

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 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

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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.



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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.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 pm Parish Choir
4 pm School Gym
piano/cantor

6 pm Children Choir/Pageant
(*Non-Incense Mass*)

MIDNIGHT MASS

Parish Choir

CHRISTMAS MORNING

9 am organ/piano/cantor
11:00 am organ/piano/cantor



"...and of his kingdom
there will be no end."

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.



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.

MOM'S GROUP DECEMBER MEETING

Please join the Mom's Group for our December Meeting: A Birthday Party for Jesus. We will have snacks, playtime, crafts and more! The event will be in the church hall babysitting room on Wednesday December 20 at 10:00 A.M. The event is free we just ask that you RSVP so we can have enough supplies. Join Facebook St. Catherine Mom's Group Manchester or email kara_forsythe@msn.com to RSVP or to stay up to date on future events.



SNOW REMOVAL HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone to snow blow and shovel the convent property this winter. Please phone Nick at 391-6368 if you are interested. **Must be at least 18 years old.**

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available: call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE(-4673) or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

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 9/10, 2017

Checks: \$ 5,554.00
Cash: \$ 1,770.00
E-Give: \$ 1,638.00
Total: \$ 8,962.00

Immaculate Conception: \$1,307.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$4,013.00

GENEROUS SUPPORT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN As of November 30, 2017

As of this date, we have \$43,265.25 in remaining pledges
Our mortgage balance 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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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

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

SATURDAY

3:00
4:00

DECEMBER 16

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

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

SUNDAY

7:30
9:00
11:00

DECEMBER 17

DOUGLAS BOULDRY by the Murphy Family
WALTER SWIST by the family (7th Anniv.)
ROBERT ST. PIERRE
by Dan & Beth St. Pierre
THOMAS ARMSTRONG by the family
JAMES DOYLE by his wife, Sue

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

MONDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 18

BARRY WEEKS, SR. by the Forsythe Family

TUESDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 19

THOMAS DONNELLY by the family
JACQUELINE MACRIGEANIS by Jean Hebert

WEDNESDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 20

ELMER R. DAHLQUIST by the Dahlquist Fund
GEORGE PREBLE by his wife, Jeanne & Chris

9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 21

ST. PETER CANISIUS, Priest
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DACHOWSKI
& ROY FAMILIES by Rob & Claudette

SATURDAY

3:00
4:00

DECEMBER 23

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

DESROCHERS & FRANKLIN FAMILIES
by Ellen DesRochers
FR. TIMOTHY O'DONNELL
by the Burnes Family
STANLEY MALIKOWSKI by Eileen Rainville
DORIS MALIKOWSKI by Eileen Rainville
DONALD J. PEARSON by Denise G. Reynolds

SUNDAY

7:30

DECEMBER 24

ALFRED & ANNETTE MARQUIS
by their children

9:00

DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family

11:00

ERIC DAHL by Ginny Morris

4:00

KATHERINE KEARNEY
by Patti & Bob Webster

6:00

MARTHA MCNAMARA & DONALD ALBERT
by the family

MIDNIGHT

JULES TRUDEL by his wife & children
D'AMBROSIO FAMILY by Phyllis Sylvester

LUIGI & JOSEPHINE CARUSO
by the Calvano Family

LUCILLE MONTMINY by Claire Brooks
ARMAND, ALICE, & CHARLOTTE DUHAIME
by Sue & Roger Duhaime

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!

WEATHER & SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

Please remember that St. Catherine School follows the Manchester School District's call. If they are closed or delayed, expect the same for us. Please view WMUR for weather alerts and school closings. Be sure children are dressed for the winter.

A SHOUT OUT

Thank you to PROJECT LINUS, the Southwest NH Chapter serving the Monadnock Region, the Chapter Coordinator Robyn Manley, and Mrs. Feren for supporting Kid Caring for Kids at St. Catherine of Siena School. This year with Project Linus' continued support, we supplied 295 youth blankets to children in Manchester who are homeless or displaced. Kids Caring for Kids is blessed with this coordinated effort to help those in need.

ST. NICHOLAS DRESS DOWN

We raised \$654.30 for the Holy Cross Learning Center. Congratulations, Students!

THANKS TO PHANEUF FOR 2018 CALENDARS

Thanks to Buddy Phaneuf, from Phaneuf Funeral Home, for providing us with beautiful religious art calendars for the Year 2018. We appreciate his continued support to the parish.

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**

PARISH NURSE HOLIDAY

The parish nurses will be on Christmas holiday Wednesday, **December 27**. They will resume their services on **January 3, 2018**.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It's 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!

