

# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

## UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

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

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Enrich and renew your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are **December 13-15** in Duxbury, MA and **January 17-19** in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Catherine has again this year volunteered to provide Christmas gifts to St. Joseph Community Service and Our Place. Gift tags for both organizations will be available on the Giving Tree starting Saturday, **November 30**. For St. Joseph Community Service, take a tag, take a bag, fill with the requested items and return by Sunday, **December 8**. For Our Place, take a tag, purchase the requested item, wrap and affix the tag to the outside of the package and return by Sunday, **December 15**. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated by these agencies who provide for the people of our community!

## ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS 2019

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 the week of **December 8**.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – DECEMBER 13

Please join us on Friday **December 13** as your Knights of Columbus Marian Council 5748 presents a Family Movie Night for the Christmas Season. We will show "It's a Wonderful Life" at 7 PM in the Church hall and children are welcome to bring sleeping bags and pajamas. Popcorn and juice will be provided.

## MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph will be meeting Saturday, **December 14** for Mass at 8 a.m., to be followed by the rosary. A full breakfast will follow in the parish hall with a guest speaker. Any adult male is invited. Contact Ron Latouche OFS at 669-2674 with questions.



Are you a  
**St. Catherine  
of Siena School**  
Alumni?

*Come back to celebrate 60 years of St. Catherine of Siena School!*



Join us at our **Alumni Reception** at St. Catherine of Siena School after our **Christmas concert** on **December 10** at **6:00 p.m.**

A Reception will follow at the end of the Concert.

**FREE** to attend • Please RSVP at [form.jotform.com/RCBM/stcatherine](http://form.jotform.com/RCBM/stcatherine)

For more information, please contact  
Katie Meehan - Principal • [kmeehan@scsnh.com](mailto:kmeehan@scsnh.com)

## WOMEN OF MARY

Women of Mary will be held Saturday, **December 7**, at 8 am followed by the rosary then a light breakfast in the parish hall. All women are welcome to join us for our gathering. Come join us!

## 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.

## RECENT DEATHS

We remember those who died recently, especially Manuel Soares and Cathleen Cere. May they be rewarded with eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.



## **INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**



Interfaith Women of NH invites all women for a night of “Holiday Joy” on **December 9** at 6:45 PM. The Event features local young women speaking about celebrating their favorite faith based holiday. Presentations may include music and visuals. St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral is hosting the event at 650 Hanover Street, Manchester NH 03104. The venue is handicap accessible. Refreshments follow the program. The presenters: Anna Hutchinson, Mormon – Christmas; Avia Sangron, Jewish- Purim; Hasna Kara, Islam – Ramadan; and, Mackenzie Murphy, Catholic: Easter. Please register by email at: [interfaithwomenNH@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomenNH@gmail.com) or call 603-233-7760. Check in begins at 6:15PM on the night of the program. See Website <https://interfaithwomennh.org> for additional information.

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT  
November 23/24, 2019  
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, collection  
information for November 23/24 will be in the  
next bulletin.**

### **UPRIGHT FREEZER GIVE-AWAY**

If anyone is interested in a used 68”x34”x28” upright freezer, please contact the rectory office. A kind parishioner is making the donation.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ACQUIRES PROGRAM SERVING AT-RISK VETERANS**

Building on our commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable across New Hampshire, Catholic Charities NH acquired Manchester-based Liberty House. Liberty House, which is now an official program of Catholic Charities, serves homeless and at-risk veterans through sober transitional housing, clothing and food distribution and various mental and physical wellness programs. Many of these veterans face immense challenges and invisible wounds, such as trauma, addiction and a lack of secure housing. It is our goal to expand on the work Liberty House has done for more than 15 years – and through your support – create more hope, independence and self-sufficiency for this extremely vulnerable and underserved population.

### **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.

## **THIS WEEKEND’S GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44**

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah’s time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. “You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.”



<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER 30</u></b>
4:00	LEWIS FRANKLIN, JR. by the DesRochers Family IAN IZZETT by Fredda & Dick Miles ROSE C. JONES by her daughter, Liz
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 1</u></b>
7:30	GEORGE SHATFORD by his wife FERN GELINAS by Marge & Herb Nelson CINDY RACZKA by her husband and daughters (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) CATHLEEN CERE by Jean Hebert
9:00	CLAIRE ST. GELAIS
11:00	

**MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30 am**

**MONDAY** **DECEMBER 2**  
9:00 ARMAND DESROSIERS by the Dahlquist Fund  
SHANNON HESLIN by the family

**TUESDAY** **DECEMBER 3**  
9:00 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest  
EDWARD & EVELYN VEROCHI  
by their daughter, Cindy  
SPECIAL INTENTION

**WEDNESDAY** **DECEMBER 4**  
9:00 ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, Priest  
BILL KRAUSE by the family  
EDWARD H. KLUFTS by Rita Hungler

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

**THURSDAY** **DECEMBER 5**  
9:00 MARCEL PINARD by Rita Hungler  
TED COMSTOCK by the family

**SATURDAY** **DECEMBER 7**  
8:00 PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE  
4:00 LARRY & PAUL VACHON by Sue  
DR. CHERI CAMACHO  
by the Camacho & Riccio Families

**SUNDAY** **DECEMBER 8**  
7:30 VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN &  
JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families  
FRANCIS X. SCHULTZ by his daughter, Nancy  
9:00 JOSEPH & JUDITH F. MCDONOUGH  
by the family  
KAREN POZA by Mike & Mary Allen  
11:00 CAROL BOUCHER by her husband, Paul  
CATHERINE CONNELLY & MARY  
WARREN  
by Kathleen Malates & Maureen Comey

**THE TABERNACLE CANDLE IS FOR THE SOUL  
OF AGNES ROY by Gloria Roy**

### **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.

## **ST CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS**

### **IGYB KINDNESS CLUB**

This club will be held on **Dec. 11**. It is open to students in grades 1-6 and the cost is \$20. IGYB, I've Got Your Back, is a student-ambassador run kindness and anti-bullying movement started in 2017 by a Bedford middle school student. The mission of the club is to encourage everyone to include, be kind and respect one another while being a voice for those who need one.

### **SEWING & BEADING CLUB**

Club members will learn basic machine and hand sewing techniques, the basics of beading and jewelry making. Most supplies will be purchased from the club fee (\$150). Club members are welcome to purchase their own material if desired. Projects will include embellished pillowcases, holiday and home decor, jewelry. The club runs Tuesdays through **April 23**.

### **SAVE THE DATE - SCS AUCTION**

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

## **SCHOOL SUBSIDY REQUIREMENTS**

For parents who wish to receive a parish subsidy for school tuition to a Catholic elementary, middle, or high school, there are three requirements that **MUST** be met: 1) registration in a parish or mission; 2) contributor of record in a parish or mission; 3) active participation in the life of a parish or mission. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## **KEEP KIDS SAFE – BOUNDARIES IN MINISTRY: TIPS FOR COACHES**

The role of a coach is to be supportive, encouraging, and to teach new skills and sportsmanlike conduct. Coaches must be aware of boundaries on the field, court, and in the locker rooms. Be mindful of the following: \* Demonstrate new skills with another coach rather than with students \* Make sure that at least 2 adults supervise locker rooms \* Avoid entering areas where students are showering and changing \* Speak respectfully to your players \* Includes parents in all communications

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

## **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 1: Everyone**

What is our most hopeful time of year? Begin advent with us! Dinner: Mac-n-cheese and chicken fingers

### **December 8: High School Only**

Lessons in carols and more!

### **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