

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYER LINE

The number to call for prayer requests, or if you wish to pray with us, is 622-2094.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE

I would like to thank the Christmas Fair Committee for all of their efforts in assisting with our 2017 event. Thanks to our co-chairs: Nick Eremita and James Kenney, as well as our committee members: Cinzia Broketa, Grace Duffley, Kara and Daryl Forsythe, Marlene Foye, Jim Gallagher, Diane and Richard Glennon, Aroline Godbout, Pam and Doug Grant, Priscilla and George Huppe, Karen Kenney, Keith and Joyce Koerber, Judy Labbe-Huard, Traci and Steve Labrecque, Louise and Jay Lachance, Janet Lambert, Sr. Jeannette Landreville, Marie Ledoux, Maureen Logue, Aaron Losier, Karen McKallagat, Joanne Olsen, Suzanne Potoma, Barbara Raulerson, Mary Ann Schneider, Patty Skoglund, Regina Skoglund, and Bill Tickler. The parish grossed \$36,007.54 with our profit being **\$28,877.58**. Thanks to everyone who helped at varied booths and to all of you who supported or attended this annual event. *Fr. Paul*

*Come, Lord Jesus!
Come and visit your people.
We await your coming.
Come, O Lord.*



As we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, we wish one another a spiritually fruitful New Year! This Advent is, for all of us, an opportunity to rediscover the richness of this well-planned series of liturgical events, even as we start our remote preparation for Christmas. St. Paul's exhortation to get rid of the "deeds of darkness" and to clothe ourselves with the splendor of Christ's grace should motivate us to begin this holy season with a clear plan of action and determination to carry it out faithfully.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Anthony Church, 172 Belmont St., Manchester on **December 3** at 2 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We will celebrate two Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, **December 8** at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Church.

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

The NH Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay contest. The contest is open to any Jr-High (grades 6,7,8) and Sr-High (grades 9,10,11,12) student in NH. The NH Knights of Columbus will make up to six cash awards of \$100. The theme is: "How would you respond to claims that Pro-Life denies a woman's 'choice'?" **DEADLINE: Midnight, December 15** **RULES:** Essays may not be longer than 500 words; typed, and submitted as a PDF or Word Document and emailed to matu19@comcast.net. Include student name, age, grade, school, parent name and address, phone, parish and email. Students may obtain help & information, including from parents, teachers, friends, and internet but the essay itself must be their own work. Further contest details may be obtained from K of C NH contest chairman John P. Matuszewski (603-434-4098) or K of C NH State Pro-Life Chairman Ron Distasio (603-595-7837).

"WELCOMING WINTER WITH JOY" MONDAY

All women are invited to be uplifted at the Interfaith Women of NH holiday gathering on **December 4** at 6:45 p.m. at Temple Israel, 66 Salmon Street, Manchester NH 03104. Refreshments and social follow the Program. Please register via email:

InterfaithWomenNH@gmail.com or telephone 603-315-9386 before December 4. (Temple is handicap accessible via a stair chairlift).



GIVING TREE

For those who took an ornament gift tag on the tree, we ask donors to ***bring the wrapped gift with the gift tag attached*** and return on or before the last Mass on **December 17**. Each ornament has a gift suggested for parents and children served by Our Place, a NH Catholic Charities agency. For those who took a gift bag, we ask donors to ***put the unwrapped small items listed inside the bag and return the gift bag*** on or before the last Mass on **December 17**. Each gift bag has a list of small items requested for residents served by the *St. Joseph Community Services Meals on Wheels* program.



THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The Bible Timeline is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. *The Bible Timeline* has been granted the *Imprimatur*. The course will take place on **Thursday evenings** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We will be starting right where we left off in May with the Second Book of Samuel. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
November 18/19, 2017**

Checks: \$ 6,012.50
Cash: \$ 2,390.00
E-Give: \$ 1,759.00
Total: \$10,161.50

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$1,476.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
November 25/26, 2017**

Checks: \$ 6,144.00
Cash: \$ 2,914.00
E-Give: \$ 2,711.50
Total: \$ 11,739.50

St. Vincent de Paul: \$653.00

**GENEROUS SUPPORT
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
As of November 27, 2017**

Total Pledges: \$1,106,867.69
Total Cash Received: \$1,232,865.42
Remaining Pledges: \$ 43,265.25
Mortgage: \$ 310,472.91
Phase 2 Donations: \$ 86,035.00

We paid \$3,500 toward our mortgage 10/24/2017

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD." As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Jan 19-21, 2018** in South Kingstown, RI and **Mar 9-11, 2018** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

JESUS WAS BORN IN A SHELTER

The box at the main entrance of the church is to collect items for those who live in shelters in Manchester. Needs for **December** are razors, floss, dish soap, and detergent.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

3:00
8:00
4:00

DECEMBER 2

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
REV. EMERY N. DESROCHERS, M.S.
by Ellen DesRochers
LOUIS LOHNES by the family
MARY MORETTI by the Arrison Family
ROLAND ROY by Curt & Diane Bergeron

