



- Saturday, December 7** **4:00pm Francis Rogers 12th Anniv.**
requested by the family.
- Sunday, December 8** **9:00am For a special Intention**
requested by Palmina
- 11:00am Lucille Wright**
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey
- Please note** that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy day of Obligation this year. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated as a Solemnity on Monday, December 9.
- Monday, December 9** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of
Deacon Jim & Carole Denning**
- Tuesday, December 10** **8:30am Claire Day**
requested by Fr. Michael
- 6:00pm Anniversary of Marian
Consecration Mass**
- Wednesday, December 11** **8:30am Betty Renaud**
req. by Dee (Renaud) Archambault
- Thursday, December 12** **8:30am Batista Khalil Lai**
req. by his daughter Soundouss.
- Saturday, December 14** **4:00pm Theresa Modzelewski**
Birthday Remembrance requested
by her daughter Theresa
- Sunday, December 15** **9:00am Glenelle Walsh 10th Anniv.**
req. by Jack & Pat Murphy
- 11:00am Albert J. Dumais**
requested by David Dumais



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered after all the Masses this
weekend to anyone who is in need.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we read the Advent Scriptures, we meet biblical figures that shape our understanding of the season. One of the most central figures of Advent is St. John the Baptist.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear St. John calling us to repentance. This last of the prophets teaches us that in order to be ready for the coming of the Lord we must receive the grace of conversion. Conversion is a turning away from sin and a turning towards God. This process is lead by the Holy Spirit and requires a frequent examination of conscience. Conversion takes place when we are willing to look honestly and humbly at ourselves and our lives and to ask God to transform us.

St. John the Baptist warned that God's judgment would soon come upon the earth. He declared that the Messiah was at hand and that He would bring to God's people the power of the Holy Spirit. St. John was clear that the Baptism which Jesus would bring would be Sacramental because it would bring with it the power of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism washes away all sin and makes us an adopted son or daughter of God. The Sacrament of Penance gives us a way to return to Baptismal innocence. When we receive absolution we are washed clean of sin and our friendship with God is restored.

During Advent, let us receive the grace of conversion so that we are ready for the Lord's coming.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Weekly Collection December 1

Adults	\$ 3,806.00
Children	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 135.00
Fuel	\$ 230.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 230.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 199.00
Total	\$ 4,620.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,420.00
SVDP	\$ 411.00
Poor Box	\$ 51.00



**Coffee Shop 1st & 3rd
Sundays of the month**

Please join us for donuts & coffee after the 9:00am Mass. Children will receive a donut and juice box for free!! Adults \$1 for a coffee and donut



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 15, 9:45 am in the hall
Rosary Group 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Upper Room Ministry Next meeting: Anniversary Mass
Tuesday, December 10th at 6PM
Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00pm in the hall
Please have read **Matthew 11:2-11**



St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

If you are a parishioner and are in need of assistance, please call #508- 987-8892 and leave a message on the SVDP private line and someone from the SVDP will return your call. Maybe you have lost your job and are behind on your utilities or can't afford to have oil delivered. We can help. We also can point you in the direction of other resources that are available.



Please take a gift tag to help with this wonderful ministry. Gifts will benefit families in need in Oxford through the Ecumenical Food Shelf. Gifts must be returned by December 15th with the label attached to the gift. Thank you



Memorial envelopes for Christmas Flowers are included in all offertory packets 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 Mass for these intentions will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 10:00am

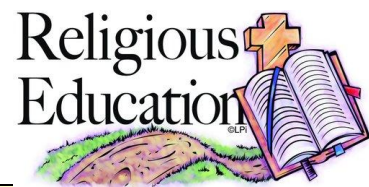


Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Please join us after the 9:00am Mass to rehearse hymns for the Christmas Eve Mass and sing-a-long.

Are you having a family gathering or holiday party?

Please remember to drop off your returnable bottles and cans at the bin near the handicap ramp. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We also need volunteers to take the donations to the redemption center. Please sign up on the main bulletin board.



Grades 1-3 Monday: 3:30 -4:45 pm
Grades 4-10 Monday: 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Next Children's Mass: Sunday, January 7, at 9:00am



Annual Christmas Pageant **We still have parts available!!**

A Signup sheet is available on the main bulletin board. The pageant will take place after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, December 22.



ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Topic: Advent and the Holy Eucharist
Saturday, December 14 10 to 2

Fee collected at the door: \$10 for lunch
Please sign up on the main bulletin board.

Ministers of Communion are needed

One of the joys we have as Catholics is the reception of Communion each time at Mass. We have a growing number of parishioners who are home bound or in nursing facilities. To make sure that these parishioners receive Communion on a regular basis, and to maintain contact with our parish, we need to have more people to act as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who volunteer will be trained. Please consider helping out. It is a great joy and privilege to share the Body of Christ with our fellow parishioners.

Decorating the Church for Christmas **on Sunday, December 22**

Anyone who is interested in helping to decorate the church for Christmas, please contact Mary at the Rectory #508-987-8892.