

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2017

## UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

## 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.

## 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."



## 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.**

## CHRISTMAS WISH AND BLESSING

On behalf of the staff and myself, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a promise of my most fervent prayers. I wish you a blessing of peace, beauty of hope, spirit of love, and the comfort of faith. May these be your gifts this Christmas Season *Fr. Paul*

## SLICE OF THE PIE WINNERS

Congratulations to Cindy Lemay and Kurt Weber, who each won \$150!

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP LIBASCI

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On that Silent Night, that Holy Night, when stars shone brightly in a winter's sky, a great multitude of angels appeared to the shepherds tending their flocks near Bethlehem. Soon, the sounds of mystical voices began to surround them: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, PEACE to those on whom His favor rests." (Lk.2:14). At this Christmas Season the Catholics of New Hampshire join our voices with theirs as we praise God and bring a message of New Hope that is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Led by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we are working by God's grace to invite all people of good will to experience the faith that moves us. I'm talking about regular people – you and me and people all around us– who are looking for and have found the meaning of Christmas to be relevant at every stage of life!

Throughout the coming year the Church in New Hampshire will continue to feed the souls and strive to meet the material needs of the people of New Hampshire—it is our work and the visible gift of faith at work!

And as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, I pray that this New Year will bring to you and to all the world the profound peace of knowing Christ. May He reign this coming year in the homes, hearts and lives of all, and may all of humanity experience His enduring love. Sincerely in Christ,

*Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.*

## NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31 at 4 p.m.

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

## NEW PRAYERS ON OLD BEADS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for your old, broken or new rosary beads that are no longer hearing your prayers. Other religious items such as bibles, medals, and prayer books are also accepted. These will be passed on to the Poor Sisters of St. Claire and other prayer groups, to be distributed to those who can use them. There is a receptacle at the Webster Street entrance of the church.

## GLUTEN-FREE HOST AVAILABLE

Please note that we have gluten-free hosts for anyone allergic to gluten. Please come to the sacristy before Mass and notify the celebrant of your need for a host.

## 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 16/17, 2017**

**Checks: \$ 7,010.00**  
**Cash: \$ 2,670.00**  
**E-Give: \$ 2,017.10**  
**Total: \$11,697.10**

**Lessons & Carols Free Will Offering: \$278.00**

**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](http://catholicnh.org/ccn).

## MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

Nationwide Mass times and locations may be found online at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or call 1-800-627-7846.

## 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 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

DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family

9:00

ERIC DAHL by Ginny Morris

11:00

KATHERINE KEARNEY

by Patti & Bob Webster

4:00

MARTHA MCNAMARA & DONALD ALBERT by the family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BARBARA DESHARNAIS

by M/M Greg Cornellier & Sons

6:00

JULES TRUDEL by his wife & children

BENJAMIN CHESTER MENDER by the family

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

### MONDAY

MIDNIGHT

### CHRISTMAS DAY

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

9:00

ROBERT J. & ROBERT E KIRBY by the family

DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family

DIANE SOUCY by Barbara Raulerson

JOSEPH ACTON; JACK & MARION

MANNING; MARION BUZIN; MICHAEL

ACTON FAMILY by Jean Acton & Family

JO & GEORGE THINNES; EDWARD & ALICE

BIRON by Barbara & Bob Thinnis

BEN & STEPHEN ROY by Gloria Roy

11:00

### TUESDAY

9:00

### DECEMBER 26

NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY

9:00

### DECEMBER 27

**ST. JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist**

ALYSSA M. SKOGLUND

by Mom & Dad (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

ROLAND LEFABVRE by Paulette

ANDREW HUPPE by Louise Huppe

RON CROTEAU by Mary

DIANN BALL by her husband, John

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

### THURSDAY

9:00

### DECEMBER 28

**THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs**

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DACHOWSKI

& ROY FAMILIES by Rob & Claudette

### SATURDAY

3:00

### DECEMBER 30

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta

CONRAD BERNIER by the family

EDNA & CARL MILES by Dick & Fredda Miles

DOUGLAS BOULDRY by Norine & Gene Calvano

BLANCHE WURTELE by Gus & Claire

4:00

### SUNDAY

7:30

### DECEMBER 31

PAUL CATERINA by his wife, Pauline

JOHN KIRBY & RYABN SINOTTE

by the Kirby/Stankiewicz Family

THOMAS & JOANNE SEIGER by the family

CHUCK GOYETTE by Adele Guay

ED DESCHAMPS by Adele Guay

LOIS MCDONALD by the family (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

4:00

FR. RICHARD WEGMAN

## **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**

### **ADULT GRIEF WORKSHOP**

Saturday, **January 6, 2018** from 10 – Noon at Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua

### **VITAMIN & ADULT VACINE UPDATE**

Tuesday, **January 30, 2018** beginning at 10:15 a.m. at Parish of the Transfiguration by MA College of Pharmacy & Health Science Students and Professors

*Please call 603-622-8004 to register for the above classes.*

### **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](mailto:dlvincent6@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:stemarie.childcare@gmail.com) or call Terry Donna at 603-668-2356 for more information.

### **OUTREACH SERVICES FOR VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

If you or a loved one has experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to contact the diocesan Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at (603) 669-3100, Ext. 110. Help is available.

