

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

## UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

## RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

"This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

## 2018 VOCATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

You are invited to join Bishop Libasci and our Seminarians for an evening of prayer, dinner, and fellowship on Thursday, **December 27**. Evening Prayer begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a stuffed roast pork dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$20/per person or \$50/family. The Presentation of Gifts will be by NH Knights of Columbus. Contact Ed McCann, PSD for reservations at 424-7185 or emccann777@comcast.net.

## SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4 pm Parish Choir (*Non-Incense Mass*)

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."



## 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.



## PASTOR'S NOTE

It has been a year of transition for all of us. And with transitions, there are always uncertainties of what the future holds, and in this case, who your new pastor is. I want thank you for your warm welcome, and for inviting me into your community. I long to continue to get to know you, and to journey with you in your faith journey. I also want to thank you for your continued support of the parish, through your gifts, talents, and treasures. It is with your generosity that we are able to continue to thrive in our faith. With all transitions, finances are always affected, especially during the four months this year we did not have a pastor. Our weekly offertory goal for the parish for each weekend is about \$10,400. Since the start of the fiscal year in July, we have been averaging about \$8,400 a weekend, leaving us about \$44,000 in the red. As we come to the end of this year and celebrate the joy of Christmas, please prayerfully consider helping us to maintain our weekly goal and close the gap. It is with your help that we are able to continue to carry out the mission of bringing Our Lord to you and our community. Again, thank you for your continued support and love you show to our parish.

*Fr. Chris*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offers us the opportunity to break through our daily routine and pause a while in the presence of Our Lord. **Every Wednesday** from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar at St. Catherine Church. You are invited to take some time for peace and quiet to find strength to face daily challenges and to thank the Lord for his many blessings and constant love. Especially needed at this time are adorers on a regular basis and also substitutes. If you are interested, please Call Bunny Donelson at 867-4033.

## THANKS TO PHANEUF FOR 2019

### CALENDARS

Thanks to Buddy Phaneuf, from Phaneuf Funeral Home, for providing us with beautiful religious art calendars for the year 2019. We appreciate his continued support to the parish.

## 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 or visit [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org).

**BISHOP BARRON: THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

The Catholic Faith is not about myths or legends, symbols or literary devices. It's about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ. Throughout history the call of Christ has sent people to the corners of the earth with a message of great joy, a message that has built civilizations, inspired cultures, and even sent some to prisons and to their graves. We have the same call - that's the New Evangelization. This new documentary series from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire, continues the story of CATHOLICISM and explores the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. With the original CATHOLICISM series, Bishop Barron took us on a journey around the world deep into the Faith. Now, experience this Faith in action in CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 7pm in the parish hall. **January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12.** All are welcome!

**HAPPINESS, SUFFERING, AND THE LOVE OF GOD**

There is a secular myth that "suffering in the world proves God doesn't exist. If God was all powerful he could stop suffering." While this line of thinking sounds compelling, it's actually built on faulty logic and ignorance of the facts. Father Spitzer dismantles this myth piece by piece with Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God, and shows us how to find meaning in suffering and lasting happiness. Topics include: "Levels of Happiness", "Why does God Allow Suffering", etc. A must-see series led by Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ. We will meet on Thursday nights at 7p in the parish hall. **January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7.**

<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT December 8/9, 2018</b>	
<b>Checks:</b>	<b>\$ 5,928.00</b>
<b>Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 2,126.00</b>
<b>E-Give:</b>	<b>\$ 1,490.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,444.00</b>
<b>Retired Religious Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 1,493.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	<b>\$ 1,404.00</b>

<b>CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL as of December 10, 2018</b>	
<b>Cash to date:</b>	<b>\$ 66,547.00</b>
<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 87,500.00</b>

**RECENT DEATHS**

✠ We remember those who died in November, especially Therese Gingras. May she be rewarded with eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**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** include: boots (all sizes), scarves, hats & gloves (adults and kids).



