Confirmation Celebration

DECEMBER 3, 2016

Thomas Vincent Bianco
Parker Sebastian Bigelow
Richard James Bishop
Sierra Anastasia Champagne
Dahlia Teresa Charpentier
Matthew Cecilia Chase
Rachel Victoria Clafin
Julia Francis Colecchi
Natalie Zachary Constant
Maritza Grace Conte
Kaitlyn Faith Coppenrath
Jacob Joseph Dalton
John Patrick Doherty
Abigail Kateri Durling
Zachary Michael Fowler
Sarah Mary Fritz
Ashleigh Anastasia Gilmour
Gianna Joan Gradito
Lauren Quiteria Hadorn
Emma Bernadette Hale
Rebecca Rebecca Handy
Leah Cecilia Hoover
Delaney Mary Kilbreth
Isabelle Katherine Kingsley
Reid John Losey
Jameson Michael Maillet
Brendan Francis McEvilly
Lance Michael Milliard
Patrick Sebastian Newton
Jennifer Elizabeth Nowlan
Elizabeth Veronica O’Neil
Owen Nicholas Parker
Deandra Brigid Payne
James Peter Powers
Caleb Valentine Rawlinson
Joseph Anthony Russo
Tricia Francis Sicard
Rylee Theresa Skinner
Sarah Daniel Souders
Erin Margaret St. Germain
Dominic Michael Stolfi
Franchesca Elizabeth Storms
Mass Intentions

December 3rd to December 11th

3rd Saturday Saint Francis Xavier
11:00 AM Confirmation with Bishop McManus
5:00 PM Claire Trainque, 1st Anniversary
   Sister Jeannette Boudreau, PBVM

4th Sunday Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Lawrence and Alice Theriault
   Eugene Sullivan, Jr.
9:45 AM Janice Stephaniak, 10th Anniversary
11:45 AM Stephen A. Gallo
1:15 PM Baptisms: Benjamin Cole Beland
   Elayna Jacqueline Cormier
5:00 PM Rosemarie Levesque, Bday Remembrance
   Sister Mary Gertrude

5th Monday
8:00 AM Gabrielle Florczyk, 1st Anniversary
   Jean D’Angelo

6th Tuesday Saint Nicholas
8:00 AM Maria Rampello

7th Wednesday Saint Ambrose
8:00 AM Charles Shores, Jr.
   The Ayles and Addorisio Families

8th Thursday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM Thomas and Ruth Coady
   Kyle Wilson
7:00 PM Sister Mary Germaine, PBVM
   Sister Mary Frances, PBVM

9th Friday Saint Juan Diego
8:00 AM Sandra Cormier
   Edmund and Evelyn Sentkowski

10th Saturday
5:00 PM Maria Rampello
   Vanessa Marcotte

11th Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Liisa Brown Tucker
   Sister Mary Depazzi, PBVM
9:45 AM Madeline and Harry Dooley
   Arthur Morris, 3rd Anniversary
11:45 AM Sam Costa
   Louise Dion, 14th Anniversary
5:00 PM Florence Rakip, 1st Anniversary
   Vernon Holman, Sr., Bday Remembrance

Please remember in your prayers:
Richard Desjean,
   father of parishioner Ken Desjean
May he rest in peace, and may his family find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to the 42 young men and women of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Their names are printed on the front cover of this bulletin. God bless them all! Many thanks to all who have been involved in their ongoing faith formation throughout the years.

