

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

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

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*)

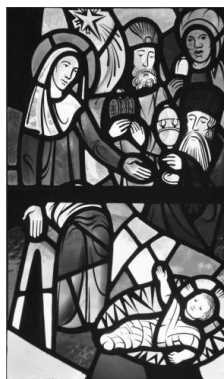
MIDNIGHT MASS

Parish Choir

CHRISTMAS MORNING

9 am organ/piano/cantor

11:00 am organ/piano/cantor



“...and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are **March 13-15, 2020** in Duxbury, MA and **April 18-19, 2020** in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

NEW INDEPENDENT LIVING IN WINDHAM

Searles Place at Warde, a faith-focused Catholic Charities NH Independent Living Community for people 62+, is now accepting reservations for January occupancy. Featuring 1 & 2 bedroom, open-concept apartments, it is located at the Warde Healthcare Campus, which offers a continuum of care options. Residents have inside access to Mass in the onsite chapel Monday through Thursday and Sunday, a Pastoral care Director and many other services and amenities. For more information, please call 603-845-1664 or email: SearlesPlace@nh-cc.org or log onto SearlesPlace.com.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR 2020

We have a new vendor for our collection envelopes, and our order was overlooked. However, we are assured that the envelopes will be delivered to you by year’s end.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – TIME CHANGE

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 one on Tues. Dec. 17 at 6:15 and Thurs. Dec. 19 at **5:00** (not 6:15 as previously stated). We will meet in the church hall. Please contact Lisa Daugherty at yff@scsnh.com or 622-6264.

WOMEN’S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Women's Group meeting in December. Our Christmas Social will take its place. Our meetings will resume on Wednesday, **January 8**. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION CALLING?

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen spent an hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day, which he called his “Hour of Power.” He was inspired to do this because of the courage of a young Chinese girl who, after the Communist take-over, secretly entered a Catholic church where 30 hosts had been thrown on the floor. Each day she crawled into the church and picked up a host with her tongue. On the last day, as she was leaving, a guard saw her and killed her. Bishop Sheen was very moved by her courage. **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.

BAMBINO BLESSING

Next weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Advent at all the Masses, bring your baby Jesus that will be placed in your creche this Christmas for a special blessing.

CHRISTMAS SETUP

If you would like to help set the Church up for Christmas, please join us after the 11 am Mass on **December 22** in the Church. If you are interested in helping, please let us know by calling the office by Thursday **December 19**.

ELECTRONIC GIVING CAN BE FOR YOU

Giving to St. Catherine Parish is just a few clicks away. Some of the benefits are:

1. You will simplify your life by using the same method to make your donations, even while you are away on vacation. It can also simplify your bookkeeping.
2. You will take a step of faith by deciding in advance to faithfully give to your church.

Visit <http://give.egive-usa.com/stcatherine> and sign up today. If you have any questions call Paul Proulx, a finance committee member, at 206-4370.

FIRST ANNUAL SHOPPORTUNITY

St. Catherine's High School Youth Group invites you to join them for their first annual Shopportunity. This is an opportunity for parents to shop/wrap/go out for a date/anything that might be easier without younger children! They will babysit and entertain your children in the Church Hall on Sunday, **December 22** from 3-7:30. Please call/email Karen Brockway at 603-234-3803 or kbrockway@comcast.net to reserve your spot. Early reservations ensure their preparations of activities and food.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

December 7/8, 2019

Checks: \$ 6,565.00

Cash: \$ 1,910.00

E-Give: \$ 1,672.00

Total: \$10,147.00

Retired Religious: \$400.00

Immaculate Conception: \$873.00

Lessons & Carols (food for the poor): \$237.00

Average November Weekly Collection: \$9,391.00

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$10,600

MORTGAGE INFORMATION

As November 30, 2019

Our mortgage balance is \$223,451.43

MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

Nationwide Mass times and locations may be found online at www.Masstimes.org or call 1-800-627-7846.

