

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

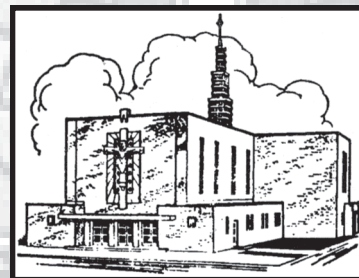
Please call the office to request the Sacrament of Anointing or homebound visits.

Baptism–Marriage

Call the Parish Office to schedule instruction and the ceremony



St. Mary



St. Paul

Merry Christmas

Our entire staff is grateful for your support and encouragement throughout the year. We wish each of you, and your families a most blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, happiness, and God's choicest blessings!

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| <i>Fr. Ray</i> | <i>Deacon Tom Matzke</i> |
| <i>Claire Connifey</i> | <i>Meri-lynn Banton</i> |
| <i>Gary Plourde</i> | <i>Michael Parmelee</i> |
| <i>Debbi Gibson</i> | <i>Tim Stangroom</i> |
| <i>Mary Lacroix</i> | <i>Mary Ellen Shaw</i> |
| <i>Mark Williams</i> | <i>John Bruno</i> |

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun	Dec 20	9:00 AM	Religious Education (K-8)
Sun	Dec 20	Choir Practice after morning Masses (T) (F)	
Sun	Dec 20	3:00 PM	Reconciliation Service
Sun	Dec 20	No Confirmation Class	
Mon	Dec 21	6:00 PM	Confessions in Tilton
Mon	Dec 21	7:00 PM	Confessions in Franklin
Mon	Dec 21	No RCIA Class	
Tues	Dec 22	1:15 PM	Adoration (T)
Tues	Dec 22	2:00 PM	Mass @ Mt. Ridge
Tues	Dec 22	6:00 PM	Confessions in Franklin
Tues	Dec 22	7:00 PM	Confessions in Tilton
Wed	Dec 23	Church Office Closed	
Wed	Dec 23	After Mass	Morning Mass Group Gathering
Thurs	Dec 24	Church Office Closed	
Thurs	Dec 24	4:00 PM	Children's Mass/Pageant (F)
Thurs	Dec 24	7:00 PM	Family Mass (T)
Thurs	Dec 24	11:30 PM	Midnight Mass/Carols @ 11PM
Fri	Dec 25	Christmas Day—Food Pantry Closed	
Fri	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Christmas Mass (guitars) (T)
Fri	Dec 25	10:30 AM	Christmas Mass (choir) (F)
Sun	Dec 27	No Religious Education (K-8) (F)	
Sun	Dec 27	No Confirmation Class	
Mon	Dec 28	No RCIA Classes	

PARISH FINANCES

Offering Last Week	Dec 13
Loose Money	808.50
In Envelopes	3,984.50
Building Fund & Fuel	107.00
Masses	610.00
Candles & Memorials	48.00
Food Pantry	245.00
Immaculate Conception	583.50
Christmas Flowers	999.79
TOTAL FOR PARISH	7,386.29
Retired Religious	1,142.00

OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

This is your gift to your parish. The regular collections help us pay our ordinary bills. Special collections like this help us deal with the inevitable surprise (roof leaks, boiler problems, and other unanticipated expenses). If we are lucky, we may have a few dollars left to make some small improvements to our buildings. Thanks again for your sustained generosity throughout the year. You are indeed the "gift that keeps on giving". We thank God for you every day!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Vigil Masses:

Thursday, December 24

4:00 PM— Pageant Mass / guitar (Franklin)

7:00 PM Family Mass / choir (Tilton)

11:30 PM Mass During the Night (Franklin)

Music Program begins at 11PM

On Christmas Day:

Friday, December 25

8:30 AM Christmas Mass / guitar (Tilton)

10:30 AM Christmas Mass choir (Franklin)

So the staff can spend the holidays with their Family, the Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, December 23 and Thursday December 24. The Food Pantry will be closed Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1.

