

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2018 FAMILIES

Catholic Charities has provided our parish with a list of deserving families that would like to give their loved ones a wonderful Christmas. If you are interested in helping, please contact the rectory. Unwrapped gifts are due back Monday, **December 10**.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We will celebrate Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, **December 8** at 9 a.m. in the Church.

SUPPORT THE RETIRED FUND FOR RELIGIOUS NEXT WEEKEND

Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give generously at next week's second collection,

THE GIVING TREE COLLECTION

The Giving Tree Collection continues through **December 16**. Choose a rectangular tag from the tree, purchase the gift, *wrap*, attach the tag, and return for Our Place. Take a round tag, purchase suggested items, place in the bag *unwrapped*, and return for St. Joseph's Community Service-Meals on Wheels. Let us continue St. Catherine of Siena's tradition of generosity and support for Catholic Charities and their local programs.

SLICE OF THE PIE WINNERS

Congratulations to our newest Slice of the Pie winners: Joceline Champaign: \$2,000; Judy Vitale: \$1,500; Dick & Phyllis Dowd: \$600; Ruth Gagnon: \$250; and Laurette Gendron: \$250.



NO DECEMBER MEETING FOR MOSJ

Because the 2nd Saturday in December is the Immaculate Conception, there will be no Men of St. Joseph meeting this month. We will start up again in the New Year.

2018-2019 ST. ANDREW DINNERS

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We would like to invite men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. These evenings will take place for different age groups on Fridays from 6-8 pm. at the Joseph House (279 Cartier St., Manchester). Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

February 8: High School, age 14-18

February 15: Young Men, age 19-24

February 22: Older Men, age 25+

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAYS

Why at 3 pm? Our Divine Lord Jesus told St. Faustina, "I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world and particular for poor sinners, for at the moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice." Please join us the Adorers on Wednesdays at 3PM to pray the Chaplet for the Sick, Suffering and the Dying. St. Pope John Paul II told us "the Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all who participate."

INTIMACY WITH GOD: A 6-WEEK SERIES ON PRAYER

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Litchfield, is offering a six-week series on Prayer. The series runs through Monday, **December 17** from 7-8:30 p.m. Whether you've just begun to explore prayer or have had an intimate prayer life you will find this course beneficial to go deeper into the mystery of Who God is and who you are in Him. If you have any questions, call the parish at 603-424-3456.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Conduct yourself to please God." Please God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Dec 7-9, 2018** in Duxbury, MA and **Jan 18-20, 2019** in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

BIBLE STUDY: PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Of all the letters of Paul, that to the Christians at Rome has long held pride of place. It is the longest and most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe ([Rom 1:16-17](#)); it reflects a universal outlook, with special implications for Israel's relation to the church ([Rom 9-11](#)). Paul's Letter to the Romans is a powerful exposition of the doctrine of the supremacy of Christ and of faith in Christ as the source of salvation. It is an implicit plea to the Christians at Rome, and to all Christians, to hold fast to that faith. Thursday nights at 7p.m. in the parish hall. **December 6 and 13.**

REJOICE!

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH presents a musical celebration for the holiday season. Hosted at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 335 Smyth Road, Manchester NH 03104 (handicap accessible) on Monday, **December 3, 2018**. Check in begins at 6:15PM. Open to all women, the program starts at 6:45PM. Presenters: Karishma Manchanda, Asian Style Indian Dance; Brookside Congregational Church, Handbell Choir; Esmira Alperen, traditional Azerbaijan Wedding Dance; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints musical voices, seasonal selections. Refreshments and Social follow the program. Register via email: InterfaithWomenNH@gmail.com or, call: 603-315-9386 before December 3, 2018. Our Mission: to share religious beliefs, cultures and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community.



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 **November** include: Mops and mop buckets, shower curtains and liners, pasta sauces, instant oatmeal, and paper towels.



<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 1</u>
8:00	PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	REV. EMERY DESROCHERS, MS by the DesRochers Family CONRAD BERNIER by the family LUCILLE GRZYMKOWSKI by her sister, Sr. Janet Belcourt
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 2</u>
7:30	CINDY RACZKA by Ron, Meredith, & Michelle (10 th Anniv.) ALICE BIRON by Barbara & Bob Thinnis JOSEPH M. MCDONOUGH & JUDITH F. MCDONOUGH by the family CLAUDETTE GIDDINGS by the Bradley Family
9:00	MARY ARMSTRONG by the family DAVID HALEY by his daughter, Kara
11:00	

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

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 3</u>
9:00	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest SHANNON HESLIN by the family STEPHANIE NEALON by the family
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 4</u>
9:00	ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, Priest DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TALMONT FAMILY EDWARD & EVELYN VERROCHI by their daughter, Cindy
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 5</u>
9:00	EDWARD F. KLUFTS by Jean Hebert ADELE HEBERT by Rita Hungler 9:30 - 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 6</u>
9:00	ST. NICHOLAS, Bishop ARMAND DESROSIERS by the Dahlquist Fund LARRY & PAUL VACHON by Sue
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 8</u>
8:00	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY HOUR
9:00	FR. PAUL MONTMINY by Claire Brooks-Rieck
3:00	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
4:00	DR. CHERI CAMACHO by the Camacho/Riccio Families EDWARD F. KLUFTS by Rita Hungler
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 9</u>
7:30	VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN & JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families FRANCIS SCHULTZ by his daughter, Nancy ERIC DAHL & MARK VIALE
9:00	NICHOLAS TZINAS by his wife, Esther
11:00	ROSE ROY by her husband

MINISTRY RETRAINING

Ems: **Dec. 4 @ 7 p.m.**

Lectors: **Dec. 6 @ 7 p.m.** or **Dec. 13 @ 7 p.m.**

Greeters & Ushers will be scheduled in 2019.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

November 17/18, 2018

Checks: \$ 4,913.00

Cash: \$ 2,408.00

E-Give: \$ 1,710.00

Total: \$ 9,031.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$760.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

November 24/25, 2018

Checks: \$ 4,634.00

Cash: \$ 2,423.00

E-Give: \$ 1,450.00

Total: \$ 8,507.00

Thanksgiving Day: \$ 338.00

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 – AWAY FROM HOME

As children become older, parents are able to drop them off at activities and return later to pick them up. When you are ready to take this step, do not hesitate to ask the following questions: Do at least 2 adults supervise the children at all times? * Does your organization conduct background checks? * Does your organization provide training to adults? * Do adults and minors have separate restroom facilities? * Are isolated areas locked or restricted? For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Anthony of Padua, 172 Belmont St., Manchester, is holding a Reconciliation Service on Sunday, **December 2** at 2 p.m.

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.

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 or 622-6264 if you are interest. We hope you will join us!



CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS

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

FREE SPECIAL PROGRAMS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, **December 8** from 10-12 at Immaculate Conception, Nashua

BALANCE SCREENING

Wednesday, **December 12** at 11 a.m. here at St. Catherine

Call 603-663-8004 to register for the above programs.

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 2: Welcome to the beginning of Advent! Short prayer service, games, and plans, too.

Sunday, December 9: Movie night

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 . 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 . Visit heartofthefather.com to learn more about the ministry of Unbound.