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DAY OF INTEREST

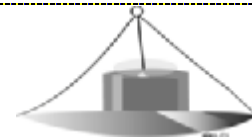
The Knights of Columbus, Exeter, NH, are sponsoring a Day of Interest for those who may be interested in a religious vocation. At this event, they may ask questions on discerning if they have a vocation, what are the steps to take for further exploration, and why are the types, i.e. priesthood, missionary, compline, teaching, nursing, etc. This will be held at St. Michael Parish Community Center n January 14, 2012 from 10 am to 1 pm and includes lunch.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God gave the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse, and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 13-15 and February 10-12. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at (800) 710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.



Saturday 4:00 PM	December 31st – Sylvester I, pope Dick Furbush by Peggy Steve Newton by Peggy & John Furbush Margaret Falconeiri by Peggy Furbush Dorothy & John Berg by Kathleen Moylan Melissa Beland by Kathleen Moylan
11:00 PM	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday 7:15 AM	January 1st – Solemnity of Mary Delory Family Pauline Cormier by Leo Cormier & Family
Monday	January 2nd – Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & drs. Of Church No Parish Mass
Tuesday 8:00 AM	January 3rd – Most Holy Name of Jesus Dot Therrien by Elizabeth & Glen Tuttle & Family Hughey O'Brien by Jim & Cheryl Keery
Wednesday 8:00 AM	January 4th – Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Marie Caron by Carr Family
Thursday	January 5th – John Neumann, bishop No Parish Mass
Friday 8:00 AM	January 6th - André Bessette, Religious Arthur Alimi by Jeannette Alimi
Saturday 8:00 AM 9:00 AM	January 7th - Raymond of Penyafort, priest Holy Hour Ian Furbush (living) by Grandma Danielle Knapp (living) by Grandma
4:00 PM	Paul Downey (2 nd anniversary) by Family
Sunday 7:15 AM	January 8th – Epiphany of the Lord Tom McMahon by John & Pat Roese Janice Nadeau by Family Sylvia Binnette by Roland & Family Mary A. Pimental by Loved Ones Mercedes Miranda by Jim & Sandi Miranda Gloria Jose by Kathy & Jerrine John & Elizabeth Downey by Family
11:30 AM	



Sanctuary Lamp

Week of January 1 to 7

In Memory of the Delory Family by Dot Therrien

VATICAN II PRESENTATION

October 2012 will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. To recognize this anniversary and to look back on the impact of Vatican II over these 50 years, St. Anselm College is offering a number of presentations on the key issues discussed at Vatican II. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. On January 31, 2012, the presentation will be "Reading the Bible in Light of Vatican II," offered by Professors Dennis Sweetland and Ahida Pilarski from 4 pm to 5 pm and will be held in the north lounge in Cushing Hall.

"HOLD THAT PEW"

The winner of the "Hold that Pew" contest was Giselle Pomeroy. The proceeds of \$212 will be donated to the Strafford County Homeless Shelter.

TRI-CITY ULTREYA

Begin the new year with friends in Christ! The next Ultreya will be held at St. Mary Church, Dover, on Saturday, January 14th at 7 pm. Join us for singing and sharing our joy and faith in the Lord. All are welcome. For more information or for directions, call Jim at 749-8805 or Kevin at 817-0805.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in a manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:16-21

Lord Jesus, shepherd of my heart, lead me and guide me!

THE PASTOR'S PONDERANCES

Would that we could have been one of those shepherds in the field responding in haste to the unfolding, glorious moments in Bethlehem. Good news travelled fast as did the shepherds who scurried along to find just what they had been told. What an experience that must have been! What a cause for rejoicing! Surely, it made a lasting impression - an eye-ful. A silent, yet celebratory night.

Fr. Daniel

FAITHWORKS

Frustrated in your job search? Not sure you're in the right job? Looking for guidance in your life? Please join us at the next FaithWorks meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at St. Michael Parish Gabriel House in Exeter from 7 pm to 9 pm. The meeting will begin at 7 pm with networking and refreshments. The program begins at 7:30 pm. Please join us and bring a friend. For more information, contact Glen White at white.glen@comcast.net.

