

# Saint Gabriel Catholic Community

At St. Paul Church in Franklin  
At St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Tilton

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## We're here for you

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## Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday from 9AM - 4PM

## Food Pantry

Monday & Friday from 9AM – Noon (Tilton)

## Join us in prayer

### Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM (Franklin) & 6:00PM (Tilton)  
Sunday at 8:30AM (Tilton) & 10:30AM (Franklin)

### Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00AM in Franklin

### Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:15PM (Franklin) & 5:15PM (Tilton)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 1:15 to 3:15PM (Tilton)  
Second Sunday of the Month from 3:00–4:00PM (Franklin)

### Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

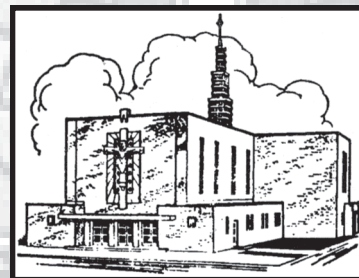
Please call the office to request the Sacrament of Anointing or homebound visits.

### Baptism–Marriage

Call the Parish Office to schedule instruction and the ceremony



St. Mary



St. Paul

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 05 & 06, 2015



Our Adult Advent Program — 'Having Mercy'—continues this Thursday/Friday December 10/11. If you did not attend last week, pick up the session outline for the second week at the church entrances. **This is a great way to prepare for Christmas!**



Thank you for your response to the **St. Gabriel Angel Trees!** Gifts should be wrapped and returned to the Parish Office by December 17. Please put the 'Angel' on the wrapped gift (or at least mark the child's name and age). If you have any questions, please call Claire in the office—934-5013. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated and provides for those who would have to go without.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun	Dec 06	9:00 AM	Religious Education (K-8)
Sun	Dec 06		Choir Practice after morning Masses (T) (F)
Sun	Dec 06	7:00 PM	Confirmation—'Talking to Me?' (F)
Mon	Dec 07	7:00 PM	RCIA: Church Calendar - Holy Days; Church Tour (T)
Tues	Dec 08		<b>Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)</b>
Tues	Dec 08	1:00 PM	Homebound Visits
Tues	Dec 08	1:15 PM	Adoration (T)
Tues	Dec 08	3:00 PM	Communion@Peabody Home
Thurs	Dec 10	6:30 / 7:00 till 8:00PM	Bread & Soup / Advent Program Session #2 (T)
Fri	Dec 11	8:45 / 9:00 till 9:45AM	Coffee & Danish / Advent Program Session #2 (F)
Fri	Dec 11	10:00 AM	Communion @ NHVH
Fri	Dec 11	7:30 PM	Pemi Choir Concert (F)
Sun	Dec 13	9:00 AM	Religious Education (K-8) (F)
Sun	Dec 13	10:30 AM	Installation of New Eucharistic Ministers
Sun	Dec 13		Choir Practice after morning Masses (T) (F)
Sun	Dec 13		Confirmation—Christmas Project
Mon	Dec 14	7:00 PM	RCIA: Christmas Social in Franklin Rectory (F)

### PARISH FINANCES

Offering Last Week	Nov 22	Nov 29
Loose Money	960.50	1,007.50
In Envelopes	3,754.00	3,590.00
Building Fund & Fuel	88.00	86.00
Masses	110.00	100.00
Candles & Memorials	100.00	36.00
Food Pantry	50.00	50.00
Fundraising (300 Club)	10.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	5.00
Christmas Flowers	1.00	80.00
Christmas	0.00	25.00
Thanksgiving	0.00	181.00
All Souls	20.00	16.00
<b>TOTAL FOR PARISH</b>	<b>5,093.50</b>	<b>5,176.50</b>
Propagation of Faith	753.00	78.00
Retired Religious	1.00	45.00



#### December 8, Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is the U.S.'s Patron Feast. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and you are asked to attend Mass. We will have Mass on **Tuesday, in Franklin at 8 AM and in Tilton at 7PM**. Please join us in honoring Mary, our patron and prime intercessor.



