

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 am - St. John – safety & spiritual welfare by M/M Scott Schoppe

9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*

3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*

3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*

4:00 pm - St. John – Raymond Belanger by his children

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Mass for all Souls

Sunday, January 5th Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*

8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*

8:00 am - St. John – Special Intention by a parishioner

8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Intentions of Mary Rooker by the family

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people

11:00 am - St. John – Deacon Bernier Mayo by a grateful member of his Inquiry Class

Monday, January 6th St. Andre Bessette

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Special Intention

2:15pm - The Pines & Rehab – Mass

5:15pm - St. John – Janice Maynard by the family

Tuesday, January 7th St. Raymond

8:30am - St. John – James & Gloria Carlton by the family

5:15pm - St. John – Robert McDermott by M/M Ed Zuccaro

Wednesday, January 8th

8:30am - St. John – Pauline & Diane Langlois by Ed

5:15pm - St. John – Deceased members of the St. J. K. of C.

Thursday, January 9th

8:30am - St John – Janice Maynard by the family

5:15 pm - St John – Mass for all Souls

Friday, January 10th

8:30am - St Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr by his estate

4:30 pm - Confessions at St. John's

5:15 pm - St. John – James & Gloria Carlton by the family

Saturday, January 11th

8:30 am - St. John- Mass for the people

9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*

3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*

3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*

4:00 pm - St. John – Deceased members of the Folsom family by Susan Dugan

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people

Sunday, January 12th Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*

8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*

8:00 am - St. John – Frank Landry by Stephen Donna

8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Marie Lang & Rebecca Lang by the family

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the Parishioners

11:00 am - St. John – Mass for all Souls

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Jerry Prevost & Camilla Dente

2020 Calendars

We now have the 2020 Calendars available in each Church. Please feel free to bring home a few, put some up and share some with your family. Be sure to thank Steve & Helen Robertson of Sayles Funeral Home for carrying on the tradition providing them for our 3 Churches every year at no cost to us.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 5th NO Religious Education/All 3 Churches

NO Confirmation

Tues. Jan. 7th 6:45pm St. Vincent de Paul/St. J

Wed. Jan. 8th 6:00pm K. of C. Meeting

Sat. Jan. 11th 6:00pm K of C Bingo

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 **Budget:** \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)

Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$130,002.38 **On-Line: YTD:** \$22,793

Collections and Receipts: December 29, 2019

Regular Offertory: \$4,310.00

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is 84% to goal. We have been blessed with a challenge gift that will match all donations made now until the end of December up to \$18,000 to help us reach our goal.

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

Bulletin Sponsors

Each week we want to highlight a business that supports our bulletin.

Thank you to: **Dead River Oil Company 748-8934**

Please support those who support us!

New Hymns & Missals: We're offering parishioners the opportunity to donate individual books in memory of loved ones, whose name would be pasted on the inside cover of the book. For more info, please see the display at the back of the church.

Second Collection This Week: Stewardship

Continue to Pray for an End to Abortion ...

More human beings died in abortions than any other cause of death in 2019, a new report indicates. A heartbreaking reminder about the prevalence of abortion, statistics compiled by Worldometers indicate that there were over 42.3 million abortions world-wide in 2019. Please continue to pray for the protection of all human life.

Youth Mass

Our next Sunday evening Youth Mass will be next Sunday, January 12 at 5:00pm in St. Johnsbury. A reminder that our hope is to begin to offer this Mass twice each month. All are welcome, and please invite a friend!

Dear Queen of Peace Parishioners:

Thanks so much for the Christmas cards for our Students. So special to have handmade cards.

Regards, Kurn Hattin Staff

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally celebrated on January 6th, is sometimes known as the “Christmas of the Gentiles.” It is a feast which popularly outranks Christmas in certain Catholic nations and predated it on the Church’s calendar. In Latin America and Europe gifts and sweets were given to children on this day not December 25th. Traditionally, we remain in Epiphanytide until the feast of Candlemas, February 2nd.

Epiphany, which means “manifestation,” actually celebrates three mysteries of Our Lord’s life — in Roman liturgical order, they are: the adoration of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana. Each of these events is a public manifestation of Christ to the world. The principal one of these mysteries commemorated in the Roman Rite is the visit of the Magi, the first gentiles to respond to the light of God’s revelation and follow His star. In the Eastern Rites, however, the Baptism of Christ is considered the greater Epiphany.

