



# First Sunday of ADVENT

## **CHRISTMAS GIVING TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

The Christmas Giving program to benefit Catholic Charities OPENS THIS WEEKEND and will run until December 12th. This is a long standing tradition at both parishes that supports the efforts of Catholic Charities' making a difference in people's lives. This year, Catholic Charities is requesting Store Cards only, which enables individuals to meet the unique and specific needs of their family. Please take a gift request from the bulletin board located at either church's entrance. Cards dropped at St. Athanasius will benefit Catholic Charities North Families & Education Program. Cards dropped at St. Agnes will benefit Catholic Charities Peabody Child Care Center.

- Return store cards by December 12th

- Return Card Locations:

St. Athanasius - Store cards may be left in the box in the entryway near the restroom **by December 12th.**

St. Agnes - Store cards may be left in the Card Collection boxes located at the Woburn Street entrance and the Handicap entrance **by December 12th.**

**Catholic Charities Peabody Child Care Center** serves children in Peabody, Salem, Beverly and Danvers. The Center is a year round child care facility. The early childhood program serves children ages 2.9 years through 7 years old. The school-age program is a year round program open to children ages 5 to 13 years.

**Catholic Charities North Families & Education Program** benefit young families receiving services from Catholic Charities who are struggling to provide the necessities for themselves. The recipients are participating in Catholic Charities' education program in an effort to build a self-supporting future for their families.