#### God Bless our Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome **Oliver Peter Matzke** son of Tyler Matzke and Beth-Aime Labonte. He became a Catholic and member of our faith community last Sunday. **May our prayers and example help him get closer to God!**



#### Christmas Concert

The Pemi Choral Society will be at St. Paul in Franklin this **Friday, December 11 at 7:30PM** for their Winter Concert. This 100+ voice choir always does an awesome job and is sure to put you in a real Christmas Spirit. Bring the whole family. **Admission is by donation.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. December 05 Anticipated Masses**  
**4:00 PM (F)** Cindi Carignan Catino by Jean & Family (B'Day)  
**6:00 PM (T)** Jacques Hebert by Rita & Family
- Sun. December 06 Second Sunday of Advent**  
**8:30 AM (T)** Beloved deceased by Annette Paquette  
**10:30 AM (F)** Richard E. Thornton by the Family (18th Anniv)
- Mon. December 07 St. Ambrose, Bishop**  
**8:00 AM (F)** Theresa Banton by Gary & Claire
- Tues. December 08 Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**8:00 AM (F)** All Parishioners  
**7:00 PM (T)** Peig Price by her Family (Anniv)
- Wed. December 09 Advent Weekday**  
**8:00 AM (F)** Frank Mazur by his Family
- Thurs. December 10 Advent Weekday**  
 No Mass
- Fri. December 11 Advent Weekday**  
**8:00 AM (F)** In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Special Int
- Sat. December 12 Anticipated Masses**  
**4:00 PM (F)** Rita Menard by Gloria & Sam Davis (B'Day)  
**6:00 PM (T)** Stanley & Lottie Puhalski by Carol
- Sun. December 13 Third Sunday of Advent**  
**8:30 AM (T)** Chester & Dolores Davidson by the Family  
**10:30 AM (F)** Lorraine & Frank Bonk by Jean Carignan & Fam

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**What's the Date?** Instead of saying, "In the year 27 AD, St. Luke goes into details: "In the 15th year of the emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor, Herod was Tetrarch in Galilee, Annas and Caiaphas were High Priests, ... , the word of God came to John the Baptist." In our day and age, you would simply say 2015 and that would be it. Unless you were talking to a Jew: it's year 5776 for them. Or a Moslem: their calendar reads year 1437. Or a Hindu, for whom it's only 1937. On those instances, world events might be a better way to pin-point exact dates. So, how would we define this year? We could refer to the Presidency of Obama, the rise of ISIL, the Paris attacks, the Donald Trump political campaign, or the world refugee crisis. People could archive old newspapers and figure it out. I can see the point but I

would prefer that we found better mileposts. How about the year Pope Francis visited the US, the year the US and Cuba exchanged ambassadors, the year 180 countries signed the global warming treaty, the year cheap gas & oil helped millions stay warm all winter, and the year most workers got a living wage? That would bring back much better memories. What if you were to create your own time line? How would you define 2015? It's the year I quit smoking? The year I reconciled with my brother? The year I started visiting the nursing home, helped Habitat build that house, started working at the food pantry, started going to daily Mass? This type of reckoning would be a constant reminder of why we are here and what time is all about. 2015 is almost over. Admittedly, this year's list might be short but next year! With 12 months to work on it, it could be awesome!

### Sanctuary Lamp



From this Sunday thru next Saturday, the sanctuary lamp in church will burn in memory of:

**St. Paul's:** Solange Gouilnet by Michelle & Family (B'Day)

**St. Mary's:** Deceased members of Larivee Family by Cecile Robert.

### ST. GABRIEL'S PRAYER LINE

If you'd like to call in your prayer requests, this month's contact is **Carol Seeley at 520-5235** You can also write in your request in the book at either church.

