

Saturday, January 5th to Sunday, January 13th

- SAT: 4PM** — Richard Haas (by The Valin Family)
SUN: 8AM — Joseph Konchalski (by Dolores Konchalski)
10:30AM — The Parishioners of St. Michael and Their Intentions
MON: 8:45AM — Mary Ann Worden (by Hugh & Melissa Worden)
TUES: 5:15PM — Scott A. Chadderton (by Ralph Pedicini)
WED: 8:45AM — Karen Gray (by Jenn Kelliher)
THURS: 5:15PM — Michael & Judy Phelps & Their Intentions (by Kerry Morton)
FRI: 7:30AM — Lucianne Royce (by Fr. Justin)
SAT: 8:45AM — Health & Blessings for Logan Given
SAT: 4PM — Frank & Millie Timney (by their Family)
SUN: 8AM — Richard Barnes (by Shirley Capron)
10:30AM — The Parishioners of St. Michael and Their Intentions



Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is lit this week for the Severance Family and Their Special Intentions

St. Joseph Candle is lit this week for Raymond Weeks

Events This Week

- Sat. (1/5): St. John Newmann, Bishop**
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)
Sun. (1/6): The Epiphany of the Lord
 9:10-10:10AM — Religious Education (SMS & YC)
Mon. (1/7): St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)
Tues. (1/8): Christmas Weekday
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)
 6PM — D of I Meeting (PC)
 6PM — Bible Study Group (YC)
Wed. (1/9): Christmas Weekday
 9:15AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)
 6PM — Women’s Group (YC)
 6:30PM — RCIA Class (PC)
Thurs. (1/10): Christmas Weekday
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)
 10AM — Mass at Thompson House
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)
Fri. (1/11): Christmas Weekday
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)
Sat. (1/12): Christmas Weekday
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)
 8PM — Fundraiser for St. Brigid’s Kitchen (Main St)
Sun. (1/13): The Baptism of the Lord
 9:10-10:10AM — Religious Education (SMS & YC)

Sunday Scripture Verses

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: **And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.**" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.*

Weekly Stewardship Report:

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>This Year (\$)</u>
This Week	\$4,387.00
Christmas Offering	\$7,426.91

Rosary at Pine Heights and Thompson House

Please call the rectory if you are interested in being involved in this beautiful ministry.

Nativity Collection

Shirley Squires has opened up her beautiful and inspirational Nativity Collection for public viewing. For more information, call her at 254-2696.

Parish Prayer List

Meghan Berger, Mary Lou Buchanan, Alexa Busia & Family, Beverly Defossis, Anthony Church, Frank Elwell, Christina Ferguson, Debbie Hebert, Megan & Alex Kinlock, Mike Lavender, Matt & Heather R., Hilda Cleary, Mildred Maloskie, James Pascal, Teddy Rauh, Terry Rauh, Carson Rhodes, Howard Richardson, Nancy Rogers, Mike & Gail Stankiewicz, Arlene Tarantino, Michael Vose, Andy Westphal, Barbara Wojcik, and Parishioners in Homes & Hospitals

Gifts of Love

We will be delivering "Gifts of Love" to nursing home residents and shut-ins of the parish on Valentine's Day. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church.

Read On!

The newly formed SMS Great Books Group is an adult enrichment opportunity for the St. Michael Parish and School communities to enjoy and be enriched by the classic literature of western civilization. An introductory social was held on December 18th to welcome seven new participants, discuss reading interests, and establish a reading plan. The GBG will continue to welcome new members in advance of its inaugural session on **January 15, 2019**. Come join us! GBG readers will be reading and discussing Walter van Tilburg Clark's thought provoking short story *The Portable Phonograph*. The reading is not difficult and will serve to help participants practice their reading skills and to ease into more challenging texts. Copies of Clark's short masterpiece, *The Portable Phonograph* are available online here: <http://www.msacruz.yolasite.com/resources/The%20Portable%20Phonograph.pdf> or hard copies are available - at no cost - at the back of the church or from the St. Michael School business office. Come join us! Questions? Thoughts? Comments? Email Steven Duchaney here: stevenduchaney@smsvt.info

"I Believe in Love"

We invite all women to join us as we read and reflect together on the beautiful book *"I Believe in Love."* We will meet twice a month beginning **Wednesday, January 9th at 6PM** in the youth center. Written by Father Jean D'Elbée, this life-changing book is a personal retreat based on the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Fundraising Benefit Event for St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry

Saturday, January 12th at 8PM

Stone Church

210 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT

An entertaining evening with:

The WYLDNIGHTZ Band

Come and dance – or just listen – to the Classic Rock tunes of the *Wylld Nightz* band for the benefit of St. Brigid's Kitchen! All of the band's proceeds from the door will be donated to St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. Doors OPEN at 7:30PM. It's time to beat the mid-winter and post-holiday blues and have some fun!

Pro-Life Events: January 26th

Everyone is invited to the annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Augustine Church with Bishop Christopher Coyne in Montpelier on **Saturday, January 26th at 9:30AM**. Following Mass, coffee and donuts will be served in the church basement, and all are invited to join the march to the State House which begins in the parking lot behind the church at **10:45AM**. Those who do not wish to participate in the march are welcome to go directly to the State House and take a seat in House Chambers. At **11:30AM** all will gather for a photo of participants on the State House steps. At Noon the guest speakers will begin in House Chambers. Award-winning author, journalist, and movie producer, Ann McElhinney, will be the keynote speaker this year. Refreshments will follow in the State House cafeteria. The Rally will be followed by the first showing of the *Gosnell movie* anywhere in VT, at **2:30PM** at the Capitol Theater in Montpelier.

Yearly Parish Update - 2018

Baptisms – 19

Weddings – 2

Funerals/Burials – 51

First Communion – 16

Confirmation – 16

Sacraments of the Sick – 86

Thank you from the K of C

The Knights of Columbus Leo Council #917 would like to thank all that participated in the most recent quilt/wreath raffle to raise funds for the handicap door opener. Although \$664 dollars has been raised, we still need around \$1000. A special thank you goes to Sheri Leclair, Deb Tillinghast, Dawn Petrovsky and Sue Hiner for their commitment and hard work making the quilt and wreath.

Mette Family Band in Concert at St. Michael School

Our Parish will be hosting a free concert with Michael Mette (and family) on **Friday, March 15th, from 7:00 – 8:30PM**. Open to the whole family! Michael James Mette is a Catholic singer/songwriter and speaker from St. Louis, Missouri, who travels the country, inspiring people to better know, love, and serve God.

March for Life

Catholics for Life, along with the Franklin County Deanery, are sponsoring two chartered buses to attend the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on the 46th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The buses will depart from Blessed Sacrament Church in Greenfield on **Thursday evening, January 17th at 10PM** after a time of Adoration, Confession, and Mass. They will spend **Friday, January 18th** in Washington, leaving at **4PM**. They will arrive back in Greenfield early Saturday morning. All students may attend at no charge; sponsorship will be available. For additional information, please contact Deacon John Leary at deaconjohnleary@gmail.com or (413) 219-2734 or Joey Sonntag at (413) 768-0872.

A Note About Cold and Flu Season

The Sign of Peace has been an integral and valued part of the worship of the church for centuries in the form of a kiss of peace or handshake. Frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the Chalice can help prevent the spread of germs.

Parish Registration & Parish Group Email List

To register with the parish, update your address, or to be added to the parish group email list, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket.

Registration

Change of address

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Please send envelopes: ____

Email: _____