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**Luke 2:49-50**

**CEMETERY CLOSED**

St. Mary's Cemetery is closed to all vehicles for the winter season. If you wish to walk in the cemetery, please be careful as the ground is uneven and there is ice. The cemetery will reopen in the spring.

**MISSING ENVELOPES?**

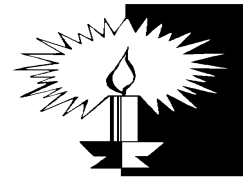
If you did not receive your envelopes for 2010 and should have or wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office. We will make sure you receive a box. We have been having problems with the envelope company and are looking for a new supplier. We apologize for any confusion this may cause.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED**

A volunteer driver is needed two to four times a month to transport an individual to Manchester (Elliot Hospital) for treatment. For more information, call (603) 770-1770.



<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>December 26<sup>th</sup> – Stephen, first martyr</b> Intentions of the Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>December 27<sup>th</sup> – Holy Family</b> The Delory Family by Rene & Dot Therrien Yvette Lamontagne by Rene & Dot Therrien
11:00 AM	<b>Joseph McGonagle</b> by Bernie & Marge Collins Armand Maxfield by Family Lionel Dube by Family
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Innocents, martyrs</b> Margaret Ouellette by Her Nieces
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 29<sup>th</sup> – Thomas Becket, bishop &amp; martyr</b> Fr. George Callaghan by Dot Callaghan Gerald Callaghan by Dot Callaghan
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 30<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas Octave</b> Intentions of the Celebrant
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 31<sup>st</sup> – Sylvester I, pope</b> No Parish Mass
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>January 1<sup>st</sup> – Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Intentions of the Parishioners
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 4:00 PM	<b>January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors</b> Holy Hour Ruth Clough by Jim & Theresa Locke Jim Anderson by Wayne & Rachel Chick
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM	<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Epiphany of the Lord</b> Intentions of the Parishioners Andre Vanderheyden by St. Michael the Archangel And 9 Choirs Fraternity Hughey O'Brien by James & Cheryl Keery



**Sanctuary Lamp**

December 27 to January 2, 2010  
Joseph McGonagle

**REPORTING ABUSE**

If you or anyone you know has been sexually abused as a minor by a priest, deacon, member of a religious institute, or Church employee or volunteer, we encourage you to report the matter to the Division for Children, Youth and Families at (800) 894-5533 and/or local law enforcement.

The Diocese of Manchester's Office for Healing and Pastoral Care offers pastoral support, outreach, and professional assistance to persons and families of those persons who report having been sexually abused by people representing the Church. The Office for Healing and Pastoral Care can be contacted by (603) 668-0014, ext. 233 or at [jnaff@nh-cc.org](mailto:jnaff@nh-cc.org).

**2010 NH CURSILLO WINTER RETREAT**

The 2010 New Hampshire Cursillo Winter Retreat will be held on January 15-17 at the Sarto Center, Hooksett, NH. Please join us for a wonderful weekend of music, Scripture study, workshops, witness and methods used by our great saints to help us grow closer to our Lord. Everyone is welcome. Cost: \$55 per person – includes retreat, meals, lodging at Sarto or \$35 per person for day commuters. Contact Therese Finegan at (603) 232-3583 or download the application at <http://www.nhcursillo.org/retreat2010.html>.

**INTERCESSORS OF THE LAMB**

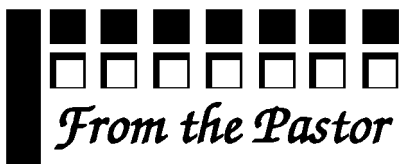
Do you feel called to a deeper relationship with the Lord? Do you desire to pray for others? The Lord may be calling you to become an "Intercessor of the Lamb." We are starting a new group with the Formation "Heart to Heart Listening." The group will start on Friday, January 8, 2010, from 10 AM to 12 Noon at Holy Rosary Church. For more information and to register, call Ursula at (603) 767-6343.

**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Luke 2: 41-52

***Are you searching for Jesus? Even when you find Him on a personal level, you need to keep searching deeper to find Him there as well.***



God, in Jesus, is calling us all to a realization that ultimately we belong with Jesus in "our Father's house." We find Him there in an intimate way. Obedience begins and ends in God's house by discerning and following the Father's will as Jesus, beginning as a boy, did . . . perfectly.

