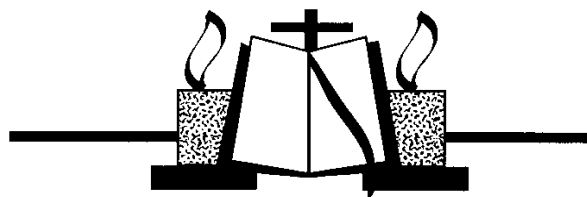


The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2009

Jesus, Mary, Joseph – Be our guides!



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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Dec. 28	8:30	Holy Innocents	Brain Benedict	Yvonne Benedict
Tues. Dec. 29	5:00	Thomas Becket	Dorothy Barber	Her Husband
Wed. Dec. 30	8:30		Jane Demers	Claude & Lise Charron
Thur. Dec. 31	4:30	Sylvester I	Bridget Cousino	Brothers and Sisters
Fri. Jan. 1	9:00	Blessed Virgin Mary	Parishioners and Benefactors	
	10:30		Jane Demers	Rick Gaulin
SUNDAY MASSES				
Sat. Jan. 2	4:30	Basil the Great	Parishioners and Benefactors	
Sun. Jan. 3	8:00		B & M Gosselin, L & M Valentine	Children
	9:30		Claire Choiniere	Jacqueline Luce
	11:30		Lucien Demers	His Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no classes on January 3rd.

Teachers Certification Session for all teachers on Social Justice is on January 3rd at 6:00pm.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER

Our next dinner will be on January 13th. We'll be serving turkey which we'll purchase, so we're asking for mashed potatoes, bread stuffing (can be instant), fruit, rolls, cookies or brownies, milk and cash for turkey and other fixings. Donations should be in disposable containers and serve 12. All donations should be in the parish center kitchen by 3:30 on the 13th. Sign up sheets are at all exits.

OUR SINCERE THANKS!

Fr. Gaudreau and Fr. Sullivan, the deacons and the parish staff wish to thank everyone for their cards, their good wishes and their generous gifts at Christmas. We thank everyone who helped us to prepare for and celebrate the Christmas Masses. And we thank all our parishioners for the wonderful ways that they offer their time, talents and treasure as good stewards of all the blessings the Lord has given to them. May God bless you all.

STOCK DONORS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

If you plan to donate stock to the parish, please call the parish office for specific instructions BEFORE you take any action. If these instructions are not followed, your donation may not be accessible to the parish. Even if you have done this in the past, please call because the instructions may have changed.

MASSES FOR THE NEW YEAR'S HOLY DAY!

On January 1st we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Masses will be on Thursday, December 31st, at 4:30pm and on Friday, January 1st at 9:00 & 10:30am. Family blessings will be offered after the two Masses on New Year's morning.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE NEW YEAR

We will end 2009 and begin the new year and new decade with an hour of adoration! There will be an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from the end of the 4:30 Mass until 6:00pm on Thursday, December 31st. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar after Communion. (Those who wish to leave may do so quietly as the priest and deacon go to the sacristy.) Then, we will pray the Rosary; at 4:45 we will pray Evening Prayer and end with Benediction at 6:00.

PARISH COOKBOOKS

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a cookbook. They are going fast! If you would like to purchase one call Cindy in the parish office at 864-4166 x201.

WELCOME!

We welcome into our parish community newly baptized Abigail Ryanna Frazier.

2010 CALENDARS!

The Catholic calendars for 2010 are available at the entrances of the church this weekend through the beginning of the New Year. Please take one and refer to it for the major feasts and observances of the year. We thank Ready Funeral Home for sponsoring our yearly calendar.

MEGAN McKENNAN TO BE BAPTIZED ON JANUARY 3

We are thrilled to announce that Megan McKennan, a young adult, will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, January 3, 2010! Megan is a graduate of Rice High School and Merrimack College; she has been preparing for Christian Initiation since the summer. She has participated in the RCIA. On January 8th she leaves Vermont for a year of volunteer service in South Africa with three other young Catholic women.

JANUARY MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE!

All Catholics are encouraged to attend the Rally for Life Mass on January 16 at 9:30am at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier, to be celebrated by Bishop Salvatore R. Matano. Following the Mass, there will be a march to the State House, followed by a Rally featuring speaker Wesley J. Smith, author of "Forced Exit: The Slippery Slope from Assisted Suicide to Legalized Murder." All are welcome!

ST. MIKE'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Every year each parish in Vermont may nominate one of its members for an \$11,000 scholarship at St. Michael's College. The nominee must be a parishioner who intends to enter St. Mike's in the fall of 2010. Those who are interested should call the parish office (864-4166 x 201) to obtain the application form.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. R. Amen. —St. Francis of Assisi

(The Prayer of St. Francis would be a great prayer for your meal on New Year's Day!)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

"Funeral Meals Coordinator"

We are in great need of someone to coordinate the meals after funerals from January to June. Doris Gaulin who usually does this is away in the winter. The coordinator is the contact person, does the shopping and oversees the food preparation. We have a wonderful crew to assist with cooking, set ups and cleaning. We cannot continue offering this service to bereaved families without a coordinator. Call Fr. Bernie at 864-4166 for more information.

DAILY READINGS

Dec. 28	1 Jn 1: 5-2:2	Mt 2: 13-18
Dec. 29	1 Jn 2: 3-11	Lk 2: 22-35
Dec. 30	1 Jn 2: 12-17	Lk 2: 36-40
Dec. 31	1 Jn 2: 18-21	Jn 1: 1-18
Jan. 1	Nm 6: 22-27	
	Gal 4: 4-7	Lk 2: 16-21
Jan. 2	1 Jn 2: 22-28	Jn 1: 19-28
Jan. 3	Is 60: 1-6	
	Eph 3: 2-6	Mt 2: 1-12

LAST WEEK

Collection - \$5,703.00
Retired Religious - \$778.00
Electronic Fund Transfer - \$2,934.00
Attendance Last Week - 921

The second collection next week is for
The Development Fund.