### PRAYERS REQUESTED:

*Gerard Boudreau  
Rita Nadeau Hines*

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December:** *That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.*

### Liturgical Ministers - Third Sunday of Advent

December 12 & 13, 2015

	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Servers</b>	Mark Williams Joe Landry	Mike Murphy	Alan Cushing Ayden Cushing	Mary Grace, Kolbe & Sarah Bunker
<b>Lectors</b>	Leo St. Pierre Jack Manning	Doug Dube	Jan Andrus	April Bunker Mike Gula
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Marilyn Plourde (H) George Dzujna (H) Christine Dzujna (C) Claire Wallace (C)	Deacon Tom (C) Marguerite Doucette (C)	Barbara Proulx (H) Bette Paquet (C) Kathy O'Brien (C)	Deacon Tom (H) Judy Manning (H) Mark Lemire (C) Vincent Pham (C)
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Meyerhoefer Anna Mayo Wanda Hebert			Dot Ackerman Peg Halm



Because of the Holy Day (Dec. 8), **Council #12147** has moved their monthly meeting to Tuesday night, December 15 at 7:00 PM in Franklin. A Christmas social will proceed the meeting and will begin at 6:00 PM. **Council #12147** has their web site up and running. [www.franklinknights.org](http://www.franklinknights.org) -Check it out!



**ST. GABRIEL CHOIR** is practicing for the Christmas services. Practices are held after the Sunday morning masses in Tilton and Franklin. *If you have the "gift" why not come share it!* Practices are scheduled for December 6th, 13th, and 20th.

*Parish Calendars are in and will be available next weekend. Thank you to the Thibault-Neun Funeral Home of Franklin and the Paquette-Neun Funeral Home of Northfield for their generosity.*



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

*If you wish to donate toward our Christmas flowers, use the envelope provided. If you do not use the parish envelopes, just put a donation in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". If you would like your donation to be in memory of loved ones, please write their names on the envelope.*



### 300 Club Congratulations to our November winners:

<b>\$100.00 - Joan Shanelaris</b>	<b>#139</b>
<b>\$ 50.00 - Audrey Jurta</b>	<b># 038</b>
<b>\$ 25.00 - Kathie Russo</b>	<b>#265</b>

*Our thanks to all club members who help us pay our bills. May God repay your kindness!*



*The collection for the **Retirement Fund for the Religious** is scheduled for next Sunday, December 13. The collection provides for the support of retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the U. S. Please be as generous as you can.*



*Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God". LUKE 1:30*



## CATHOLIC SERVICES & PROGRAMS

### Knights of Columbus

#### **St. Mary of the Assumption**

**Council #11868**

Grand Knight: Aaron Boudreau 998-2806

#### **Bishop Leo O'Neil**

**Council #12147 (Franklin)**

Grand Knight: Tim Stangroom 934-6782

**Fr. A.J. Timon Assembly #638 (4<sup>th</sup> Degree)**

Faithful Navigator: Omer Ahern 536-2224

At [www.franklinknights.org](http://www.franklinknights.org)

### Catholic Schools

#### **Holy Trinity School (Pre-K to 8)**

50 Church Street Laconia, NH

03246

Web: [www.holytrinity.pvt.k12.nh.us](http://www.holytrinity.pvt.k12.nh.us)

Phone: 524-3156



#### **St. John Regional School**

**(Pre-K to 8)**

61 S. State Street

Concord, NH 03301

Web: [www.stjohnregional.org](http://www.stjohnregional.org) — Phone: 225-3222

#### **Bishop Brady High School (9 to 12)**

25 Columbus Ave Concord, NH 03301

Web: [www.bishopbrady.edu](http://www.bishopbrady.edu) —

Phone: 224-7418



### Catholic Charities

#### **Laconia District Office**

528-3035

17 Gilford Ave., Laconia, 03246

Counseling - Elderly Services - Adoption/Maternity

Parish Nurse - Children's Home - Food Bank

#### **St. Francis Rehabilitation**

**& Nursing Center**

406 Court St., Laconia, NH 03246

Phone: 524-0466



### Parish Outreach

#### **Franklin Regional Hospital**

Leo St. Pierre

#### **At Merrimack County Nursing Home**

Meri-lynn Banton - Janet Jurta

#### **NH Veterans Home**

Rev. Ray Gagnon - Steve Archambault

#### **Mt. Ridge Nursing Home**

Nancy Carr - Mildred Sullivan - Chrissy Avila

#### **Golden Crest Senior Resort**

Nancy Carr - Mildred Sullivan

#### **At Peabody Home**

Angela Mundy