Fr. Daniel

**Due to the bulletin's having to be submitted early, the collection information for last weekend will appear in next week's bulletin.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

New Hampshire Right to Life invites all those interested in preserving Catholic pro-life medical services from conception to natural death to pray for forty days for discernment and life, beginning immediately and culminating in the **March for Life** at the Statehouse in Concord on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. The guest speaker will be Juda Myers, ("Conceived in rape, Living with a purpose.") All are invited. **Please pray and save the date!** For more information, contact Kurt at NHRTL [life@nhrtl.org](mailto:life@nhrtl.org) or [www.nhrtl.org](http://www.nhrtl.org) or (603) 626-7950.

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
THE MOTHER OF GOD  
NEW'S YEAR DAY**

The Feast of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, is celebrated on January 1. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will only be one Mass at 8:00 AM on Friday at St. Mary's Church.

**MERCY OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A Christmas Party: The Mercy of Jesus Prayer Group cordially invites one and all to our annual Pot Luck and Christmas Party to be held on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary church, Rochester. Pot Luck will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Praise and Worship as well as singing of traditional Christmas carols. All are welcome. Bring your favorite dish to share and bring your families and friends to prepare to welcome in the New Year with Jesus "the Dayspring from on high" as the center of our hearts! For information, call Jackie at 332-3576.



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!**

**The Parish Office will be closing at Noon on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and will reopen on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA  
AND LOURDES**

Father Pierre Baker, pastor of Blessed John XXIII Parish in Nashua/Hudson, NH is pleased to announce an upcoming pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona from November 1-9, 2010. Rates are \$2,299 pp/do; \$2,599 single; \$2,269 triple, if available. For further information, request a brochure at St. Mary's parish office or contact Blessed John XXIII Parish at (603) 882-2462. Collette Vacations will sponsor an informational evening at 6:30 PM Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at Infant Jesus Church in Nashua with further information and additional details concerning the itinerary.

**2010 MASS SCHEDULE**

**The 2010 Mass Schedule will begin the weekend of January 9 and 10, 2010**

<u>St. Mary Church</u>	<u>St. Peter Church</u>
Mon-Wed & Fri 8:00 AM	Sundays 9:15 AM
Saturdays 4:00 PM	
Sundays 7:15 AM	
11:30 AM	
<u>First Saturdays</u>	
Holy Hour – 8:00 AM, Mass 9:00 AM	
St. Mary's Church	

# WELCOME

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### MASS / CANDLE INTENTIONS

**December 27 Holy Family Sunday**

Daniel Scallon by the Kling family

**January 3 Epiphany—the Three Kings Come**

Ernest LaPierre Jr. and Sr. by the family

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*Mass intentions are not available until Feb., 2010.*

*Donation, \$10. Sanctuary Candle Donation, \$5.*

*The sanctuary candle burns for Terri Elliott and Mary*

*Pelletier by Sally Sublette (week of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3)*

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

**Important Liturgical ministers meeting**

**January 11, 7-8:30 pm.**

All new and experienced ministers are required to attend this prayer meeting and update to review practices and learn new ones. NEW MINISTER TRAINING/questions after regular mtg. Mark your calendar now

**Eucharistic Ministers to homebound**

**Meeting after Sunday Mass—Jan. 3.**

We welcome new people to this ministry which consists of bringing Holy Communion to the homebound once a month.

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**JANUARY DISPLAY OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS**

**Where are your Pictures???? for our display.**

**Priests and religious pictures needed SOON!!!!**

*(I know someone has a sister "sister", and someone else has twin nephew priests!!! Come on, dig out those old pictures.)*

### PARISH SUPPORT

**Collection information for December 20<sup>th</sup> will be in next week's bulletin.**

**50/50 \$ posted next week**

**100 Club Big Winners drawn Dec. 24; posted Jan. 10.**

## Religious Education

**Start up again, January 5, Catholic Trivia night—prizes and Christmas party for all—big fun~!**

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## Worship Schedule

**Christmas Season 2009**

*Jan. 1 8 am St. Mary's*

**New Mass Schedule 2010**

*Saturdays 4 pm St. Mary's*

*Sundays 7:15 am St. Mary's*

*9:15 am St. Peter's*

*11:30 am St. Mary's*



## Parish Council

*First Pastoral Council meeting with Fr. Daniel*

*January 6, 7-8 pm Downstairs classrooms*

*First Meeting of the Finance Committee with Fr. Daniel*

*January 21, 7-8 pm Parish House*



**Sunday,  
January 17  
9:15 am Mass  
Bishop's Visit  
to our parish**

*Bishop McCormack will visit our parish (the bishop of a diocese tries to visit each parish sometime during his tenure in that diocese). This is the Bishop's official visit to us. He will meet with our Pastoral Council, Finance committee, our youth and any interested parishioners. Please save this date so that you can attend this Mass and let our Bishop see the true spirit of our parish. More information to come.*