The Pastoral Council election will be held next Sunday during each Mass. Any confirmed member of the parish is welcome to participate in the election process. The bulletin insert this week will help you to get to know the candidates. Thank you to all who have submitted their names for the election.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is Thursday, Dec. 8th. Masses will be held at 8AM and 7PM in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thank you for your Parish Support!
November 27th

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Parish Tithe

November 20th

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Support Elderly Religious at this Week’s Collection
Next weekend, our parish will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God. Please give generously to the collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. The basket will be passed a second time next weekend.
MINISTRIES IN ACTION

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY  Our next meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 5th at 7:00PM in the parish family center. All are welcome, and please bring your bible. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month, however please note this will be the only meeting in December. For more info please call Lorraine Mendoza 978-582-4020 or Nancy Maciel 603-892-0763.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY
The next BBM Meal Prep will be held on Sat., Dec. 17th at 3:00PM at Our Father’s House.
Sign up to help through Sign Up Genius. The link is on our website now: www.ourladylake.org.
2017 BBM Meal Prep dates are as follows: Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th, Mar. 25th, Apr. 28th, and May 20th.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!
Bring your appetite, your talent, and a Christmas tree ornament to help decorate the rectory with Fr. Dennis and Fr. Carlos. All levels of decorating experience will be accepted! Come to help prepare the rectory for the Christmas season and for fellowship and supper on Sunday, December 11th, after the 5PM Mass. Please RSVP to either Fr. Dennis or Fr. Carlos.

We will begin to prepare the church for Christmas at 1PM, Sun., DEC 18th. We need a lot of helping hands for about 45 minutes to get everything out of the attic. We need other people who would be willing to help decorate the trees in the lobby and the Church.

Bethlehem Village Set Up
All 3rd Grade Children are invited to help Fr. Dennis and Fr. Carlos set up the Bethlehem Village on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 9-11:30AM. Please meet in the parish family center and bring a bag of small stones!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Join us in celebrating: “JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.” Our first through fifth grade students will present their beautiful dramatization of the Christmas story during class times (4:15-5:15PM) on Monday, Dec. 12th, and Tuesday, Dec. 13th, capped by a birthday party celebration in the church hall. After dropping children off at 4:15PM, parents and friends are invited to find a seat in the church and await the Gospel dramatization!

We are looking for donations of juice, cupcake frosting and decorations which can be left on the table at the entrance to the Parish Family Center at anytime before Dec. 6th, and especially unfrosted cupcakes which can be dropped off on or before Thursday, Dec. 8th.

High School Youth Group Cookies Cookin’
On Fri., Dec. 9th, 6-9PM, we will be making and decorating sugar cookies to be handed out with the Giving Tree Gifts the following week. All High School students are welcome! Please email Rob Carlin for more info at racarlinjr@verizon.net or text him at 917-757-5953.

A TEACHING MASS FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.
As a culmination of their study of the Eucharist, our 8th grade students have planned, prepared, and will serve at a special liturgy next Mon., Dec. 12th, during their class time. During the Mass, commentary will be provided to help us understand and appreciate the symbols and rituals that are used in our worship.

Please feel welcome to join us in prayer.

Poinsettia/Cyclamen Sale
The High School Youth Group will be holding its annual Christmas Plant Sale to raise funds for youth group activities and scholarships to the Steubenville East Youth Conference. Plants will be available for sale before and after all Masses this weekend. This year, we will tithe 20% of our profits to OLL.

The High School Peer Retreat Team will meet this Sun., Dec. 4th from 8:15-9:30AM in M8/9.
The High School I Class meets next Sunday, Dec. 4th from 6-9PM. Please remember to bring your Bible and your folder.
Christmas Giving Tree

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree program has begun! Once again, we will be providing gifts to a nursing home in Leominster, Beacon of Hope, and those who come to us for assistance. Gift tags outlining the name, age, and gift ideas will be available on the bulletin boards at the church entrances and in the parish center lobby. If you or your family can reach out to purchase one of these gifts, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. We ask that all gifts be returned “unwrapped” and with the tag attached by Sun., Dec. 11th so that Christmas gift pickups may be made on time.

Food Pantry News

Thanks to the donations from our Religious Ed classes, staff, youth groups, our parish family, and our at home pie bakers we were able to feed over 443 families through our “Thanksgiving For All” program this year.

