

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The word 'gaudete' in Latin means 'rejoice' and the color rose of the third candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes this rejoicing.

Why does the Church invite us to rejoice on the Third Sunday of Advent? It is because of the nearness of the birth of Christ. The birth of Jesus Christ is the cause of our joy because God sent Him to save us.

Sometimes we take Jesus for granted. In order to appreciate Him more, let us take a moment to consider what it would be like for us if He had never come. If Jesus had not been born, lived among us, died and rose again, the gates of Heaven would have remained closed to us. We would not have the Eucharist. We would not know what it would mean to have our sins forgiven through Baptism or Confession. We could not be members of the Church because without Jesus there would be no Church. Also, because we are Gentiles, we might never hear of the one, true God revealed in the Old Testament to the Jews. Right now we might be worshipping pagan gods and goddesses or have no faith.

An expression that sums up what it would be like without Jesus is "No Jesus, No Peace; Know Jesus, Know Peace." Without Jesus we have no faith, no peace, no hope, no real understanding of love, no grace, no forgiveness, no full understanding of God, no hope of eternal life... and a lot of other missing things we often take for granted.

Let's rejoice in the gift of Jesus.

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



- Saturday, December 14** 4:00pm **Theresa Modzelewski**  
Birthday Remembrance requested by her daughter Theresa
- Sunday, December 15** 9:00am **Glenelle Walsh 10th Anniv.**  
req. by Jack & Pat Murphy
- 11:00am **Albert J. Dumais**  
requested by David Dumais
- Monday, December 16** 8:30am **Jeanne Lavallee**  
requested by Fr. Michael
- Tuesday, December 17** 8:30am **The deceased members of the Topalian Family**, req. by Theresa
- Wednesday, December 18** 8:30am **Bill Marcelonis 15th Anniv.**  
requested by Gay
- Thursday, December 19** 8:30am **All Souls Intentions of Anna Gemme**
- Saturday, December 21** 4:00pm **Steven Prunier**  
requested by SVDP
- Sunday, December 22** 9:00am **Walter McCarthy**  
requested by the family
- 11:00am **Norman & Peggy LeBlanc**  
requested by the family

### Stewardship Corner

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8) Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

### Weekly Collection December 7 & 8

Adults	\$ 3,721.00
Children	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 405.00
Fuel	\$ 285.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 235.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 153.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 399.00
Total	\$ 5,223.00

**Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses**  
**\$ 4,420.00**

Retirement for Religious	\$ 514.00
SVDP	\$ 130.00
Poor Box	\$ 32.00

**Proceeds from the Fall Fair, Flea Market & Thanksgiving Bake Sale \$4,033.00**

### 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: January 14th 6PM  
**Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:00pm in the hall  
Please have read **Matthew 1:18-24 Fellowship Night 6PM**



**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.

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22**

Anyone who is interested in helping to decorate the church for Christmas, please contact Mary #508-987-8892.

### **Ministers of Communion are needed**

One of the joys we have as Catholics is the reception of Communion each time at Mass. We have a growing number of parishioners who are home bound or in nursing facilities. To make sure that these parishioners receive Communion on a regular basis, and to maintain contact with our parish, we need to have more people to act as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who volunteer will be trained. Please consider helping out. It is a great joy and privilege to share the Body of Christ with our fellow parishioners.

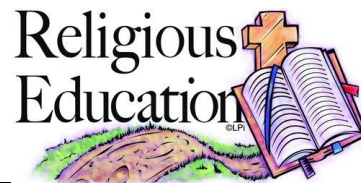


### **Christmas Choir Rehearsals**

Please join us after the 9:00am Mass to rehearse hymns for the Christmas Eve Mass and sing-a-long.

### **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 5, at 9:00am**



Welcome  
to

Mailyn Grace Flynn  
who was baptized on  
Saturday, November 30th  
&  
James Michael Mullins who  
was baptized on Sunday,  
December 8th.  
May God bless them and  
their families.



**Advent Penance Service Tuesday, December 17th at  
6:30pm in St. Roch's Church**



**Christmas Pageant December 22 after the 9:00am Mass**



**Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm & 10:00pm  
Sing Christmas Carols with the choir at 3:30pm  
Christmas Morning Mass 10:00am**



**Open House at the rectory Sunday, January 5th after  
the 9 & 11am Masses**