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CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE DEATH PENALTY

The Marian Society and the NH Council of Catholic Women from St. Mary's Parish in Rochester invite you to join them for a presentation on the Catholic Church's Teaching on the Death Penalty. Sr. Helene Higgins for NH Catholic Charities will facilitate the discussion and presentation on Sunday, January 23, 2011, at 1 pm in the church hall. Please join us as we share our knowledge and feelings while learning about our church's teaching.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2011
 SNOW DATE: Tuesday, January 25, 2011
 TIME: 6:30 pm to 9 pm
 PLACE: Corpus Christi Parish, Portsmouth
 St. James Church basement
 2075 Lafayette Rd., Portsmouth
 CONTACT: Brenda Stinson
faithformdir@corpuschristinh.org
 436-4555

HAM/HOT DOG AND BEAN SUPPER

The Social Committee is sponsoring a ham/hot dog and bean supper for January 15, 2011. It will be at 5:30 pm at St. Mary Church. A poster and sign-up sheet will be in the gathering area some time after Christmas. We will need you to sign-up so that enough food can be prepared. This is a joint event between St. Mary's and St. Peter's. All are welcome to join us.



Saturday January 1st – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
 (not a holy day of obligation this year)
 8:00 AM Holy Hour
 9:00 AM General Intentions
 4:00 PM Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday January 2nd – Epiphany of the Lord
 7:15 AM Franklin Bickford by Strout & Bickford Families
 Val Vachon by Dot Therrien & Family
 Janice Nadeau by Paul Nadeau
 11:30 AM General Intentions
Monday January 3rd – Most Holy Name of Jesus
 8:00 AM Harold Rene & Kathleen Buckless
 by Janet & Karen Crane
 Hughey O'Brien by Jim & Cheryl Keery
Tuesday January 4th – Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
 8:00 AM Mercedes Miranda by Jim & Sandi Miranda
 Donna Coraine by Family
Wednesday January 5th – John Neumann, bishop
 8:00 AM Bob Descoteaux by His Wife
Thursday January 6th – Bl. Andre Bessette, religious
 9:00 AM No Parish Mass
Friday January 7th – Raymond of Penafort, priest
 8:00 AM Edna Bentley by John & Kathy Puglisi
 Tom McMahon by John & Pat Roese
Saturday January 8th Baptism of the Lord
 4:00 PM Lorraine Gelinas by Family
Sunday January 9th - Baptism of the Lord
 7:15 AM Intentions of the Parishioners
 11:30 AM Jozef & Katherina Sroka by Daughter & Family



Sanctuary Lamp

January 2 to 8
 Joseph McGonagle by Bernie & Marge Collins

MASS OF HEALING & HOPE

"Jesus, you are the Son of God!" Mark 3:11. Join us for a Mass of Healing and Hope on Wednesday, January 19th, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church. Recitation of the rosary begins at 6:30 pm, followed by Holy Mass and laying on of hands to pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Prayer teams will be available for more extensive prayer. For information or directions, call Jackie at 332-3576.

SES YARD SALE

The St. Elizabeth Seton School Yard Sale will be held on March 5th in the school cafeteria. When you are cleaning up after Christmas, if there are items that you no longer wish to store, or if you receive items that you do not need or want, or you have replaced old items with new, please donate them to our sale. We will be happy to find a new home for these items in our yard sale. Please remind family and friends that donations may be dropped off during school hours. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Buckless at 332-4803.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

When you are cleaning up at Christmas, the Marian Society could use your old Christmas cards. They will only be using the front and not the message. If you have any cards to donate, please leave them in the church store.

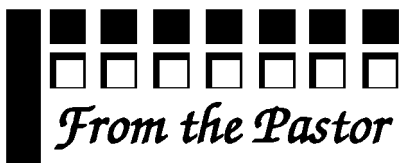
THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd by people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Matthew 2:1-12

We should all fall on our knees in adoration of our Lord, especially at this time of year, who does so much more for us than we do for Him and others.



Today we celebrate the nations' coming together to acknowledge the reign of the Savior in the world. Just like anything worldly, there are always objections. Herod represents this sentiment with his jealousy and power mongering. He closes his heart and eyes to the fact that Jesus came to love and save just such as these.

Fr. Daniel

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's) are desperately needed for the Rochester Family Court. CASA's provide a voice in court for abused and neglected children. In an economic downturn, children are frequently targets since they are vulnerable and defenseless. We are currently having to turn away children who are in need of our help. Appointed as Guardian ad Litem for a family's children, CASA's work with the court and DCYF to provide a permanent, safe solution. Volunteers are trained and are expected to volunteer approximately 15 hours a month. If interested, please contact Jenny Sheehan at 617-7115.