A special thank you also to our local businesses: Hollis Hills Farm (apples), the Harper Family (squash and sweet potatoes), the Davis Family (apple and carrot donations), Cumberland Farms (bread), and gift card donations from Hannaford, Market Basket and Shaws.

The success of this program requires a “Team effort” every year. We are thankful for the support of our entire parish family!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another.” As we await the coming of the Lord, let us live in our marriages with endurance and encouragement. Explore how by attending Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan. 20-22, 2017, in Duxbury, MA and Mar. 17-19, 2017, in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen and Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org

The Montachusett Chorale Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 4th at 2:00PM
Tata Auditorium, Leominster City Hall
25 West Street, Leominster

The concert will benefit The Compassionate Friends of North Central Mass.

Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door
Under 18 are admitted free.
Please call 978-534-1081 or 978-786-5014 for tickets.
THIS WEEK’S PARISH EVENTS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
Poinsettia Sale and Gingerbread Auction after Mass
11:00 AM Sacrament of Confirmation
07:30 PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
Poinsettia Sale and Gingerbread Auction after Masses
08:15 AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting
08:30 AM Beginnings Class
08:40 AM Kindergarten Class
11:00 AM Teen Music Ministry
03:00 PM Pilgrims on the Journey
06:00 PM RCIA
06:00 PM High School I Class
07:00 PM Church Renovation Committee Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
08:30 AM Litany of Our Blessed Mother
04:15 PM Grades 1-5 Religious Ed Classes
06:00 PM Spanish Mass
06:45 PM Grades 6-8 Religious Ed Classes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
07:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
08:30 AM Continuation of Adoration
11:30AM Women’s Guild Meeting (off-site)
04:15 PM Grades 1-5 Religious Ed Classes
04:15 PM Grades 6-8 Religious Ed Classes
06:30 PM Religious Ed Commission Meeting
06:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
06:30 PM Brown Bag Ministry Planning Meeting
07:00 PM Social Events Committee Meeting (off-site)
07:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 3 Meeting
07:00 PM Men’s Spiritual Study Meeting
07:00 PM 12 Steps Meeting
07:00 PM Adult Folk Group Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
09:00 AM Dominoes
06:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 3 Meeting
06:00 PM Rosary of the Unborn
06:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop Meeting
07:00 PM Mothers of Multiples
07:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting
07:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
04:30 PM Choir of Angels Practice
07:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
Gingerbread Auction after Mass
09:00 AM Bethlehem Village Set Up
10:00 AM Baptismal Instruction
01:00 PM Stamp Club
07:30 PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
Gingerbread Auction after Masses
08:15 AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting
08:30 AM Beginnings Class
11:00 AM Teen Music Ministry
03:00 PM Pilgrims on the Journey
06:00 PM RCIA
06:00 PM High School II Class

Gingerbread Houses for Auction
Gingerbread houses created by our Jr. High students are on display in the parish family center this weekend and next weekend. Please consider making a bid on these beautiful creations so you can bring some Christmas spirit into your home! All proceeds will go to fill the shelves of our parish Food Pantry. The Gingerbread houses will go home to the highest bidders next Sun., Dec. 11th after the 11:45AM Mass.

Save the Date!
Pasta with the Pastor
Tuesday, January 3rd, at 6PM.
All college-aged young adults are welcome to attend.
Parents...please let your kids know.

Donations are always welcome to replenish our food pantry and may be left in the totes at the entrances to the church.

PANCAKE MIX
PANCAKE SYRUP
OATMEAL
PEANUT BUTTER
JAM OR JELLY
TUNA
MAYONNAISE
SOUPl
BEEF STEW
RICE (WHITE OR FLAVORED)
CANNED MEAT (CHICKEN, TURKEY, HAM)
GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Next Weekend’s Celebrants
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th
5:00 PM Father Carlos Ruiz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th
8:00 AM Monsignor James Mongelluzzo
9:45 AM Father Dennis O’Brien
11:45 AM Father Carlos Ruiz
5:00 PM Father Dennis O’Brien