

- Saturday, November 30** 4:00pm **Mr & Mrs Joseph Gautreau**  
requested by the Lavallee Family.
- Sunday, December 1** 9:00am **John Morrissey**  
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey
- 11:00am **Betty Watson 3rd Anniv.**  
req. by the Beverly Family.
- Monday, December 2** 8:30am **L.D. Letson & John Letson**  
requested by Cheryl Letson
- Tuesday, December 3** 8:30am **All Souls Intentions of  
George & Dorothy Starkus**
- Wednesday, December 4** 8:30am **All Souls Intentions of  
Mr & Mrs Marc Arsenault**
- Thursday, December 5** 8:30am **All Souls Intentions of  
Mr & Mrs Donald Krasinskas**
- Saturday, December 7** 4:00pm **Francis Rogers 12th Anniv.**  
requested by the family.
- Sunday, December 8** 9:00am **For a special Intention**  
requested by Palmina
- 11:00am **Lucille Wright**  
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey

**Please note** that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a holy day this year. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated as a Solemnity on Monday, December 9.

**Stewardship Corner** "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)  
People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

**Weekly Collection November 23 & 24**

Adults	\$ 2,855.00
Children	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 95.00
Fuel	\$ 331.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 360.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,766.00</b>
<b>Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,420.00</b>
SVDP	\$ 80.00
Poor Box	\$ 30.00

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord. It also is a time to examine our lives under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, asking God to lead us to deeper repentance and conversion.

A temptation of Advent is to allow our busy preparations for Christmas to distract us from the spiritual meaning of the season. During this hectic and demanding time of year, God calls us to make time for Him, so we enter into reflection and prayer.

In order to help parishioners to take this time, we are offering an **Advent Day of Reflection on December 14 from 10-2. The theme of the day of reflection is Advent and The Eucharist.** The day will include teaching, discussion, lunch and Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. To register, please sign up on the bulletin board. **Those from outside the parish are welcome to attend.**

Advent reminds us of Christ's three comings: The first, as a baby at Christmas, the second, at the end of time as judge, the third, in a hidden way in our daily experience of life. Advent's all important question is: **Am I ready for the coming of the Lord?**

During this holy season, we ask the Lord to hone our skills of discernment that we come to recognize, with greater clarity, the presence of Jesus in our lives. This recognition leads us to respond to Jesus' presence with faith, hope and love. We ask that this Advent the Lord finds us ready for His coming.

In Christ,  
Fr. Michael



**Coffee Shop 1st & 3rd  
Sundays of the month**

Please join us for donuts & coffee after the 9:00am Mass. Children will receive a donut and juice box for free!! Adults \$1 for a coffee and donut

### Meetings

**NA** Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall  
**K of C** 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall  
**SVDP** Sunday, December 15, 9:45 am in the hall  
**Rosary Group** 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church  
**Upper Room Ministry** Next meeting: Anniversary Mass  
Tuesday, December 10th at 6PM  
**Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:00pm in the hall  
Please have read Matthew 3:1-12



**St. Vincent De Paul**  
Serving those in Need

If you are a parishioner and are in need of assistance, please call #508- 987-8892 and leave a message on the SVDP private line and someone from the SVDP will return your call. Maybe you have lost your job and are behind on your utilities or can't afford to have oil delivered. We can help. We also can point you in the direction of other resources that are available.



**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be offered after all the Masses next weekend to anyone who is in need.



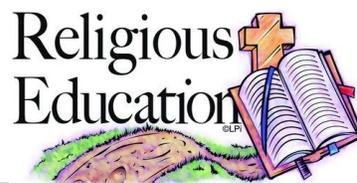
Memorial envelopes for Christmas Flowers are included in all offertory packets or a request can be made by contacting the rectory. Please consider remembering a loved one with a beautiful poinsettia that will be placed in our sanctuary for Christmas Masses. The Mass for these intentions will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 10:00am



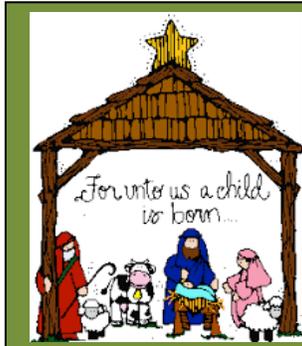
Please take a gift tag to help with this wonderful ministry. Gifts will benefit families in need in Oxford through the Ecumenical Food Shelf. Gifts must be returned by December 15th with the label attached to the gift. Thank you

### **Are you having a family gathering or holiday party?**

Please remember to drop off your returnable bottles and cans at the bin near the handicap ramp. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We also need volunteers to take the donations to the redemption center. Please sign up on the main bulletin board.



**Grades 1-3 Monday: 3:30 -4:45 pm**  
**Grades 4-10 Monday: 6:00 - 7:15 pm**  
Next Children's Mass: Sunday, January 7, at 9:00am



**Sign up for parts in the Annual Christmas Pageant**  
Saturday, November 30  
from 10 to 12  
in the Parish Hall.  
A Signup sheet is also available on the main bulletin board.



### **ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION**

Topic: Advent and the Holy Eucharist  
Saturday, December 14 10 to 2

**Fee collected at the door: \$10 for lunch**  
Please sign up on the main bulletin board.

### **Advent Prayer**

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son. Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord



**The Winners of the 2 Thanksgiving SVDP Food baskets are David Dumais & Winner of the second basket donated the basket to the Oxford Food Shelf.**