<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 15</u></b>
3:00	<b>RECITATION OF THE ROSARY</b>
4:00	TONY & ELLEN FRANKLIN HILL by the DesRoshers Family FR. CHARLES DAVIS by Dick & Fredda Miles
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 16</u></b>
7:30	JOANNE SEIGER by the family
9:00	WALTER SWIST by the family ADELE HEBERT by Mary Barnett JAMES DOYLE by his wife, Suzanne THOMAS ARMSTRONG by the family
11:00	

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

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 17</u></b>
9:00	EDWARD F. KLUFTS
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 18</u></b>
9:00	CHUCK HUNGLER by the Forsythe Family

<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 19</u></b>
9:00	DECEASED RELATIVES by Claudette Dachowski ADELE HEBERT by Barbara Raulerson
<b>9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 20</u></b>
9:00	ELMER R. DAHLQUIST by the Dahlquist Fund GEORGE PREBLE by his wife, Jeanne

<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 22</u></b>
3:00	<b>RECITATION OF THE ROSARY</b>
4:00	GARY FOYE by his wife EDWARD F. KLUFTS by Barbara Raulerson

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 23</u></b>
7:30	ALFRED & ANNETTE MARQUIS by the family GAYLE WEISSMAN by the family
9:00	DIANN BALL by her husband, John Ball DIANE SOUCY by the family
11:00	KATHERINE KEARNEY by Patti & Bob Webster BETTE LU FORSYTHE by the family

**MASSES FOR THE DECEASED**

It is a Catholic practice to have Masses said for the deceased. They have infinite value for the souls of the departed and bring comfort to those who survive their departed loved ones. You may arrange to have a mass said by calling the office at 622-4966.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Jan 18-20, 2019** in South Kingstown, RI and **Mar 8-10, 2019** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

## **ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

The following after school clubs are now being offered at SCS: Arts & Crafts, Drama, Beading/Jewelry, Chess, Dance, and Robotics.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Mark your calendars for the St. Catherine of Siena Annual Auction. This year, the auction will be held on **Saturday, April 13**.

### **KEEP KIDS SAFE – NEW HAMPSHIRE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Did you know? In New Hampshire, it is the responsibility of all adults (not just doctors, school counselors, therapists, ministers, etc.) to report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor (a child under the age of 18) to the Division for Children, Youth & Families (800-894-5533). Failure to report suspected abuse or neglect is a misdemeanor.

For more information about child safety, visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety)

### **RIDE TO ALLENSTOWN NEEDED ON TUESDAYS**

If anyone is interested in helping out a woman in the North End get to the Suncook Senior Center in Allenstown on Tuesdays around 11:30 a.m., please give June a call at 603-668-6402.

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

It that time of the 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](mailto:yff@scsnh.com) or 622-6264 if you are interest. We hope you will join us!

### **K OF C FREE THROW COMPETITION**



The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual free throw competition Friday, **January 11**, starting at 6 p.m. The winners of each age group (9-14) go on to compete at the State Championship in March. If you have any questions, please call Scott McDonough at 540-4976.

### **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.

## **CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS**

*The Parish Nurse is at St. Catherine Church Hall every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to Noon.*

**NO PARISH NURSE ON DECEMBER 26 OR JANUARY 2.**

### **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

#### **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)**

**Tuesdays** at St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford, 9

**Wednesdays** at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

**Thursdays** at Transfiguration, 9:30

#### **KNITTING GROUP**

**Tuesdays** at Transfiguration, 1 – 2:45

#### **WALKING GROUPS (FREE)**

**Tuesdays** at Transfiguration, 9:30

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**Sunday, December 16:** Hosting Coffee & Donuts

**Sunday, December 16:** Christmas potluck party

## **UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE**

Registrations are open for Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference. Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua NH, **Friday, March 22 - Saturday, March 23, 2019**. For many years Neal Lozano has been helping people achieve levels of peace and freedom that they never hoped to experience. This international speaker and the well-known author of UNBOUND: A Practical Guide to Deliverance is coming to Immaculate Conception Parish to teach us five practical keys to set us free from attitudes and behavior patterns that block our way to being more effective Christians. To register for the Conference, please go to [iccnashuanh.org/unbound](http://iccnashuanh.org/unbound) . If you are also interested in undertaking the training necessary to minister as an intercessor during scheduled prayer times at the conference, please go to [iccnashuanh.org/unbound-training](http://iccnashuanh.org/unbound-training) . Visit [heartofthefather.com](http://heartofthefather.com) to learn more about the ministry of Unbound.

## **BIBLE REFLECTION ON WEDNESDAYS**

Please join us every Wednesday after the 9 a.m. Mass for bible reflection. It's held in the conference room in the Church Hall.

## **BIN FOR CLOTHING**

St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a bin for donations of clothing located in the school parking lot adjacent to the rectory. Items accepted for the bin: gently used coats, clothing shoes, boots, hats, mittens, undergarments, socks, bedding, towels. No large items, please.