

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

The number to call for prayer requests, or if you wish to pray with us, is 622-2094.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation toward our Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one, please use the special envelope found in your boxes or designate your gift through your e-Give account. If you do not use envelopes or E-give, you can place your donation in a plain white envelope marked “flowers,” and drop it in the collection basket. A donor list will be published in a future bulletin.



UPDATE ON HURRICANE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

At the request of the USCCB, the Diocese of Manchester took up an emergency collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey on the weekend of September 9-10. The total given in that collection, diocese-wide, was **\$365,686**. The diocese took up a second emergency collection, also at the request of the USCCB, to assist the victims of Hurricane Irma during the weekend of September 30-October 1. Results of that collection are not yet fully calculated, but so far **\$128,776** has been collected. Funds raised by these collections will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. We are deeply grateful for your generous response to our brothers and sisters in need, and ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN MAILED

The boxes containing collection envelopes have been mailed. If anyone didn’t receive them, or would like to start using them, please give us a call at 622-4966.

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

The NH Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay contest. The contest is open to any Jr-High (grades 6,7,8) and Sr-High (grades 9,10,11,12) student in NH. The NH Knights of Columbus will make up to six cash awards of \$100. The theme is: “How would you respond to claims that Pro-Life denies a woman’s ‘choice’?” DEADLINE: Midnight, **December 15**. RULES: Contest details may be obtained from K of C NH contest chairman John P. Matuszewski (603-434-4098) or K of C NH State Pro-Life Chairman Ron Distasio (603-595-7837).

GIVING TREE

For those who took an ornament gift tag on the tree, we ask donors to ***bring the wrapped gift with the gift tag attached*** and return on or before the last Mass on **December 17**. Each ornament has a gift suggested for parents and children served by Our Place, a NH Catholic Charities agency. For those who took a gift bag, we ask donors to ***put the unwrapped small items listed inside the bag and return the gift bag*** on or before the last Mass on **December 17**. Each gift bag has a list of small items requested for residents served by the *St. Joseph Community Services Meals on Wheels* program.



MOM’S GROUP MEETING



Our next Mom’s Group meeting will be on Monday **December 11** at 10 am. We will be decorating cookies and visiting with the assisted living folks at the Birch Hill Terrace. We will be meeting at Birch Hill Terrace located at 200 Alliance Way in Manchester, NH. The event is free. We just ask that you please RSVP so we can plan on enough supplies.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

All parishes within the Diocese of Manchester are restoring the original order of celebrating the sacraments of initiation between 2018-2021. In the early church, people were initiated into the community at one single event. They were baptized, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharist. The sacraments, over time, have been separated from one another and this happened for a variety of reasons. The Second Vatican Council asked the Church to make it more clear that Confirmation is intimately connected with Baptism and the whole of Christian initiation. This also helps us to see that Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church. Go to www.catholicnh.org/lifelong for more information on this important change.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The Bible Timeline is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. *The Bible Timeline* has been granted the *Imprimatur*. The course will take place on **Thursday evenings** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We will be starting right where we left off in May with the Second Book of Samuel. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
December 2/3, 2017**

Checks: \$ 9,024.00
Cash: \$ 2,587.00
E-Give: \$ 2,209.00
Total: \$13,820.00

Monthly Mortgage: \$2,985.00

**GENEROUS SUPPORT
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
As of November 30, 2017**

As of this date, we have \$43,265.25 in remaining pledges
Our mortgage is \$285, 163.59
We paid \$24,000 toward our mortgage 11/30/2017

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD." As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Jan 19-21, 2018** in South Kingstown, RI and **Mar 9-11, 2018** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON STATE HOUSE NEWS

The NH Legislature is starting a new session, and more than 650 bills are on the agenda. Measures include the repeal of the death penalty, physician-assisted suicide, abortion clinic licensing, and support for victims of human trafficking. Register now for Catholic Citizenship News, the public policy e-newsletter of the Diocese of Manchester, to receive updates as bills progress and learn how your voice can make a difference. To read the current issue of Catholic Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit catholicnh.org/ccn.



JESUS WAS BORN IN A SHELTER

The box at the main entrance of the church is to collect items for those who live in shelters in Manchester. Needs for **December** are razors, floss, dish soap, and detergent.



