

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

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 – Giovanne 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

Monday - February 17th The Seven Holy Founders of the Seville Order

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Special Intention by Roger & Cynthia Dekett
5:15pm - St. John – Reparation to Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Amy Marcinko

Tuesday, February 18th

8:30am - St. John – Melanie Jaffee by Amy Marcinko
5:15pm - St. John – Virginia Fortin by George & Marie Guay

Wednesday, February 19th

8:30am - St. John – Raoul Houde by David and Tina
5:15pm - St. John – Mary Letourneau by Helen Bedor

Thursday, February 20th

8:30am - St John – Roland & Mary Letourneau by Floyd Kenney
5:15 pm - St John – No Mass

Friday, February 21st St. Peter Damian

8:30am - St Elizabeth- Special Intention
 4:30 pm - *Confessions at St. John's*
5:15 pm - St. John – Mary Greenan by her husband Hugh

Saturday, February 22nd The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

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

Sunday, February 23rd Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*
8:00 am - St. John – Mass for the parishioners
8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for all Souls
10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Beth Degreenia by Jodi & Gerard Gingue & family
11:00am - St. John – Marie Chen & Adam Braun by Reg & Rose Haselton
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

The Rectory Office is closed Monday, Presidents Day.

Save the Date!: Mardi Gras Coffee Hour

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

PARISH EVENTS

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

Tues. Feb. 18th 5:00pm Community Meal/St. J
 6:45pm St. Vincent de Paul/St.E.

Wed. Feb. 19th 7pm 4th Degree K of C.

Thur. Feb. 20th 3:00pm Bible Study/Ad.Ed. Room
 6:00pm Bible Study/Ad Ed Room
 7:00pm St. John's Choir Practice/Church
 7:00pm St. E. K. of C.

Sat. Feb. 22nd 5:00pm K of C. Bingo

Sun. Feb. 23rd 9:00am NO St.E. Rel. Ed.
 9:15am NO St. J. Rel Ed.
 9:30am NO 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: \$151,101 **On-Line: YTD:** \$41,562.00
Collections and Receipts: February 16, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$5,762.00

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: **Juniper's**
Please support those who support us!

Second Collection this Week: FUEL
Next Week: Central & Eastern Europe

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Souper Bowl Collection: The collection last week in our Souper pots for the people who seek help from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference brought in \$1,379.76! Thank you so much for your generosity and know that we will be good stewards with your kindness.

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.

World Marriage Day - SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES: The parish vocation ministry would like to congratulate the following couples who will be celebrating a significant anniversary this year:

Joshua and Jessica King who will celebrate 15 years.

Peter and Joycelyn Minich for 40 years

Raymond and Diane Bailey for 40 years

Michael and Phyllis Capriola who recently celebrated 70 years.

May God bless them, and bless this parish with joyful and holy marriages.

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 make a difference in their communities. Envelopes will be available in the churches. 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 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Sunday, February 23rd Kick-off Rally 6:30 PM in the St Monica Parish Hall. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/Barre> Your Central Vermont campaign continues with an informational meeting on how you may help through prayer, vigil participation and community outreach. Light refreshments will be provided.

February 21st: Feast of St. Peter Damian

Saint Peter Damian (1007-72) was a hermit and scholar. He was an influential reforming bishop and cardinal. Pope Leo XII declared him a doctor of the Church in 1828. Peter was born at Ravenna into a large but poor family. He lost both his parents in childhood and while supposedly in the care of his brother was being treated as a slave. Another brother Damian was archpriest at Ravenna. He rescued Peter, gave him a good education in grammar, rhetoric and law. In gratitude Peter took Damian as his second name. He was already leading an ascetic life, fasting, wearing a hair shirt and using the discipline when he joined the Camaldolese Benedictine followers of St Romuald. On the abbot's death in 1043, Peter became the head of his community and founded five other hermitages. He was kind to his monks and compassionate towards the genuinely repentant, but he also urged reform both of wandering monks and the clergy.

Because of his disciplined, blunt, and no-nonsense character, the popes of this period kept choosing him to carry out diplomatic missions: Pope St Leo IX (1049-54) chose him to preach against simony, clerical concubinage and sodomy. Pope Stephen IX (1057-58) made him cardinal-bishop of Ostia, near Rome, and apostolic administrator of the diocese of Gubbio. Nicholas II (1059-61) sent him to Milan to stamp out the buying and selling of clerical benefices there and in 1069 Alexander II (1061-73) sent him to Mainz in Germany to dissuade the young King Henry IV from divorcing his wife Bertha. Peter's final mission was to Ravenna where he was again successful. On his way back to Rome, he died of fever at Faenza. He was made a doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XII in 1828.

February 22nd: Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

“Our Lord Jesus Christ then became a man, but by the many He was not known. But wishing to teach that which was not known, having assembled the disciples, He asked, 'Whom do men say that the Son of man is?' ...And all being silent (for it was beyond man to learn) Peter, the Foremost of the Apostles, the Chief Herald of the Church, not using the language of his own finding, nor persuaded by human reasoning, but having his mind enlightened by the Father, says to Him, 'Thou art the Christ,' not simply that, but 'the Son of the living God.'”
~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Unless the Marriage is Unlawful

“It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.' But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife—unless the marriage is unlawful—causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

What is the status of the divorced Catholic? The divorced Catholic remains completely in communion with the Church. Like any other Catholic who is not conscious of grave sin, he or she may receive Holy Communion. The only exception to full sacramental participation is that the divorced person may not enter a new marriage in the Church. This is because while a civil divorce may be a practical necessity when a marriage cannot be saved, in the eyes of the Church it does not break the indissoluble bond of marriage. If the divorced Catholic attempts to enter a new marriage apart from the Church, this presents an obstacle to reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.

Is there any way in which a divorced Catholic can enter a new marriage? For the bond of marriage to be permanent or indissoluble, the marriage must be valid. If the Church's Marriage Tribunal discovers that a key juridical element was missing from the marriage, the marriage is invalid and it may be possible for the person to enter a new marriage. What are these “key juridical elements” that make a marriage valid or invalid? First, there is the form of the marriage ceremony. Catholics are usually aware that they must be married in the presence of a duly authorized priest or deacon and two witnesses, otherwise, the Church does not recognize the marriage as valid. This is a law that applies only to marriages involving at least one Catholic. Second, the persons who marry must be free of impediments to marriage. For instance, a prior valid marriage is an impediment to a new marriage while either spouse is still living. Finally, a marriage may be invalid because the consent of the persons was defective. Giving consent to marriage is not merely a matter of saying the right words. In order to be valid, this consent must be freely given, respectful of the true meaning of marriage and backed up by the capacity to fulfill the responsibilities of marriage. If the consent of either party is gravely deficient, the marriage is invalid, and the permanent bond of marriage has not arisen. Free and informed consent is essential for every marriage, of Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

What is involved in proving that a marriage is invalid? The only one who can question the validity of a marriage is one of the spouses themselves. Thus, proving that a marriage is invalid or null begins with an appointment with your priest, who will help you to petition the Diocesan Tribunal. It's the job of the Tribunal, by a thorough investigation to determine the truth about the marriage, viz. whether the marriage is valid or not.