SUNDAY

7:30
9:00
11:00

DECEMBER 3

JAMES O'NEILL by the family
CINDY RACZKA by her husband & daughters
JOSEPH M. MCDONOUGH & JUDITH F.
MCDONOUGH by the family
SHANNON HESLIN by the family
MARY ARMSTRONG by the family
JACQUELINE MACRIGEANIS
by Muriel & Claude Pelletier

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 4

ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, Priest
ARMAND DESROSIERS by the Dahlquist Fund

TUESDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 5

EDWARD & EVELYN VERRACHI
by their daughter, Cindy Michelson

WEDNESDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 6

ST. NICHOLAS, Bishop
PAUL VACHON & LARRY VACHON
by Sue Vachon

9:30 – 5 p.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY

9:00

DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE, Bishop
DR. CHERI CAMACHO
by the Camacho & Riccio Families

FRIDAY

9:00
7:00

DECEMBER 8

MARK VIALE
BERTHE LAVOIE (1st Anniv.)

SATURDAY

3:00
8:00
4:00

DECEMBER 9

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE
GERALDINE ROY by Curt & Diane Bergeron
LUCIEN DOYON & DIANE DOYON
by Marie Doyon & Family
FR. MARTIN KELLY by the Burnes Family
CHARLES M. REYNOLDS
by Denise G. Reynolds

SUNDAY

7:30
9:00
11:00

DECEMBER 10

FRANCIS SCHULTZ
by his daughter, Nancy (10th Anniv.)
VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN &
JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families
ERIC DAHL
NICHOLAS TZINAS by his wife, Esther
ROSE ROY by her husband, Richard
JOSEPH DONATI by the family

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN HOUSE

Our next Open House will be Thursday, **December 7** at 9:30, 12:30 and 3. Come meet our principal, speak with teachers, and see how we live our mission. Register at scsnh.com.

ADORATION AT ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

Each Wednesday afternoon at **2:30**, a group of faculty and staff will attend Adoration in the Church for 15 + minutes. I guess you can call us Prayer Warriors for our school. Our goal is to pray for the well-being of our children, their parents, our faculty and staff, our school, our Pastor and parish, the Diocese of Manchester, and the World Wide Church. We pray that individuals discover our Christian hope, joy, charity, compassion, and wisdom. Please join us on any given Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



It that time of year!! We are looking for children to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant during the **6 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve**. The children should be between ages 4 – 10, and there are no spoken parts. There will be two 45-minute rehearsals. Please contact Lisa Daugherty at yff@scsnh.com or 622-6264 if you are interested. We hope you will join us!

BIG TICKET WINNERS FROM PARISH FAIR

Congratulations to our big ticket winners from the Parish Fair:

\$1,000: Jean Hebert; **\$600:** Bea Valavane; **\$400:** Janet Plante; **\$200:** Christina Anderson; **Slice of the Pie \$500:** Trudy Klufts; **49" TV:** Sue Picuch; **Wine Baskets:** Harry Bellen and Louise Lachance; **Liquor Basket:** Walter DaSilva; **13" Globes:** Brian Boucher and June Ryan; **Xbox One:** Mike Conner

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH NEXT WEEKEND

All men of the parish are invited to Men of St. Joseph next Saturday, **December 9** at 8 a.m. After Mass, there will be recitation of the Rosary, followed by a full breakfast and guest speaker. This month, our speaker is Fr. Thomas Steinmetz, pastor of Our Lady of Cedars, a Melkite-Greek Catholic Church.

FREE DINNER?

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite any male parishioners to join them for Dinner at the Aloha Restaurant on Tuesday **December 5** at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to Brad Nichols, 644-8697 or Scott McDonough, 232-5797. Come and enjoy great food and great people.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES (FREE)

Tuesdays at St. Elizabeth's, 8:30

Wednesdays at Congregation Church of Goffstown, 10

Thursdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

WALKING GROUPS (FREE)

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30

SHINE: (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS)

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Goffstown on **Wednesdays, 10-Noon**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for 4 pre-CCD teachers (no experience is necessary) to work during the **9 a.m. Mass on a rotating basis**. The lesson plans are already made up, and all materials will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lori Vincent at dlvincent6@gmail.com.

RACE INTO CUB SCOUTS WITH PACK 104

Cub Scout Pack 104, which serves youth boys in grades K-5, is holding an open house and joining night on Wednesday **December 6** at 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. If you have any questions, please email Stephen Manero at smanero@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you all on **December 6** and continuing to grow scouting which has been part of St. Catherine of Siena Church since 1958. All boys who register that evening with the Pack will receive their Pinewood Derby Car Kit to make their car. Pack 104's annual registration is \$65.00. However, if assistance is needed with registration, please let us know. Parents, we need your to help grow our pack so please volunteer so we can make the scouting program outstanding for your boys.

TROOP 104 POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Troop 104 is having a Poinsettia Fundraiser after all Masses **this weekend**. They are available in Red, White, or Pink and come in 6.5" for \$15 or 7.5" for \$25. Checks can be made payable to Troop 104. The plants are grown locally in New Hampshire and will be delivered to you on **December 13**.



LIVING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Living Christian Marriage meets Saturday **December 9** at 6 p.m. in the church hall for socializing and Advent festivities. New couples are always welcome to join this group. Just send an email note to Christine at lcm@scsnh.com to get additional info.

