



Mass Schedule & Intentions
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st ~ 27th, 2019

1 SATURDAY VIGIL:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 pm *Natalina Toffolo*

2 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 am *The People of the Parish*
 0am *Helen & Rudy Anderson*

3 MONDAY
 am *Adoration*
 am *Gabe Liege*

4 CHRISTMAS EVE ~ TUESDAY
 pm & Midnight

5 CHRISTMAS DAY ~ WEDNESDAY
 00am ~ *The Navity of the Lord*

6 THURSDAY
 7pm *Adoration*
 8pm *Howard & Mary Fish*

7 FRIDAY
 8am *Adoration*
 9am *Intentions of Susanna Tomlinson*

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that this week we conclude our Advent journey and arrive at holy celebration of the birth of our Savior. In so many ways, the birth of Christ reminds us that amidst all the gifts exchanged and love that is shared during these holy days, Jesus is the greatest gift we have received. But why?

Our Lord in His humble love for us not only taught us about the Father, how to live our humanity as it was created, and the centrality of forgiveness, but this child was born for us to reveal the closeness of God's love. The great mystery of this season expands our imagination to wonder at such a love that would lower itself to be born in cave; a love that when it came, it chose to identify itself with the poor; a love that didn't come with great flashiness or pomp, but almost hidden and undetected from the world...unknown except for the few.

Brothers and sisters, my prayer for you and your loved ones this Christmas is that the humble love of God, made visible in the flesh of the newborn King, may cause you to bow your head and bend your knee in wonder and gratitude at the God who out of love for each of us, humbled himself to become one with us.

Fr. Joseph and I would like to thank all of you who have sent us Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies - your expression of Christmas love has blessed and touched our hearts. We both continue to thank and praise God for the gift of being assigned together to serve two wonderful, faith-filled communities. On behalf of all of the staff of Most Holy Name of Jesus and Blessed Sacrament Parishes, I extend our wishes to you and your loved ones and families for a blessed Christmas season and a grace-filled New Year.

*With Mary
 In Christ,*

Fr. Jon

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday,
 December 24th, Masses
 at 4:30pm & Midnight**

**Christmas Day, Wednesday,
 December 25th 10am Mass**

**Tuesday, December 31st
 New Year's Eve Mass,
 4:30pm**

**Solemnity of Mary, Wednesday,
 January 1st 10:00am**

Life is Precious Trip sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. Please have your teens and chaperones register by January 1st to secure their spots!

Register online at the following address:
<https://vermontcatholic.org/event/life-is-precious-2020/>

We have an exciting weekend in place. We'll depart on January 23rd (Thursday evening), arriving in the D.C area on Friday (January 24th) for a youth rally with thousands of teens. Following the rally, we'll join hundreds of thousands for the March for Life. On Saturday, (January 25th.) we'll spend time visiting the elderly in a nursing home, tour the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Shrine of John Paul II, and conclude our day with a Vigil Mass at the Basilica. We will return to Burlington in the late afternoon on Sunday (January 26th).

A more detailed itinerary can be found in this video promotion: <https://vimeo.com/374762184>

New CDs in Narthex! Just in time for Advent and Christmas, the CD supply is freshly stocked with music and talks to inspire all ages. Ask Joanna if you want to see certain topics covered that you haven't seen yet. Text: 802-272-4497 or email joanna.bisceglia@gmail.com

Annual Rally for Life Invitation - Save the Date: January 18th, 2020 Montpelier. As Catholics, we support the right to life of all people born and unborn. Stay tuned for details.

The Parish Office will be closed from December 23rd through January 2nd.
 Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas!

We welcome one of our former Pastors, Father Bernie Gaudreau who will be celebrating Mass on Saturday and Sunday, December 28th & 29th.

Religious Education Program
 Sunday, December 22nd

Grades 1-7th
 -No class this week. We will resume classes Jan 5th.

Confirmation Students from 5-6:30 PM
 -BLESSED MOTHER: the Rosary
 -Steubenville Conference [Steubenville East is July 10-12, 2020. Join over 2,500 other teens from around New England for a weekend of inspiration, faith, fun and fellowship.] Register by Jan 15th.

Please join Elisabeth and the choir for a concert before the midnight Mass starting at 11:30pm.

NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS
 Every Sunday will be Food Shelf Sunday. Please remember to bring in a food donation to Mass for the Lamoille Community Food Share. The basket is in the back of the church! Thank you for your generosity!