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

8:00

4:00

SUNDAY

7:30

9:00

11:00

DECEMBER 14

PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
LARRY VACHON by his daughter, Sue
STANLEY GRANT by AJ & Therese Trotta

DECEMBER 15

JUNE DAY by Gus & Claire
MAURICE & DORIS VACHON
by Rich & Diane Hebert
WALTER & MADELINE SWIST
by the family
FR. BERNIE CAMPBELL
RICHARD SMITH by the family
DEACON ED MUNZ
by Therese & AJ Trotta (Ordination Anniv.)

MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30 am

MONDAY

9:00

TUESDAY

9:00

WEDNESDAY

9:00

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

THURSDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 16

WALTER SWIST by the family (9th Anniv.)

DECEMBER 17

BLESSED MOTHER'S INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 18

ELMER R. DAHLQUIST by the Dahlquist Trust
PAUL GRIGNON by Rita Hungler

DECEMBER 19

DECEASED RELATIVES OF THE
DACHOWSKI/ROY FAMILY
ROGER DOBLAN by Rita Hungler

SATURDAY

4:00

DECEMBER 21

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
DESROCHERS & FRANKLIN FAMILIES
by the DesRochers Family
FR. CHARLES DAVIS by Fredda & Dick Miles

SUNDAY

7:30

9:00

11:00

DECEMBER 22

JUDY PRATT by the family
BEATRICE & LUCIEN HEBERT; MAURICE
& DORIS VACHON by Rich & Diane Hebert
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
MCNAMARA & KIRBY FAMILIES
RICHARD & SHIRLEY MCKALLIGAT
by the family
BEN & STEPHEN ROY by Gloria Roy
KATHERINE KEARNEY
by Patti & Bob Webster (10th Anniv.)

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE IS FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION

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.

ST CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest winners from our school: 1st place - Caitlin Richardson, 2nd place - Lauren Souza, and 3rd place - Ana Rennie. Posters were created reflecting the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas" to promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities. Posters were judged based on slogan, visuals, and overall impact. Judges included five members of the Knights of Columbus St. Catherine's Marian Council 5748, Fr. Chris, Mrs. Speck-Tritter and a student.

SAVE THE DATE - SCS AUCTION

Mark your calendar for our annual auction fundraiser on **Saturday, April 4** at the Derryfield Country Club, Manchester.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to a Christmas Concert at St. Raphael Church with Marie-Line Morin on Sunday, **December 29** at 2 p.m. Come experience the meaning of *Christmas* at this concert where Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating, is presented as the only response to our desires. With a variety of songs like *Hallelujah* (Cohen), *Mary Did You Know* (Lowry), *What Child is This* or *O Holy Night*, Marie-Line brings to light what it means for us today that Jesus, the incarnation of the Father, was born to our world 2000 years ago.

JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

All are welcome to join us after the 9 am Mass on **December 22** in the hall for a Birthday celebration for Jesus. We will have cake, crafts for the kids and story time.

CMC PARISH NURSE NEWS

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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS (FREE)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Immaculate Conception, Nashua, **December 21**, 10-N

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

SHINE

A senior support group offering sociability, education, nutritious food and exercise.

Wednesdays at St. Matthews Episcopal, Goffstown, 10:30-11:45

SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 8:45 – 10:30

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. As always, feel free to bring a friend!

December 8: High School Only

December 15: Everyone

Christmas party. Dinner: Potluck

December 21: High School Only

Movie and babysitting

January 4 (Saturday): Everyone

Join us as we visit La Salette Shrine

January 12: Everyone

Do we have balance in our lives? It is tricky with all the demands we have. Dinner: salad and chicken

January 19: Everyone

Movie night

January 26: High School Only

Balance in all we do. It is hard to achieve, especially once we are involved in relationships

February 2: Everyone

Kindness is the fruit of the spirit! Who is the best example of this in your life? Dinner: breakfast

February 9: High School Only

Babysitting

February 16: Everyone

Help prepare and serve dinner for your families! You will show them kindness. Dinner: for your parents

February 23: TBD