

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**SAT: 4PM** Ralph Winter (by the Family)  
**SUN: 8AM** Alma Prusak (by Dolores Konchalski)  
**10:30AM** St. Michael Parishioners and Their Intentions  
**MON: NO MASS**

**TUES: 4PM(school)** Deceased Members of the Arthur Campbell Family (by Mark Campbell)

**TUES: 4PM(church)** Joseph and Anna Savage (by Dolores Konchalski)

**TUES: 7PM** Thomas E. McCarty (by Rowe Wheeler)

**WED: 12AM (Midnight)** David P. Hiner, William J. and Augusta C. Burns (by Susan Hiner and Family)

**WED: 8AM** Anne Scipione (by Ed Scipione)

**WED: 10:30AM** Iannarone/Mamo Family (by Carmela Iannarone)

**THURS: 5:15PM** Ralph Winter (by the Family)

**FRI: 7:30AM** Nick Junjulas (by June S.)

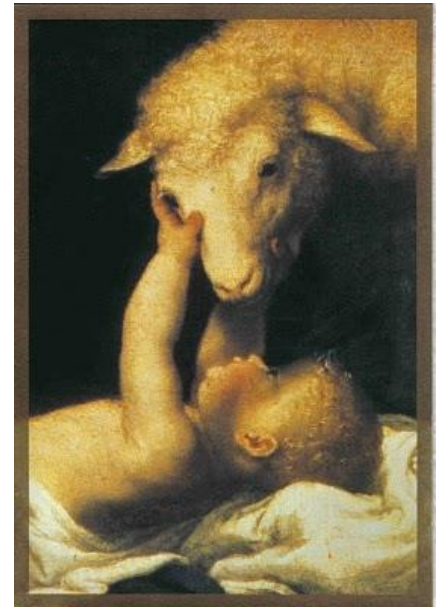
**SAT: 4PM** Sharon Morton and Her Intentions

**SUN: 8AM** Anna and Albert Konchalski (by Dolores Konchalski)

**10:30AM** Harry Borst, Sr. and St. Michael Parishioners and Their Intentions

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is lit this week for Lynette Dion**

**St. Joseph Candle is lit this week for Mary Rose**



**Events This Week**

**Sat. (12/21): St. Peter Canisius**

11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)  
 3PM — Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)  
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)  
 5PM — Caroling (meet in front of church)

**Sun. (12/22): Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM — Confessions (church)  
 11:30AM — Children's Choir Rehearsal

**Mon. (12/23): St. John of Kanty, Priest**

11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)

**Tues. (12/24):**

8AM-3PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)  
 4:15PM — Rosary at Planned Parenthood (Pliny Park)  
 4PM — Mass (church)  
 4PM — Mass (school)  
 7PM — Mass (church)

**Wed. (12/25): The Nativity of the Lord**

*Rectory Office Closed*

12AM — Midnight Mass (church)  
 8AM — Mass (church)  
 10:30AM — Mass (church)  
 10AM — Rosary at Pine Heights

**Thurs. (12/26): St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

*Rectory Office Closed*

8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 10AM — Mass at Pine Heights  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)  
 4:45PM — Rosary (church)  
 5:15PM — Mass (church)

**Fri. (12/27): St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

7AM — Rosary (church)  
 7:30AM — Mass  
 8AM-7PM — Eucharistic Adoration (church)

**Sat. (12/28): The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)  
 3PM — Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)  
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)  
**Sun. (12/29): The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 7:30AM — Confessions (church)

**Weekly Stewardship Report:**

<b><u>Offertory</u></b>	
This Week	<b>\$4,404</b>
Online Giving for November	<b>\$2,055</b>

**2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Update**

Our parish is now at **80%** of our pledge goal. We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work: [bishopsappeal.vt.org](http://bishopsappeal.vt.org).

**Parish Prayer List**

Arlin, Baby Ellis Reed Kasper, Blake, Thomas Bartis, Anthony Church, Carol Condon, Mike Lavender, Matt & Heather R., Hilda Cleary, Mary Jane Giroux, Rodney Howe, Tony Iannarone, Mildred Maloskie, Keagan Puffer, Carson Rhodes, Jenna Ross, Chip Runge, Peter Smyth, Mike Stankiewicz, Lisa Vose, Shannon Wladyka and Parishioners & Their Families in Homes & Hospitals

**School Custodian Needed!**

Saint Michael School is looking for a part-time custodian 5 days per week during the school year. Hours are 2:30-6:30PM, but can be somewhat flexible. Please call 254-6320 if this opportunity is right for you. Background check required.

**Caroling**

Please join us as we go caroling in the neighborhoods of Brattleboro on **December 21<sup>st</sup> following the 4PM Mass**. (We welcome all voices!). It will be a wonderful opportunity to share Christmas joy with our parishioners and neighbors! Please bring a flashlight!

### Nativity Collection

Shirley Squires has opened up her beautiful and inspirational Nativity Collection for public viewing. For more information, call her at 254-2696.

### Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is open every Tuesday through Friday. We are looking to fill the hours of **4-5PM and 5-6PM on Fridays**. Please call Pete at 254-4818.

### Saint Michael's Catholic School Still Enrolling for 2019-2020 School Year!

This Christmas we want you to give  
*The Gift of Catholic Education*

We invite your family to experience Saint Michael's Catholic School. Students in grades K-12 are invited to enroll for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Tuition is \$2,000 for one student, and \$3,000, for a family of 2 or more. For information, please visit [www.saintmichaelschoolvt.org](http://www.saintmichaelschoolvt.org) or call to speak with the Director of Admissions, Lindsay O'Neil, (802) 254-6320.

### Scripture Readings

**Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**  
**Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24**

*This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.*

### Fundraising Benefit Event for St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry **Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8PM**

Stone Church  
210 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT  
An entertaining evening with:  
The WYLDNIGHTZ Band

Come and dance – or just listen – to the Classic Rock tunes of the *Wyld Nightz* band for the benefit of St. Brigid's Kitchen! *Wyld Nightz* is a local favorite band that plays mostly classic rock and roll from the 1960's to the present. All of the band's proceeds from the door will be donated to St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. Doors OPEN at 7:30PM

### Take-A-Bag

St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry is sponsoring the Take-A-Bag Program **December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you, or someone you know, need food, stop by St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry after the **4PM, 8AM, or 10:30AM Mass**.

### Brigid's Boutique

Brigid's Boutique is in need of warm winter coats, hats, boots, and gloves, mainly for men. Our past donations have been greatly appreciated. Any out of season, spring/summer clothes, can be put directly in the Planet Aid box. Thank you!

### 24th Ecumenical Festival of Lights **December 22, 2019**

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to come celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Festival of Lights. Gathering Time – 4PM Procession, Caroling and Blessing of the Living Creche – 4:30PM Turning on all the Lights for the Season – 5PM. Children are invited to come dressed as Shepherds or Angels!

### *Bonfire, hot chocolate and doughnuts*

For directions and information call 802-896-6000 or check our web page: [ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org](http://ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org). Please use the directions from our webpage not your GPS.

### Pro-Life Mass: January 18<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited to the annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**. All are invited to join the march to the State House which begins in the parking lot behind the church at **10:45AM**.

### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. There will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:15PM and on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30AM.

### Advent Giving Tree

Thank you for all the gifts you provided for our local families and for wrapping them so beautifully! Over 38 children were helped this year. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

### **Parish Registration & Parish Group Email List**

To register with the parish, update your address, or to be added to the parish group email list, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket.

#### **Registration**

#### **Change of address**

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Please send envelopes: \_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_