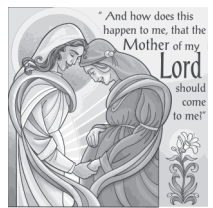
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. December 19 Anticipated Masses**
 4:00 PM (F) Shawn Laughy by his Mother & Family
 6:00 PM (T) Theresa Ottmeier by Rachel & Jesse Carroll
- Sun. December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 8:30 AM (T) Richard Colby by his daughter & Friend
 10:30 AM (F) Cindy Laughy Merchant by her Family
- Mon. December 21 Late Advent Weekday**
 8:00 AM (F) For Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Tues. December 22 Late Advent Weekday**
 8:00 AM (F) Alice Nadon by Mary Lee (Anniv)
- Wed. December 23 Late Advent Weekday**
 8:00 AM (F) Beloved Deceased of Theresa Dargie
- Thurs. December 24 Christmas Eve**
 4:00 PM (F) M/M Manuel Mahserejian by Ron & Sophia
 7:00 PM (T) Beloved Deceased of Theresa Gill
 11:30 PM (F) Intentions of the Pastor & Deacon
- Fri. December 25 The Nativity of the Lord**
 8:30 AM (T) Parishioner Intentions
 10:30 AM (F) Roger Desrochers by Bob, Janet, & John
- Sat. December 26 Anticipated Masses**
 4:00 PM (F) Wilfred Fleury by Lisa, Paul & Family (Anniv)
 6:00 PM (T) Wilfred & Rita Gagnon by the Family
- Sun. December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
 8:30 AM (T) Charles & Catherine Galla by M/M Donald Oliver
 10:30 AM (F) Bertha Paquette by her Family (B'Day)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You can't chose your relatives. A lot of people remind themselves of this fact as they look around the Christmas table. What could I possible have in common with this motley crew? God has such a wild imagination and has made each one of us so incredibly different. We each have our own personality, likes and dislikes, mannerisms, values and priorities. Sometimes we forget how much we have in common: not the least of which is our need for family, friends, and God. This basic need can be the starting point for some great relationships. In today's gospel, we see Mary building on that base. When she learns of the great privilege and responsibility God has placed on her, she turns to her family for support and guid-

ance. Her friend and cousin Elizabeth is more than happy to receive and help her sort out what God has just asked of her. Jesus' unborn cousin, John the Baptist, also gets excited at the prospect of the Savior's birth. Her family is definitely there for her. I'll bet you can't count the number of times your family was there for you! The reason we can't pick our relatives is because God has already picked them for us. And, honestly, hasn't He done a great job? And He's done one better: He has chosen you and me to be His brothers and sisters (making us part of His family and Him part of ours). Since that first Christmas, He's been one of us. Now, He's one relative I'd like to see sitting at my Christmas table!



Sanctuary Lamp



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

St. Paul's: Stephen Robitaille by his Family
St. Mary's: Rev. L. Phillippe Larivee 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:

Elaine Walker
Susan Jacobs Bishop

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

Liturgical Ministers - The Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 26 & 27, 2015

	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Servers	Jack Manning Leo St. Pierre	Mike Murphy	Alan Cushing Ayden Cushing	Blaise, Sean & Colleen O'Mara
Lectors	Christine Dzujna Claire Wallace	Jeanette Bruno	Bette Paquet	Kathie Russo Marty Russo
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Desrochers (H) Marilyn Plourde (H) Janet Desrochers (C) Bronwyn Walsh (C)	Deacon Tom (C) John Bruno (C)	Gayle Bestick (H) Florence Dawson (C) Kathy O'Brien (C)	Deacon Tom (H) Rose Archambault (H) Bob Bachler (C) Debra Mekula (C)
Greeters	Betty Meyerhoefer LaPlante Pauline George Dzujna			Dot Ackerman Peg Halm



As we mark the 43rd anniversary of Roe v Wade, The **KC Councils in the Lakes Region** are sponsoring a 24-hour “Day of Adoration, Fasting and Prayer” for the intention that our nation return to a culture of life. The adoration will be in **Tilton from Thursday, January 21 at 7 PM until Friday, January 22, at 7PM.** More information will be in the bulletin in early January. If you can commit to one hour of Prayer and Adoration please call Bill Driscoll at 603-528-6109.



Our 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve (in Franklin) is a Children’s Liturgy. All children of the parish are invited to participate in the program . Bring your children dressed as shepherds and angels. We do have some shepherd crooks and wings available. Bring the “shepherds and angels” to the chapel area no later than 3:45 PM.



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.

Newly Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers

Congratulations to the following members of our faith community who have accepted to serve our parish as Eucharistic Ministers. They have been recommended by the Parish Council and appointed by Bishop Libasci.

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| Judy Cloutier | William Driscoll |
| Bette Flaherty | Tim Flaherty |
| Carole Lemire | Mark Lemire |
| Carmen Lepage | André Lepage |
| Judy Manning | Sandy Pham |
| Vincent Pham | |



Congratulations and Thank you to them all!

God Bless Our Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome **Harlow Marie Roberts** son of Joshua Roberts and Caitlin (Walker) Roberts She became Catholics and a member of our faith community last Sunday. **May our prayers and example help her get closer to God!**



St. Gabriel Parish will Travel: We are still finalizing the plans for next year’s trip to Washington D.C. We will be traveling Thursday June 23 to Monday June 27. It is a bus trip with the option to travel by train. There will be a flyer in the bulletin as soon as the plans are completed.





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 (4th Degree)

Faithful Navigator: Omer Ahern 536-2224

At 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

Phone: 524-3156



St. John Regional School

(Pre-K to 8)

61 S. State Street

Concord, NH 03301

Web: www.stjohnregional.org — Phone: 225-3222

Bishop Brady High School (9 to 12)

25 Columbus Ave Concord, NH 03301

Web: 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



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