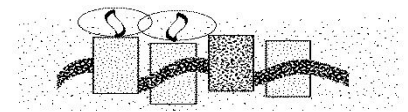


# December 9, 2018

## Second Sunday of Advent



### MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Dec. 10	8:30		Lorraine Dorey	Ernest Dorey
Tues. Dec. 11	8:30	St Damasus	Joseph Corrigan	Ann McCluskey
Wed. Dec. 12	5:00	Our Lady of Guadalupe	George Trono	Greg/Sheila/Travis Clairmont
Thurs. Dec. 13	8:30	St Lucy	Ernest Charboneau	Carleen Lehouiller
(Pines)	10:00			
Fri. Dec. 14	8:30	St John	Int. of Matthew LaCross	Aunt
<b>SUNDAY MASSES</b>				
Sat. Dec. 15	4:30		John & Mary Cannizzaro	Family
Sun. Dec. 16	8:00		George Tetreault	Daughter
	9:30		Parishioners & Benefactors	
	11:30		Dick & Mary Roy	Hill & Brunelle Families

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **Grades 1 – 6**

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 PM. The December packets have been given out and are available in the Sacristy if you still need them.

#### **Grades 7 – 8**

The next meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join us for our annual Christmas Pageant put on by our Religious Education students immediately following the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Practice for the Pageant is Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### GIFT BAGS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you have time this Advent season to volunteer for a Christmas visit to a homebound parishioner? We still need volunteers to deliver a gift bag (provided). Gift bag pick-up is the weekend of December 15/16. You arrange to visit with “your” parishioner at a mutually convenient time. There is a signup sheet at the ramp entrance to the church.

### ADVENT DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

The season of Advent is a beautiful time to make a good confession to prepare to receive the Christ-child in our hearts at Christmas. There will be two opportunities on December 16<sup>th</sup> to attend a penance service...St Mark’s from 2-4 PM and St John Vianney from 6-8 PM. Several priests will be available at each.

### CHURCH DECORATING

Parishioners are invited to help decorate the church on Saturday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM. Please come!

### FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

Our next Food Shelf Sunday will be December 15/16. Needed are high protein foods such as peanut butter, canned meats, tuna, beans etc.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up one of the special envelopes at the entrances to the church and drop it into the collection basket at Mass or mail it in to the Parish Office. Please print the names of loved ones to be honored on it.

### SALVATION ARMY DINNER

Our next Salvation Army dinner is on Tuesday, December 18. We will be serving a roast beef dinner. The Parish will be purchasing the roast beef, and we are asking for servers and for donations of side dishes to be served. A sign-up sheet for the donations can be found at the ramp entrance to the church. For more info: Kate Boucher at 863-2588 or kateboucher@comcast.net.

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the church hall.

### ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS

To our many “snow-bird” parishioners, please consider supporting St John Vianney with electronic-funds transfer donations while you are away. It’s very easy to set up. Call the office and Dave can walk you through it.

### PRAYERS FOR SEMINARIANS

Below are the biographies of two more of our Vermont seminarians. The Vocations Committee asks you to pray for them and write a message to them if you can.

**JUSTIN JOSEPH CARLSON**

My name is Justin Joseph Carlson. I have lived in Essex, Vermont my entire life. I attended St. Francis Xavier School from preschool to eighth grade. During that time I enjoyed outside activities such as fishing and hiking. After middle school I went to Essex High School. During my sophomore year I realized that God was calling me to serve the Church. I believe that God instilled the urge in me to serve his Church through the writings of the saints which I was actively reading at that time. In response to this call I talked to Fr. John Schnobrich and decided that the next step after high school would be Our Lady of Providence Seminary, where I am in first year of philosophy studies.

**GREG CALDWELL**

Greg grew up in Essex attending Essex Alliance Church. He studied Computer Science at the University of Michigan before working as a Software Engineer in Ann Arbor. While working as a Software Engineer he was received into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 2013. After a few years of discernment in Ann Arbor, he was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Burlington in 2016. He completed his philosophy studies at St Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He is currently in his first year of Theology at Mt St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland.

**LESSONS IN CAROLS**

Please consider joining Fr Marchand to go deeper into the season of Advent and prepare our own hearts to receive the King of Kings at Christmas. Fr Steven will be presenting an evening of reflection on some of the beautiful hymns and carols of the Advent season and what they can teach us on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the parish center. This evening will be followed a week later on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Church by an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols where readings and carols alternate to narrate the story of our redemption leading up to Jesus' birth. Fr Steven will be playing the organ and leading the music. All are most welcome!

**PRESENT AT MASS**

Patrick Leduc's next Present at Mass session will be on December 16th at 1:30 in the Parish hall. The first two discussions have been fruitful and engaging for everyone and others are welcome to join at any time. While registration is not required please do let Patrick know if you're planning on attending or feel free to reach out with any questions about the sessions. He can be contacted at 598.4246 or email at [pleducvt@gmail.com](mailto:pleducvt@gmail.com). More information can be found on the bulletin board on the ramp entrance.

**SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC TEACHING**

This seven-part series will look at the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching. The next theme will be: "St Theresa - Serving the Suffering Christ". We'll meet on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the church hall. For more info: [josh-mcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:josh-mcdonald@comcast.net) or 857-8814.

**CALCUTTA-SAVE THE DATE**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Calcutta Night will be on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Hall. Dinner, a silent auction, and raffle will be included. \$100 per number includes dinner for two. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. The tickets will make great Christmas presents for many parishioners. Please call the office to buy one.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

4:30 PM in the Church

4:30 PM in the Parish Center\*

*\*Children's Liturgy-this Mass will be especially for families with young children. The homily will be geared to them.*

7:00 and 10:00 PM in the Church

**Christmas Day**

9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Church

**REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Lacey, Michael, Nathan and Paul Baer, Alice Boivin, Andrew Bolognani, Betty Bouchard, Ruth Custeau, Jeffrey Claude Danis, Jeannine Dattilio, Ernest Dorey Jr., Yvonne Gravelin, Carla Miller, Ed Olszewski, Corienne Pasqual, Allan Ploof, Bill and Edie Robenstein, Janet Stackpole, Kathleen Trono, Kim Wilbur and Damien Williams.

**FINANCE FOR LAST WEEK**

Offertory - \$6228.00

Fuel - \$1211.00

Attendance - 541

The second collection next week is for snow removal and salt for the parking lot.