The Roman Church summarizes these three mysteries thusly in her liturgy for the Epiphany: “We celebrate a holy day adorned with three mysteries: this day the star led the Magi to the manger; this day wine was made from water at the wedding; this day Christ willed to be baptized in the Jordan by John in order to save us, alleluia” (Antiphon for the *Magnificat*, Second Vespers).

“Every Mystery of Christ,” wrote Blessed Abbot Marmion, “not only constitutes an historical fact that has occurred in time, but also contains its own special grace upon which souls ought to be nourished so as to live by it.”

The grace of Christmas is the grace of divine adoption, of spiritual childhood. It is the birth of Christ in our souls, made possible by the birth in time of Him who is eternally generated in the bosom of the Father. The grace of the Epiphany makes explicit what is implicit in Christmas. It proclaims to the nations what has occurred in Bethlehem, and what that divine occurrence has made possible, viz. the union of the Heavenly Bridegroom with His Bride, the Catholic Church, which, being *catholic* will embrace both Jews and Gentiles.

Let us all strive to imitate the holy travelers foreseen by Isaias, especially taking note of how the “wise men” found Our Lord: “And entering into the house, they found the child *with Mary his mother*, and falling down they adored him: and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh”. If we would be *wise* and *find Jesus*, we must seek Him where he is, “with Mary his mother,” and there offer Him our gifts.

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

“According to the discipline of the Catholic Church, the Blessed Sacrament should be kept in the tabernacle of every parish church; consequently He resides there for me, a member of the parish. This being our conviction, should we not go to visit Him? When we say that He is there, we intend to say that Jesus Christ is there, with His soul and body, with His Divinity. Therefore we should go to adore our God. He is there for love of us, ready to bless us for time and eternity. Shall it be said that He stretches out His arms to bless us, and that we turn away from Him? It should not be so, and it is not so amongst fervent souls who come to adore, to pray, to return thanks.”

~ Bishop De Goesbriand, First Bishop of Burlington



Jan. 6th: Feast of St. Andre Bessette

“God’s Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal”: On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys’ college drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André

Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. God’s Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André—as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. Brother André also had a tremendous devotion to St. Joseph that he shared with all who came in contact with him. On October 17, 2010, Brother André became the first Canadian-born male saint and the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is living proof that “it is with the smallest brushes that the divine artist paints the most beautiful pictures.”

The film features interviews from Montreal, Rome, and the United States—with people who knew him and others who continue Brother André’s work today. It also includes footage of the beatification and canonization ceremonies in Rome and the celebrations in Canada, with footage of the unforgettable events of Brother André’s road to sainthood. This film can be viewed at FORMED.org

On Penance: from *The Spiritual Life* by Very Rev. Adolphe Tanquerey

Penance is, after prayer, the most effective means for cleansing the soul of past faults and even for guarding it against future ones. When Our Lord is about to begin His public ministry, He has His Precursor proclaim the necessity of penance: *“Do penance: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* He Himself declares He has come to call sinners to repentance: *“I came not to call the just, but sinners to penance.”* This virtue is so necessary, that unless we do penance we shall perish: *“But except you do penance, you shall all likewise perish.”* So well was this doctrine understood by the Apostles, that from the very first they insisted on the necessity of penance as a condition preparatory to Baptism: *“Do penance: and be baptized every one of you.”* For the sinner penance is an act of justice; for having offended God and violated God’s rights, he is bound to make reparation for the outrage. This he does through penance.

Penance is defined as a supernatural virtue, allied to justice, which inclines the sinner to detest his sin because it is an offense against God, and to form the firm resolve of avoiding sin in the future, and of atoning for it. Hence, it includes four chief acts, the origin and interrelation of which may be readily perceived. 1) In the light of reason and of faith, we see that sin is an evil, the greatest evil, in truth the only evil, and this because it offends God and deprives us of the most precious gifts. This evil we hate with our whole soul: “I have hated iniquity.” 2) Moreover, conscious that this evil is ours since we have sinned, and that, even once forgiven, its traces remain in our soul, we conceive a lively sorrow, a sorrow that weighs upon and crushes the soul, a sincere contrition, a deep sense of humiliation. 3) To avoid in the future this heinous evil we form the firm resolve or the firm purpose of avoiding it, by carefully shunning dangerous occasions and by fortifying our will against the allurements of sinful pleasures. 4) Lastly, realizing that sin constitutes an act of injustice, we determine to atone for it, to expiate it by sentiments and works of penance.