

# *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

December 9, 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**.

## **AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP**

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

## **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.

## **WANTED: TALENTED & COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS**

St. Joseph Residence/Sisters of the Presentation of Mary is searching for compassionate and loving volunteers to work with our students. Do you have a special skill, time or talent to share? We have many different opportunities: Arts & Crafts, Musical Talent, Helping with Music & Memory Program, Reading, Visiting, Assist with Trips on our Bus. Our Sisters are so appreciative of any time or talent you have to share with them. Call Ruth Oczykowski at (603) 668-6011 x213 for additional information or to volunteer.

## **WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

This month the Women's Group will be having a Christmas social and Yankee Swap on **December 12** at 6:30 pm at Mary Panarese's home. This will take the place of our usual meeting. We will resume with our regular meetings in January.

## **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](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

**January 4:** College Students, dinner in Pelham, NH

**February 8:** High School, age 14-18

**February 15:** Young Men, age 19-24

**February 22:** Older Men, age 25+

## **BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION**

Why should we go to Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament? The first Code of Canon Law (1917) urged the faithful to "visit the Most Blessed Sacrament as often as possible" (Canon 1273). The new Code (1983) declares that "unless there is a grave reason to the contrary, a church, in which the Blessed Eucharist is reserved, is to be open to the faithful for at least some hours every day, so that they can pray before the Blessed Sacrament" (Canon 937). Please keep this in mind – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in this life – the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Divine Lord Jesus Christ – is our preparation for heaven. When we adore Him in the Holy Eucharist, we begin here on earth what we will be doing for all eternity.

## **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**

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Welcome Christ into 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://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 13** is the last session.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**

**December 1/2, 2018**

**Checks: \$ 5,171.00**

**Cash: \$ 2,209.00**

**E-Give: \$ 1,515.00**

**Total: \$ 8,895.00**

**Monthly Mortgage: \$ 1,345.00**

### **MORTGAGE INFORMATION**

**As November 30, 2018**

**Our mortgage balance is \$238,774.08**

**We paid \$3,600.00 toward our mortgage 11/27/2018**

## **JESUS aCROSS THE BORDER**

"Who Would Imagine a King" - Join JESUS aCROSS the Border as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our King, through this Christmas Event! We invite people of ALL AGES on Saturday, **December 15**, for an evening of worship with a Christmas Concert, dynamic speaker, and exciting social gathering at Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua. Beginning at 7:30pm, the night kicks off with the Christmas Concert in the church with Mandy Powers of New England's legendary B-Street Bomber, Sammie Moore and the Here on Earth Worship Band! After the concert, Assistant Vocations Director for Manchester NH, Fr. Von DeRosia, will give a talk titled "Who Would Imagine a King?" followed by a time of Adoration, praise and worship. Finishing the night off, ICC Thrive Young Adults will get the party going with some Christmas Carol Karaoke, pizza, and hot chocolate! Invite your family and friends! Presented by ICC Plugged-In Youth Ministry in conjunction with JESUS aCROSS the Border, a Catholic young adult (18-35 years) unifying organization focused on bringing together all young adult groups within the area. Please contact ICC Youth Minister, Fatima Walsh at 603-888-0608 with any questions.

## **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 8</u></b>
8:00	HOLY HOUR
9:00	FR. PAUL MONTMINY by Claire Brooks-Rieck MARJORIE CONNOLLY by Barbara Raulerson
<b>3:00</b>	<b>RECITATION OF THE ROSARY</b>
4:00	DR. CHERI CAMACHO by the Camacho/Riccio Families EDWARD F. KLUFTS by Rita Hungler
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 9</u></b>
7:30	VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN, MARILYN & JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families FRANCIS SCHULTZ by his daughter, Nancy ERIC DAHL & MARK VIALE NICHOLAS TZINAS by his wife, Esther ROSE ROY by her husband

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

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 10</u></b>
9:00	ESTELLE MCCULLOUGH by the Forsythe Family ADELE HEBERT by Anita Grignon
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 11</u></b>
9:00	ST. DAMASUS I, Pope BEATRICE DAHLQUIST by the Dahlquist Fund FR. PAUL MONTMINY by Claire Brooks-Rieck
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 12</u></b>
9:00	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ALFRED A. DELISLE by John & Alfred Delisle 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 13</u></b>
9:00	ST. LUCY, Virgin and Martyr LARRY VACHON by Sue JOSEPH ACTON by his wife and family
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 15</u></b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>RECITATION OF THE ROSARY</b>
4:00	TONY & ELLEN FRANKLIN HILL by the DesRochers Family FR. CHARLES DAVIS by Dick & Fredda Miles
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 16</u></b>
7:30	ERIC DAHL & MARK VIALE
9:00	WALTER SWIST by the family ADELE HEBERT by Mary Barnett JAMES DOYLE by his wife, Suzanne THOMAS ARMSTRONG by the family

## **MINISTRY RETRAINING**

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

## **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.

## **ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS**

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

The annual Christmas Concert for Pre-K to Grade 2 will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, **December 11** in the gym. Students in Grades 3-6 will perform at 6 p.m. in the gym.

### **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 – TECHNOLOGY TIPS: CYBERBULLYING**

43% of students report that they have been cyberbullied. The following tips can help parents and kids prevent and respond to cyberbullying:

- Teach your kids to “think before they post”
- Encourage children to speak up if they or someone they know is being bullied, whether in person or online
- Tell your children not to forward mean or embarrassing posts or photos
- Let children know that you want them to come to you if there is a problem
- Remind children to treat others as they wish to be treated

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!

## **CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS**

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

### **FREE SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

#### **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 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](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.

