

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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*)

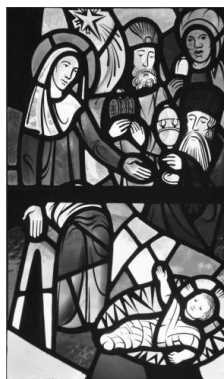
MIDNIGHT MASS

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

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas 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 somehow our order was overlooked. However, we are assured that the envelopes will be delivered to you by year's end.

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?

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? 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.

THANK YOU FROM PARISH OF TRANSFIGURATION FOOD PANTRY

The Parish of the Transfiguration Food Pantry would like to thank the Faith Community of St. Catherine of Sienna Parish for your generous support of food this holiday season. With your help, we are on target to help provide 24,000 meals to our Clients this year.

The Parish of Transfiguration Food Pantry

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of Mary will meet Saturday, **January 4**. Please join us for Mass at 8 a.m. followed by the rosary and a light breakfast. All women are welcome!

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Giving Tree. St. Joseph Community Service and Our Place were equally appreciative of the generosity of our parish!

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 14/15, 2019	
Checks:	\$ 4,432.00
Cash:	\$ 2,619.00
E-Give:	\$ 2,092.00
Total:	\$ 9,143.00
Immaculate Conception (Add'l). \$132.00	
Average November Weekly Collection: \$9,391.00	
Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$10,600	

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.

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 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 21
4:00	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DESROCHERS & FRANKLIN FAMILIES by the DesRochers Family FR. CHARLES DAVIS by Fredda & Dick Miles
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 22
7:30	JUDY PRATT by the family BEATRICE & LUCIEN HEBERT; MAURICE & DORIS VACHON by the family
9:00	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCNAMARA & KIRBY FAMILIES RICHARD & SHIRLEY MCKALLIGAT by the family
11:00	BEN & STEPHEN ROY by Gloria Roy KATHERINE KEARNEY by Patti & Bob Webster (10 th Anniv.)

MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30 am

MONDAY	DECEMBER 23
9:00	ST. JOHN OF KANTY, Priest RAYMOND DEMERS by Hank & Anita Roy FR. BERNIE CAMPBELL by Rita Hungler
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 24
4:00	DONALD J. ALBERT & MARTHA E. MCNAMARA by the family JOE BRUNO by Nancy & Tami
4:00 (gym)	FR. BERNIE CAMPBELL
6:00	MADELINE SWIST & GEORGETTE GUERIN
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 25
MIDNIGHT	ARMAND, ALICE, & CHARLOTTE DUHAIME by Roger & Susan JOSEPHINE & LUIGI CARUSO by Norine Calvano
9:00	ROBERT JOSEPH & ROBERT EMMET KIRBY by the family EDWARD & ALICE BIRON; JO & GEORGE THINNES by Barbara & Bob Thinnes
11:00	CLAIRE ST. GELAIS by the family EDWARD F. & EDWARD H. KLUFTS by the family
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 26
9:00	PAUL ERICKSON & RITA PRINCE
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 28
4:00	EDNA & CARL MILES by Fredda & Dick Miles JOHN CRESTA by Margaret Cresta
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 29
7:30	DAVID J. ROYER, SR. by the family RAYMOND DEMERS by Sr. Janet Belcourt & Joe Grzymkowski
9:00	DIANE SOUCY by the family THERESA & ERNEST TROSKI by Janet
11:00	JOHN R. GRAND by his wife, Lorraine, & family (4 th Anniv.) LOUISE MADORE by Leslie & Steve Goan

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE IS FOR THE SOUL OF ELISE KELLEY by her daughter, Gloria Roy

ST CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

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 – TECHNOLOGY TIPS: ONLINE SAFETY

As caring adults, we are all concerned about what our children may be exposed to on the internet, including “smart” devices. Here are some tips to help keep your children safe when they are online:

- Keep your computer and other devices in high traffic areas of the home.
- Set rules about what sites your child is allowed to visit.
- Make sure your child does not use their name or identifying information as their user name.
- Remind your child that he or she should never give out personal information.
- Activate the parental controls on all devices, including laptops, phones, TVs & gaming systems.
- Know your children’s passwords and make it clear that you will periodically check on their online activity.

Have your children turn in their devices to you at a designated time each evening.

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.

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

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholic men and women who perform spiritual works and seek to serve Christ while deepening their personal devotion to Mary, His Blessed Mother. Our parish group meets Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m. Learn more about the Legion on the St. Catherine parish website.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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