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FR. PIERRE BAKER

If you wish to send Fr. Pierre mail, his address is:

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Nashua, NH 03060-6395

Q. Why was Moses the wickedest man?

A. He broke all Ten Commandments at once.

MASS OF HEALING & HOPE

Jesus said, "Stretch out your hand." (Mark 3:5) For all who are looking for healing of physical, spiritual, and emotional needs, join us on Wednesday, January 18th, for a Holy Mass of Healing and Hope at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Rochester. Recitation of the rosary begins at 6:00 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7 pm. Fr. Paul Gousse will be the main celebrant and will pray for all who come forward. There will also be trained prayer teams available to pray for all who would like more extensive prayer. For more information or directions, call Jackie at 332-3576.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS HELP!!!

St. Mary Church provides volunteers to assist at the local Soup Kitchen on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Workers are needed from 3 pm to 6:30 pm. WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!!! If you can help, please call Sandy Kennedy at 332-1790.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to the Marian Society and to all of you for your overwhelmingly generous response to our gift requests that were on your angel tree. In these difficult economic times, it is humbling to know of your willingness to sacrifice and assist us as we strive to help others. You assisted us in giving the gifts of hope and joy that comes when one receives the unexpected. May each of you receive God's choicest blessings and know in our conversations with God, we mention your names with deep gratitude.

The Staff at Rochester Office of NH Catholic Charities

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

Due to the New Year's Holiday, the bulletin had to be submitted early. Offertory information for Christmas will be included in next week's bulletin.

There will not be a Daily Mass on Monday, January 2nd, and the office will be closed.

DO YOU HAVE ENVELOPE 250?

In order to record your donations properly, you need to contact the parish office.



ST. PETER'S PAGE

Mass Intentions

There may be more than one intention for each Mass Intentions of the Parishioners

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Sr. Lucie Says

The First Reading from the Book of Numbers reminds us of the Lord's word to Moses:

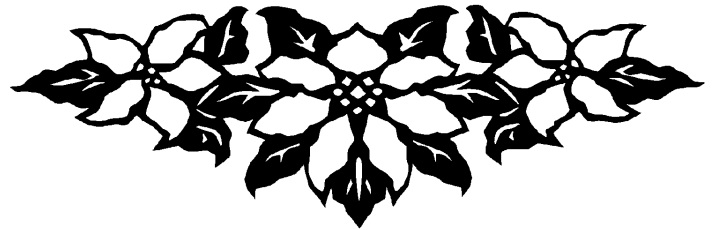
"The Lord bless and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace."

I wish you the same in the new year.

Sr. Lucie



THANK YOU!

I wish to thank everyone who sent or gave cards and gifts during this Christmas season. I am most grateful for all of you and wish for you the blessings quoted in my message of the day.

50/50 WINNER

December 11th - Bob Knowlton

December 18th - Sandra Pierce

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

You are invited to join Fr. Paul Gousse, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and Fr. Moe Laroche, Ste. Marie's, on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Dubrovnick, October 8-17, 2012. Upon our arrival in Medjugorje, you will meet your fellow pilgrims and be introduced to your host family with whom you will be staying for the next seven nights. During the next six days, we will experience the beauty and peace of this simple village. Each morning we will gather at St. James Church for the English language Mass. We will climb Apparition Hill, where the visionaries first encountered Our lady. You will have the opportunity to climb Krizevac Mountain, where in 1933 the villagers built a 30' cross on the anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion. We will visit and pray at "Blue Cross," as well as visit the community of Cenacolo. Our guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries pending their availability. Our pilgrimage will end with a visit to Dubrovnick, which is also known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic." The cost is \$2,184 per person from Boston and includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations for 8 nights, breakfast and dinner daily. For further details or to make a reservation, visit www.pilgrimages.com/frgousse. The pilgrimage is limited to 50 pilgrims.