Mass Intentions

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 9</u>
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	GERALDINE ROY by Curt & Diane Bergeron LUCIEN DOYON & DIANE DOYON by Marie Doyon & family FR. MARTIN KELLY by the Burnes Family CHARLES M. REYNOLDS by Denise G. Reynolds
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 10</u>
7:30	FRANCIS SCHULTZ by his daughter, Nancy (10 th Anniv.) VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN & JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families
9:00	ERIC DAHL
11:00	NICHOLAS TZINAS by his wife, Esther ROSE ROY by her husband, Richard JOSEPH DONATI by the family GEORGE PREBLE by his wife, Jeanne and Chris

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 11</u>
9:00	ST. DAMASUS I, Pope MARTIN R. DEXHEIMER, JR. SPECIAL INTENTION
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 12</u>
9:00	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE BEATRICE DAHLQUIST by The Dahlquist Fund ALFRED DELISLE by John & Alfred Delisle IRENE BROOKS by her daughter, Claire
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 13</u>
9:00	ST. LUCY, Virgin & Martyr DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TALMONT FAMILY by the Beal Family PAUL VACHON & LARRY VACHON by Sue Vachon CAROL BOUCHER by Jay & Louise Lachance JOSEPH ACTON by the family
9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 14</u>
9:00	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, Priest KAY PIERONI by her husband
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 16</u>
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	FR. CHARLES DAVIS by Dick & Fredda Miles GARY FOYE by his wife LOUISE CAZA by Rob & Lou PATRICK & MARGARET REYNOLDS by Denise G. Reynolds GEORGE & MARY GERVAIS by Denise G. Reynolds
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 17</u>
7:30	DOUGLAS BOULDRY by the Murphy Family
9:00	WALTER SWIST by the family (7 th Anniv.)
11:00	ROBERT ST. PIERRE by Dan & Beth St. Pierre THOMAS ARMSTRONG by the family JAMES DOYLE by his wife, Sue

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU TO MR. COVEY AND ST. MARY'S BANK

A business relationship between the school and St. Mary's Bank was well established years ago. However, it was only recently that this relationship transformed into a friendship between the children, and Mr. Covey, President of St.



Mary's Bank. In November of 2016, Fr. Paul and Mrs. Bergeron made an appointment to meet with Mr. Covey to share the school's annual fund goals for 2016-2017. Mrs. Bergeron spoke of *Buddy Benches* and explained to Mr. Covey that these benches have a special meaning. These aren't just seats on the playground, they help students find friends with whom to play. If a new (or current) student arrives at school, and he or she feels lonely on the playground, the child sits on the bench, and children who are playing swarm to the child and invite him or her to play! This is a lesson in kindness, in understanding, and in love. Mr. Covey loved the idea, and St. Mary's Bank purchased two Buddy Benches (\$2,000) for St. Catherine of Siena School! We are BLESSED!

ADORATION AT ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

Each Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, a group of faculty and staff will attend Adoration in the Church for 15 + minutes. I guess you can call us Prayer Warriors for our school. Our goal is to pray for the well-being of our children, their parents, our faculty and staff, our school, our Pastor and parish, the Diocese of Manchester, and the World Wide Church. We pray that individuals discover our Christian hope, joy, charity, compassion, and wisdom. Please join us on any given Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



It that time of year!! We are looking for children to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant during the **6 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve**. The children should be between ages 4 – 10, and there are no spoken parts. There will be two 45-minute rehearsals. Please contact Lisa Daugherty at yff@scsnh.com or 622-6264 if you are interested. We hope you will join us!

PORK PIE DINNER

St. Joseph Cathedral is hosting a Pork Pie Dinner on **December 16** from 5 – 7 p.m. The cost is \$8/adults and \$4/children under 12.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)

Tuesdays at St. Elizabeth's, 8:30

Wednesdays at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

Thursdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

WALKING GROUPS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

SHINE: (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS)

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Goffstown on **Wednesdays, 10-Noon**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for a few ministers to assist with pre-CCD teaching during the 9 a.m. Mass. This would be on a rotating basis. The lesson plans are already made up, and all materials will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lori Vincent at dlvincent6@gmail.com.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL MEET AND GREET

On **December 18** at 7 p.m., Trinity High School will be hosting a Meet and Greet, offered to those students who are thinking of transferring to Trinity during the semester break, or those who missed the opportunity to attend the October Open House. Come and meet with faculty and staff representatives and take a tour with current students.

HOW TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE

If you know of or suspect abuse or neglect of a minor (a person under 18), you must report it to the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families at 1-800-894-5533 or 603-271-6556.

As an employee or volunteer in the Catholic Church in New Hampshire, in addition to reporting to DCYF, if you know of or suspect sexual abuse of a minor by Church personnel you must also report it to:

- Local law enforcement and the Delegate for Ministerial Conduct if the abuse involves a minor
- Delegate for Ministerial Conduct if the abuse involves a person who is no longer a minor

Delegate for Ministerial Conduct - 603-669-3100

HELP WANTED

Ste. Marie's Child Care Center is now hiring an afterschool teacher. This is a great opportunity for para professionals. Please email stemarie.childcare@gmail.com or call Terry Donna at 603-668-2356 for more information.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Ste. Marie Parish – **December 17** at 6 p.m.