Wednesdays at St. Matthews Episcopal, Goffstown, 10:30-11:45

SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 8:45 – 9:30

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholic men and women who perform spiritual works and seek to serve Christ while deepening their personal devotion to Mary, His Blessed Mother. Our parish group meets Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m. Learn more about the Legion on the St. Catherine parish website.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. As always, feel free to bring a friend!

January 4 (Saturday): Everyone

Join us as we visit La Salette Shrine

January 12: Everyone

Do we have balance in our lives? It is tricky with all the demands we have. Dinner: salad and chicken

January 19: Everyone

Movie night

January 26: High School Only

Balance in all we do. It is hard to achieve, especially once we are involved in relationships

February 2: Everyone

Kindness is the fruit of the spirit! Who is the best example of this in your life? Dinner: breakfast

February 9: High School Only

Babysitting

February 16: Everyone

Help prepare and serve dinner for your families! You will show them kindness. Dinner: for your parents

February 23: TBD