



**Mass Intentions**

**From the Pastor's Desk**



I hope that you had a most Blessed Christmas celebration. I hope that you received gifts that you wanted. Today, on the feast of the Epiphany, the magi come to the manger and present Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts fit for a king, a God, and the Lord who will die for us. May God shower you with His gifts throughout The New Year

**Questions and Answers with Fr. John**

**Dear Father,** I was wondering... Why is Mary often portrayed in blue?

**Dear friend,** Thank you for your excellent question. Our Blessed Mother is traditionally portrayed in blue clothing. This can be traced back at least to the early 6<sup>th</sup> century. Blue was the color of an empress. Blue color was derived from the rock lapis lazuli, a stone imported from Afghanistan. It was more expensive than gold. Therefore patrons would donate to purchase the stones needed to produce blue color. It was an expression of love and devotion to Mary to dress her in blue gowns.



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| Hannah Casey       | Eric Allen       | Penny Fernand    |
| Diane Fagan        | Nelida Picard    | Edward Jones     |
| Valerie Bailey     | Daryl Lavoie     | John Chamberlain |
| Jeff Rosati        | Laurie Thibodeau | Mary Ellen Maier |
| Jim Picard         | Jeff Zajac       | Sandra Hebert    |
| Richard LaCasce    | James Baljak     | Arlene Laticia   |
| John & Brenda Buck | Nancy Parsons    | Belinda Schaller |
| Jenna Barrett      | Baby Connor      | Michelle Swartz  |
| John Blair         | Shane Hill       | Carmel Fogarty   |
| Betty Angeloni     | Roger Bingham    | Mary Ann Kelly   |
| Sr. Dymphnia       | Laurie Thibodeau | Marianne Rehm    |
| Harry Ryan         | Joan Russo       | Kim Lewis        |
| Ernie Parsons      | Cindy LaCasce    | Lynn Beksha      |
| Carol Fabis        | Kenny Bleau      | Gary Hobel       |
| Ida Rowe           | Louise Wetherby  | Ed Leavit        |
| Marge Jankowicz    | Herb Monroe      | Ann Delorme      |

If someone you placed on the prayer list can come off, the list please contact the parish office.

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**

**8:30AM**  
Gail Stevenson  
**4:00PM**  
Donald Larkin  
Gerry Brady

**St. Catherine**  
by Mary Currie  
**St. Peter**  
by the family  
by Anthony Jurkoic

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**January 6, 2019**

**8:30AM**  
Jimmy Brennan  
**10:30AM**  
Pro Populo

**St. Peter**  
by Lucille Gunville, Art, Liam & Teri  
**St. Catherine**

**Monday, January 7**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 8**

**5:30PM St. Peter**

**Wednesday, January 9**

**5:30pm St. Catherine**

Bishop Robert Mulvee

by James & Ryan Patrick Jones

**Thursday, January 10**

**5:30pm St. Catherine**

Theresa Ellis

by David Jennings

**Friday, January 11**

**8:30am St. Peter**

Mrs. Audrey Loughnane

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

**St. Peter**

**4:00PM**  
Gerry Brady

by Jimmy & Mary Ronning

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 13, 2019**

**8:30AM**  
Jean Pease  
**10:30AM**  
Mass Pro Populo

**St. Peter**  
by Teresa, Lynn, Art & Teri  
**St. Catherine**



**Thank you to those who so beautifully decorated our churches this Christmas season.** Thank you to Jean and Duane Wetherby for decorating St. Peter's Church and thank you to Nell Stark, Dominic St. Pierre, Serena & Jim Lamontagne, Juanita & Wayne Sweet, Brandon Perkins, Jim & Maggie May and the Klema family who decorated St. Catherine's Church.

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle**  
**Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
**St. Catherine Church**  
**All are Welcome**

## Religious Education

**Grades 1-6** will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after the 8:30am Mass at St. Peter's Hall. The next class will be this **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## Living Our Catholic Faith Program

All individuals and families who desire to develop an intimate relationship with God are welcome to attend our program on the last Sunday of the month at St. Peter's parish hall. It begins with a pot-luck supper and Christian fellowship from 5-6pm and is followed by a lesson and discussion from 6-7pm. For more info contact Alan Johnson @ (603) 756-4717.

## Coffee with Fr. John

Beginning on January 13, 2019, Fr. John will be hosting a 20 minute short talk with time to answer questions related to his talk or other questions or concerns the parishioners may have. All are welcome to attend. The first Coffee gathering will be at St. Peter's Hall following the 8:30am Mass. On February 10<sup>th</sup> we will gather at St. Catherine's Hall after the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome.

## Blessing of the Wedding Anniversaries

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of 10,15,20,30,35,45 or 55+ years, to attend the Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register please contact the parish office by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25 or 50 years will be asked to register later for a Fall celebration. To all married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this Spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

## Support for the Separated & Divorced

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit [www.catholicnh.org/support](http://www.catholicnh.org/support) for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider sharing this with them.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** start the new year out right enriching your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and March 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more info call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary @ (800) 710-9963 or at <https://wwmema.org/>.

## Fuel Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will be taking up a collection for fuel. Last year we used almost 7,000 gallons to heat all 4 of our buildings. Although we were able to lock in at \$2.69 per gallon the expense is still large. Please be as generous as you can and know your support is GREATLY appreciated.

**9 Days for Life, January 14 - 22, 2019** join thousands as we pray for the respect of human life. 9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions and related info. To join: go to Pro-Life Activity Page through [www.uscb.org](http://www.uscb.org) and select email or text messages.

## Knights of Columbus

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Pledge Meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm St. Joseph's Hall Claremont, NH

## New Program with Deacon John

During the month of **January**, tune into Deacon John Blicharz and his guest **Pastor Harold Noyes** for **"Whatever Happened to Christmas?"**. This program may be viewed on Fact TV, Channel 8, on Sunday at 9:30am, Tuesday at 8:00pm, on Wednesday at 1:00pm and Friday at 2:30pm. Or view it on-line by logging onto : [www.fact8.com](http://www.fact8.com) Click onto the main menu and scroll down to **"Sharing Thoughts"**.

## Eucharistic Adoration

### United Hearts of Jesus and Mary Chapel

Back Room of St. Catherine's Rectory  
Thursdays from 8:30am-8:30pm

**Adorer needed for 1:30-2:30pm. If interested please call Juanita @ (603) 477-1348**



### Greater Falls Adoration Chapel

**Saint Charles Church, Bellows Falls, VT**

For more info call Alan or Lynette @ (603) 756-4717

## Parish Sacrificial Giving

December 30, 2018

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| Offertory | \$3024.00 |
| Christmas | \$421.00  |

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$3000.00

Thank you for your continued sacrifice and support.

**2019 Offertory Envelopes are now available in the churches. If you don't see your box or would like to request one please contact the parish office.**