

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 8th St Jerome

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's intention

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 – Wendy/ Reis

by Susan Dugan

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Pete Williamson (3rd anni)

by Judy Hughes

Sunday, February 9th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - Confessions at Queen of Peace

8:00 am - St. John – For the recovery of Kerry Oates

by Flora Roy

8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the people

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Jerry & Mildred Roy

by the family

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

5:00 pm - St. John – Mass for the Youth

Monday - February 10th St. Scholastica

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Kathy Fisher

by the Wellman family

5:15pm - St. John – Melanie Jaffee

by Amy Marcinko

Tuesday, February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30am - St. John – Arthur Menard

by David & Tina Houde

2:15pm - St. Johnsbury House-Mass

5:15pm - St. John – Henry & Lillian Schoenemann

by the family

Wednesday, February 12th

8:30am - St. John – Ed Hahr

by David & Tina Houde

5:15pm - St. John – People of Walen, China

by Amy Marcinko

Thursday, February 13th

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

by Ed

5:15 pm - St John – Beth Degreenia

by Linda Frechette

Friday, February 14th St. Cyril

8:30am - St Elizabeth – Special Intention

by the Wellman family

4:30 pm - **NO** Confessions at St. John's

5:15 pm - St. John – **NO** Mass

Saturday, February 15th

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's intention

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 – Alice Goyette

by Flora Roy

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Clifton & Marjorie Blake

by the family

Sunday, February 16th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - Confessions at Queen of Peace

8:00 am - St. John – Earl Hooper

by M/M Scott Schoppe

8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Giovanna Belanger

by her children

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Thomas Heighton

by his brother Jim

11:00am - St. John – Anne Brill

by her loving family

5:00 pm - St. Elizabeth – Traditional Latin Mass

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

Please contact Susan Dugan @ 748-3336 if you have scheduling changes for the next Ministry Schedule.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Feb. 9th 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.
9:15am St. J. Rel Ed.
9:30am QP Rel Ed.
6:00pm Confirmation following Mass

Mon. Feb. 10th 6:30pm Finance Committee

Thur. Feb. 13th 3:00pm Bible Study/Ad.Ed. Room
6:00pm Bible Study/Ad Ed Room
7:00pm St. John's Choir Practice/Church

Sat. Feb. 15th 5:00pm K of C. Bingo

Sun. Feb. 16th 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.
9:15am St. J. Rel Ed.
9:30am QP Rel Ed.
6:00pm Confirmation Class

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: \$145,339 On-Line: YTD: \$38,257

Collections and Receipts: February 3, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$3,476.00

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: **Barrett Insurance, Inc**

Please support those who support us!

Second Collection Next Week: FUEL

Thank you for being as generous as you can for this big expense for our parish.

Traditional Latin Mass – Low Mass

St. Elizabeth's, Lyndonville – Sunday, February 16th 5pm

Come celebrate the Traditional Latin form of the Holy Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month with the NEK community. The Traditional Latin Mass is also known as the Mass of Ages, Tridentine or Extraordinary Form and is the Mass that formed all our great saints for well over 1000 years. The Mass will be offered by Fr. Brian O'Donnell, chaplain to the St. Philip Neri Latin Mass Chaplaincy in Burlington, VT.

Mass Schedule: The 2020 Mass Book has many openings for people to set up Masses for their deceased loved ones. Please call the Rectory or drop a request in the basket and Sue will contact you.

Bible Study - Acts of the Apostles

Deacon Pete will offer 2 sessions of this bible study on Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. and again from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. The same material will be covered in both sessions. Sessions will run for 7 weeks on Feb. 13, 20, and 27, plus Mar. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please direct questions to Deacon Pete.

Save the Date!: Mardi Gras Coffee Hour

St. Elizabeth Church Sunday, February 23rd following 10:30am Mass

Christ Our Hope

Coming Soon: The Christ Our Hope campaign will raise funds to help our parish realize its vision and provide endowment funding for faith formation efforts and Catholic Charities emergency services throughout the state. Our parish will take part in the campaign beginning this spring. We are currently looking for people to be a part of our campaign team. You will receive training and be asked to attend a couple of brief meetings. Your primary focus as a volunteer is to visit with other parishioners about the campaign and help them complete their commitment cards. If you are interested, please contact Sue at the Parish Office – 748-8129.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - FEBRUARY 9

The Vocation Ministry of Corpus Christi Parish would like to celebrate and acknowledge the married couples in the parish and those in marriage preparation. Wedding favors are available at the entrance of the church to take home. May God bless all of you and may He bless these churches with good and holy marriages.

