



- Saturday, November 26** 4:00pm **Cecelia Rogers**  
requested by the family
- Sunday, November 27** 9:00am **Patricia M. Dumais**  
requested by David Dumais
- 11:00am **Michael Gilbert, Sr. 9th Ann.**  
**Donald Gilbert 7th Ann.**  
**Pauline Thyne 4th Ann.**  
requested by the Gilbert Family
- Monday, November 28** 8:30am **Roland Quillia, Jr.**  
requested by Brian Quillia
- Tuesday, November 29** 8:30am **For the health & wellbeing of baby Gabriella,** req. by Cathy Kennedy
- Wednesday, November** 8:30am **Ingrid & Roland Quillia, Sr.**  
requested by Brian Quillia
- Thursday, December 1** 8:30am **A Special Intention**  
requested by Cathy Kennedy.
- Saturday, December 3** 4:00pm **Russ & Anna Genander**  
requested by Ron & Jan Gagner
- Sunday, December 4** 9:00am **Joan & Al Migneault**  
requested by Brian Quillia
- 11:00am **For the health & wellbeing of Kathy Curry**  
req. by Gerry & Carol Degnan

Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent is a time of joyful expectations. We wait hopefully for the birth of Christ among us and we rejoice in the gift of Christ already present in our lives. The mystery of Advent is that Christ was once born in time, He will come again as judge of the living and the dead and He comes to us each day often hidden and veiled in silence.

Although Advent is properly a season dedicated to the prayerful preparation for Christmas, it is also a time of grace in which we ask God to grow in discernment and love. An important question of Advent is "How is Christ coming to me in the present moment?" During Advent, we watchfully are aware that in all of the situations of life Christ encounters us. Yet, we also acknowledge, in humility, that we often miss His visitations. The distractions of this world, coupled with a modern sense of godlessness, contributes to a dulling of our spiritual senses. Advent is a time in which we can reexamine not only how we encounter Christ daily but also how Christ invites us to respond to Him when we encounter Him.

On **Saturday, December 10, from 10 to 2, we will be hosting an Advent Day of Reflection in the parish hall.** The title of the day is "**Living with Advent Mystery**" and will include lunch, Adoration, Benediction and two presentations with discussion. We are hoping that you join us for a great opportunity to deepen our lives of faith. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board and the reflection day is open to Catholics from St. Ann's and other parishes.

**Our annual Christmas Pageant will soon be upon us.** I encourage the young people of our parish to take parts in the pageant to help all of us prepare for the birth of our Savior.

Advent Blessings to all of you!

In Christ,  
Fr. Michael



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Tuesday of the month  
at 6:00pm  
in the Church*



<b>Weekly Collection November 19 &amp; 20</b>	\$ 3,224.25
Children's envelopes 3	\$ 12.00
Maintenance	\$ 125.00
SVDP	\$ 24.00
Poor Box	\$ 28.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 432.00

*Thank you for your generous support*

### Meetings

**NA** Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall  
**K of C** 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall  
**SVDP** Sunday, December 11th at 9:45am  
**Rosary Group** Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church  
**Bible Study**  
7:00pm in the Church Hall  
Please have read MT 3:1-12



**Christmas Choir rehearsals** begin this Sunday after the 9:00am Mass. Please join us as we prepare for the Christmas Liturgies. **All are welcome.**

### **Thanksgiving Bake Sale and Raffle**

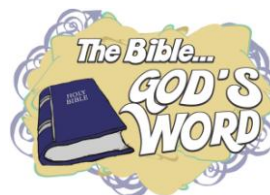
Thank you to all who donated to the Parish Bake Sale. It was wonderful to see so many pies, breads, cakes and cookies to be enjoyed during the Thanksgiving holiday. Congratulations to the winners of the raffles

**Fall Picture:** The DeAdder Family

**Thanksgiving basket:** Barbara LaMountain

**Thanksgiving basket:** Mary Walsh

**Total of Bake Sale & Raffles:** \$850.00



### **Religious Education classes**

Monday Grades 1-4 at 3:30pm

Grades 5-10 at 6:00pm

**Family Mass**

**December 4, at 9:00am**

**Theme: Advent**



The Giving Tree sponsored by SVDP is located in front of the statue of Our Blessed Mother. Please take a gift request tag to help with this wonderful ministry. Gifts must be returned by December 11<sup>th</sup> with the label attached to the gift



### **Memorial envelopes for**

**Christmas Flowers** are included in all offertory envelope packets this month or a request can be made by contacting the rectory. Please consider remembering a loved one with a beautiful poinsettia that will be placed in our sanctuary for Christmas Masses.



**The SVDP Society** would like to express its gratitude to all who donated to the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Ecumenical Oxford Food Shelf. Your generosity brought joy to many families on Thanksgiving Day.



### **Annual Christmas Pageant**

**Rehearsals:** Saturday, Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & 10 at 10:00am

**Pageant:** December 17 & 18 after all the Masses

We also need adult volunteers to help with the pageant.

Please contact Mark Bourdeau at #508-832-3134

**Get Well Cards or Christmas cards** can be sent to

Sr. Jeanne Rouillard at the following address.

St. Ann's Convent 720 Boston Post Road E

Marlborough, MA 01752



### **Advent Day of Reflection "Living with Advent Mystery"**

Saturday, December 10, from 10-2 in the parish hall

\$10.00 per person includes lunch and materials

A signup sheet is posted on the Main bulletin board



**FAMILY MASS THANKSGIVING ACTIVITY**