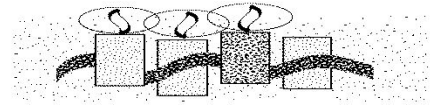


December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon	Dec. 17	8:30	Charles Poulin	Wife
Tues.	Dec. 18	8:30	All Souls	
Wed.	Dec. 19	5:00	Int. of Ariana LaCross	Great Aunt
Thurs.	Dec. 20	8:30	Jack Haley	John Ryan
	(Gazebo N.)	10:00		
Fri.	Dec. 21	8:30	St Peter	Chuck & Maureen Bardier
				Family
SUNDAY MASSES				
Sat.	Dec. 22	4:30	James Ploof, Sr.	Family
Sun.	Dec. 23	8:00	William & Veronica Stebner	Carmel & Tom Malone
		9:30	Marcel & Marie-Jeanne Benoit	Maxine Holmes
		11:30	Dick Bell	Gordy & Paulie Lawrence

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 – 6

All Religious Ed. families who have missed any of the Family Faith Formation meetings or have not picked up their packets should contact Ann Marie as soon as possible.

Grades 7 – 8

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

Confirmation Candidates

A reminder that all candidates for Confirmation should have all of their Mass reflection sheets turned in through December. Also, each student should have an interview with Fr. Pat set up. Every student should be at least halfway through the Matthew Kelly book. If there are any questions, please contact Ann Marie or Fr. Pat.

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 16th 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.

EXTRA CONFESSION TIME

Fr. Pat will hear confessions on Wednesday, December 19th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in the church.

CHURCH DECORATING

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

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17th at 6:30 PM in Fr. Pat's conference room.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated to this year's Giving Tree. Over \$1,000.00 worth of gifts were delivered to the Lund Home and COTS!

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.

ROBERT MURPHY

I grew up in North Bennington and attended the parish of St. John the Baptist. My faith, prayer life, and desire for the priesthood grew while attending the parish elementary school there. I went to public high school where I had the opportunity to make the faith my own in a secular environment. I then studied at UVM, where I was active at the Newman Center. Daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and Marian devotions helped me to discern that God was calling me to the priesthood. I entered seminary in Providence as a college junior, and I am currently in my second year of theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland.

ELI YANDOW

My name is Eli Yandow and I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Swanton. I studied radiology at Champlain College. Before coming to seminary I served as a FOCUS missionary at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London Connecticut for two years. I entered seminary this year with philosophy studies at St Meinrad's in Indiana, which is a very different life than the farm in Swanton. I love the outdoors, I love people, and I love Christ's Church. Thank you for all of your prayers.

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. On December 18th at 7PM in the Church he will lead 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!

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 PM in the Library.

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. 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 8th at 7 PM in the church hall. For more info: josh-mcdonald@comcast.net or 857-8841.

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

CALCUTTA TICKETS ON SALE

Our 2nd annual Calcutta Night will be on Saturday, March 2nd 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.

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 - \$4960.00

Retired Religious - \$1470.00

Attendance - 503

Immaculate Conception - \$963.00

The second collection next week is for the Development Fund.