VITA NOVA

26TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT 2011

Please join Vita Nova and our Spiritual Director for the weekend Fr. Paul Boudreau from Keene the weekend of January 7-9, 2011. This year's theme will focus on "making all things new." In keeping with our theme, we have a new format for our retreat and a new location at the "Barbara C. Harris Center" in Greenfield, NH, a peaceful and beautifully designed facility located on 326 wooded acres by the shores of Otter Lake. Accommodations range from \$120 to \$180. Payment plans are available.

This year we are going to focus our talks on some of the lesser known saints and Bible figures, such as the Centurion, Gideon, Blessed Solanus Casey and Br. Andre—looking at holiness for the everyday man, along with exploring our call to holiness rather than a call to macho-ness.



Weekend of December 18-19

Stewardship/Sacrificial Giving

Envelopes	\$4,614.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 926.00</u>
Offetory Collection	\$5,540.00
Christmas Flower Donations	\$1,147.00
Total Collection	<u>\$6,687.00</u>
Parish Tithe – 6% of Actual Collection	\$ 401.00
Parish Use	\$6,286.00
Parish Pay for December	\$4,534.07

Thank you for your generosity!

**JOSEPH HOUSE RETREAT
MARRIED COUPLES**

This is the perfect gift for the Mom and Dad who have everything, or for the young couple just getting started in married life! The retreat is being offered by Father Joseph, FPO (Franciscan of the Primitive Observance) on Saturday, January 15th, at the Joseph House, 279 Cartier St., Manchester. Space is limited. The day will begin at 8 am and will conclude with dinner at 6 pm. The fee is \$60, which includes meals. For more information, call 627-9493.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING SHOP

The Community Clothing Shop is in desperate need of warm winter coats, children's snow suits and snow boots. We also have a high demand for household goods such as bed linens, towels, dishes, kitchen items, etc. Clothing and linens can be bagged and dropped off any time at the shed in the Holy Rosary Church parking lot. Any other household goods can be dropped off at the Community Clothing Shop located in the Rochester Community Center at 150 Wakefield Street on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Thank you so much for your help and continued support.

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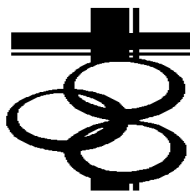
**Mass
Intentions**

Sunday January 2 Epiphany—Three Kings

Brian Clark by Sally Sublette

January 9 Baptism of Jesus

Terri Elliot by S. Sublette



**Church
Support**

WEEKEND OF: December 5, 2010

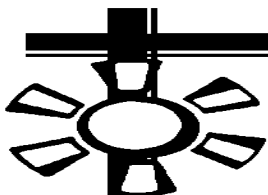
Offertory Giving: \$1410 Flowers: \$313

Envelopes: \$1173; Loose: \$237; Holyday \$642

Dec. 12 \$1607 E: \$1361; L: \$246; Ret. Rel.: \$710

50/50 WEEKLY WINNER: \$ posted later

**120 CLUB WINNER: A. Brown, V Plante, Cpt
K. Berrill, also Cpt.**

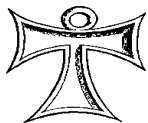


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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regular Classes, Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Classes resume on January 4.



HANKS!

For your Christmas generosity to the community and to the parish—our town is a brighter place because of the caring of so many of you. All the best in 2011 to you and your family.



The twelfth day of Christmas is the solemn feast of the Epiphany, January 6. In the United States, the celebration of the Epiphany is transferred to a Sunday so that all may celebrate. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek and means “revelation,” and so we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the magi, who were gentiles and did not belong to the people of Israel.

Learn this Appalachian folk song in honor of the star that guided the magi to the Christ child. Find out if anyone you know is familiar with it and could teach it to you. (If that fails, try shopping around on the Internet.) The words are:

Bright mornin’ star’s arisin’;
Bright mornin’ star’s arisin’;
Bright mornin’ star’s arisin’;
Day is breakin’ in my soul.

The daily prayer of the Orthodox churches gives us these lovely verses for the solemn feast of the Epiphany:

*The magi who had been led on their way by a
divine star, stood before you in wonder at
your marvelous birth; and bearing gifts they
see the sun who rose from the virgin cloud.*

*Let the people who sat in darkness see shining
forth the light that knows no evening, him
whom the stars once manifested to the fire-
worshipping Persian kings.*

*Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now
and forever!*