



As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how

it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. *Matthew 24:37-44*

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
November 30	4:00 PM RIP	Paul Hurley By: Alan & Sandi Gaspardino
Sunday	9:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
December 1	10:00 AM RIP	Willard W. Starr, Jr. By: Edie & Gary DeRosia

Daily Masses

Monday	7:00 AM RIP	Anthony Jurkoic By: Reg Omholt
December 2		
Tuesday	7:00 AM RIP	Michael Manning By: Mary Folsom
December 3		
Wednesday	7:00 PM RIP	Robert L. Dunn By: Phyllis Weltz
December 4		
Thursday	7:00 AM RIP	Lodzia Kissell By: Mary Folsom
December 5		
First Friday	7:00 AM RIP	Bob & Jean Ashcroft Betsy Mercier
December 6		

Next Weekend

Saturday	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
December 7	4:00 PM RIP	Joanne Joy By: Barb Joy
Sunday	9:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
December 8	10:00 AM RIP	Dennis Nauceder By: Theresa & Family

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/
 Mt 3:1-12

Parish Support

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of November 23, 2019 & November 24, 2019

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 2032.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 1160.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 872.00
	\$ 2032.00

Last Year's Offertory Collection
November 18, 2018 \$ 1593.50

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Lector: Trevor McCants
 EMHC: Don Shaughnessy
 Greeters: Karen Brodeur, Terri Bates & Marie Perrault

Sunday December 8, 2019

Lector: Jackie Ronning
 EMHC: Tom Ronning
 Greeters: Theresa Nauceder, Paul & Betsy Mercier



Advent Penance Service

Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm. This is a combined Penance Service with All Saints Parish. Fr. Maria & Fr. John will be hearing confessions.

Important Notice: Daily Masses will take place in the Chapel starting Monday December 2nd.



The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Pray for Healing and Comfort

Especially for: Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Georgette Savoy, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Norman LaCoille, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Armande Boright, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Fred Waryas, Ellah Williams, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Frank Anderson, Kathy MCarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. (Copyright © 2019 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Collection for Veterans

We are collecting for the Veterans again this year, there is a box in the vestibule with a list of items that are needed. Please have all donations in by the **8th of December.**



Bishops Annual Appeal 2019

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2019 Campaign! We have met our pledge goal! As of November 25th we are at **135.00%**. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Bishops Annual Appeal, Please either write on your donation or on the donations slip St. Charles Parish.

Knight of Columbus #753

The purpose of The Knights of Columbus



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Citizenship Essay Contest (Grades 8 – 12) is to encourage our youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. This year's theme is: **Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity.** "Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" – Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822. The winning essay writer will win \$50 locally. The essay may then be entered to win additional monetary awards including the international award of \$300. For more information about how to join the Knights of Columbus, please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.



St. Charles Parish Annual Coat Drive

Annual Coat drive started on **November 9th** and run through **December 14th**. Please donate your gently used coats. This year, like we did last year, we are working with Sara Chard from Springfield Turning Point. The coats that you donate help in the Windham/Windsor County area. Thank you all in advance for helping to keep those in need warmer this winter!

Best Ever Advent Program

Dear friends, please join us this year for a wonderful Advent experience. Best Advent Ever is a **free e-mail program** that will help you to enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer everyday as we prepare for the Lord's birth. It's simple. You get an e-mail each day during Advent that directs you to a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team. Simply go to DynamicCatholic.com and click: SIGN ME UP. Please join live talks on Wednesday evenings, **December 4th, 11th and 18th at 6:30pm in St. Catherine Church hall, 285 Main Street, Charlestown, NH** for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. For more information please contact Liz Wilber @ (603) 903-5226 or e-mail her at: elizabethannwilber@gmail.com



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Weekends are Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.