On behalf of the ministry, I would like to congratulate all those celebrating significant anniversaries this year. My husband Ray and I will be married 40 years this September. And a special recognition goes to Michael and Phyllis Capriola for 70 years of marriage! If anyone would like to share with me a special anniversary, please call me at 751-5756.

Thanks be to God for this vibrant parish and God bless,
Diane Bailey, Vocation Ministry

The St. Vincent de Paul Society : Spirituality... Friendship...Service

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization with nearly a million worldwide members. We help people in our area who request our support. Needs have included community services, temporary utility or rent assistance, providing information/referrals to appropriate agencies, and rides to Mass. We help the homeless as well as residents from our parish community area. We are financially independent from the parish. Fundraising and your generosity make it possible to continue our work. Do you want to know more about our Corpus Christi SVdP Conference? Need help? Interested in becoming a Vincentian? Contact us through the Rectory, or through any of our members found in the Parish Directory pg. 8.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through programs offered, which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel, and Residential Care Homes. A portion of the collection will go to help fund the Bishop de Goesbriand grants. These are awarded to Vermont nonprofits who are making a difference in their communities. Envelopes will be available in the churches. Every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Light of the World Retreat - 3

March 20-22 Queen of Peace with a new time schedule. Parish-led by Deacon David Baker and Tom Lovett with special talks by Father Hahr and Father Robert. Witness talks by parishioners - small groups led by parishioners. Music - Adoration - Sharing. Move ahead in your faith journey this Lenten Season. Registration forms at the back of the churches or call Mary Anne Gummere at: 748-3978 to register.

Once St. Bernadette was asked: "Did the 'Lady' say anything to you?" She replied: "Yes, from time to time, She said: 'Penance, penance, penance. Pray for sinners'".



February 11th: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11, 1858, Bernadette Soubirous went with her sister and a friend to collect some firewood and bones in order to buy some bread. She describes the first apparition, which occurred as she was about to wade a stream:

"...I came back towards the grotto and started taking off my stockings. I had hardly taken off the first stocking when I heard a sound like a gust of wind. Then I turned my head towards the meadow. I saw the trees quite still: I went on taking off my stockings. I heard the same sound again. As I raised my head to look at the grotto, I saw a lady dressed in white, wearing a white dress, a blue girdle and a yellow rose on each foot, the same color as the chain of her rosary; the beads of the rosary were white....From the niche, or rather the dark alcove behind it, came a dazzling light..."

Bernadette tried to make the sign of the Cross but could not because of her trembling hands. The lady smiled, and invited her to pray the rosary with her. She tried to keep this a secret, but Toinette told her mother. Three days later she returned to the Grotto with holy water to test if the apparition was evil or good. She said that "I started to throw holy water in her direction, and at the same time I said that if she came from God she was to stay, but if not, she must go. She started to smile, and bowed ... This was the second time." On February 18th "The Lady told me ... that she did not promise to make me happy in this world, but in the next." Bernadette returned to the Grotto on February 24th, when the Lady asked for prayer and penitence for the conversion of sinners. The next day, she said the Lady asked her to dig in the ground and drink from the spring she found there. This made her disheveled and some of her supporters were dismayed, but this act revealed the stream that soon became a focal point for pilgrimages. Although it was muddy at first, the stream became increasingly clean. As word spread, this water was given to medical patients, and many reports of miraculous cures followed. Bernadette visited the on March 25th, she said she was told by the Lady: "I am the Immaculate Conception." On July 16th, Bernadette went for the last time to the Grotto. "I have never seen her so beautiful before," she reported. These events established the Marian veneration in Lourdes, which together with Fátima, is one of the most frequented Marian shrines in the world, and which receive 4 to 6 million pilgrims annually.

Bernadette described the Lady as *uo petito damizelo* ("a tiny maiden") of about twelve years old. She insisted that the apparition was no taller than herself. At 4 foot 7 inches tall, Bernadette was diminutive even by the standards of other poorly nourished children. She described the Lady as dressed in a flowing white robe, with a blue sash around her waist. In 1863, Joseph-Hugues Fabisch was charged to create a statue of the Virgin according to Bernadette's description. The work was placed in the grotto and solemnly dedicated on April 4, 1864 in presence of 20,000 pilgrims. Although it has become an iconic symbol of Our Lady of Lourdes, it depicts a figure which is not only older and taller than Bernadette's description, but also more in keeping with orthodox and traditional representations of the Virgin Mary. On seeing the statue, Bernadette was profoundly disappointed with this representation.