Catholic Parish Weekly

St. Andrew's Church
Parish of the Visitation & St. Raymond

Third Sunday of Advent
Cycle C
December 12, 2021
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 11 – ***Sacrament of Penance*** 11:30am – 12:00pm **ST. PATRICK'S**
3:15pm – 3:45pm **ST. ANDREW'S**
4:00pm **ST. ANDREW'S –** Intentions of the People of the Parishes

Sun Dec. 12 – 8:30am **ST. PATRICK'S –** Patrick & Evelyn Crowley by their family
10:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION –** RoseMarie Bombard by Ronnie & family

Mon Dec. 13 - 7:45am **ST. ANDREW'S –** Nick & Elizabeth Orologio by Jim & Nancy Besaw
John, Carol, & Lisa Plonka by the family

Tues Dec. 14 – 8:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION –** Louis Connell by Fr. Andrew Amyot
9:00am **LBSH –** James R. Sullivan by Linda Razis

Wed Dec. 15 – 9:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION –** All Souls by the Parishioners
Living & deceased members of the PVSR Altar & Rosary by the Society

Thurs Dec. 16 – 7:45am **ST. PATRICK'S -** Living & deceased members of the Goodrich family
by Cindy & Chris Galutz
8:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION –** Margaret "Peg" Smith by Kenny Lavigne & family

Fri. Dec. 17 – 8:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION –** Fr. Denesha & family by the estate of Rev. J. Denesha

Sat. Dec. 18 – ***Sacrament of Penance*** 11:30am – 12:00pm **ST. PATRICK'S**
3:15pm – 3:45pm **ST. ANDREW'S**
4:00pm **ST. ANDREW'S –** Margaret Ann Murray by her children

Sun Dec. 19 – 8:30am **ST. PATRICK'S –** Alex Razis by Linda
10:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION –** Intentions of the People of the Parishes

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

Dec. 4-5, 2021 – $1,860.00
Adult Env. $1,610.00/Plate $90.00
Life Poverty Line $20.00, Maintenance Env. $120.00,
Immaculate Conception $20.00

St. Andrew's Church

Dec. 4-5, 2021 – $1,710.00
Adult Env. $1,270.00/Plate $21.00
Votive Candles $14.25, Fuel Plate $50.00
Immaculate Conception $5.00, Maintenance $345.00
Christmas Flowers $5.00

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PVSR PRAYER LINE – LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically especially for Roger Wolfe Jr., Richard Searles, Gil Gonthier, and *ALL who have been affected by Covid-19. If you wish to have someone listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.*
Anyone from ***Our Catholic Parishes*** *may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.*

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

An Advent Message: "Be awake!" This message could call us to be more attentive to our habits of consumption and challenge our creativity. How could the familiar advice of RECYCLE, REDUCE, REPURPOSE be applied to your practices for celebrating Christmas?
"The Community Lunch Program for Kids (CLPK) and The Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry would like to express its sincerest appreciation to all those who have donated to us this past year! Without your kind and generous support we would not exist!
Be safe! Be well! Wishing you good health, hope and happiness in 2022."

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp burned this week at The Church of the Visitation for
Sally Hayes by John & Natalie LaBarge.
And at St. Andrew's Church for
Margaret Todd by John & Natalie LaBarge

You can memorialize the sanctuary candle for an offering of $10.00.
Please contact the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING

Make a Will Good Christian Stewardship would call for the orderly disposition of our worldly goods. If you do not make a Will, the State has to decide how to distribute your property it may not be according to your wishes.

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PVSR ARS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Altar & Rosary Christmas meeting/ornament exchange will be December 14th @ 5:30. Meal provided

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM FOR KIDS

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The Gabriel Project is seeking new angels to help us with our ministry. Our angels help mothers in a crisis pregnancy. We follow mothers and babies during pregnancy and through the first year of the baby's life. We strive to help spiritually, emotionally and materially. Our Gabriel Project ministry covers the communities of Colton through Norfolk. If you are interested in our ministry, please join us at our next meeting December 13th at 7 pm at St. Mary's rectory in Potsdam. You can also contact Julie Helenbrook at 315-212-0311 for more information.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Second Collection Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others — educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

RETURNABLES FOR STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones is still collecting returnables. We truly appreciate those who have continued to drop them off at the rectory garage. If you need to have them picked up please let us know. Keep them coming!

PLEASE, make sure that you are *ONLY* dropping off the items that can be returned to receive the 5¢ deposit.

We are not recycling, but returning the items with a deposit on it as a youth group fundraiser. Thank you!

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

During these next few weeks, many are preparing their homes with decorations, both inside and outside, for the coming celebration of Christmas. People are also preparing for guests and visitors during the Christmas holidays. What about our spiritual preparation for Christmas? Have we included that work on our calendar?

John the Baptist speaks to us in this Sunday's Gospel reading, "*Prepare* the say of the Lord..." An excellent spiritual preparation for Christmas is taking time for a humble and thoughtful celebration of the Sacrament of Confession--Penance & Reconciliation. Aside from the regularly scheduled times for Confessions on Saturdays, the following opportunities are provided for you:

Sunday,	**Dec 12th**, 1:30pm-3:00pm 2 Priests St. Patrick's Brasher Falls
Sunday,	**Dec 19th**, 1:30pm-3:00pm 2 Priests St. Andrew's Norwood
Wednesday,	**Dec 22nd**, 1:30pm-3:00pm 2 Priests Visitation-St. Raymond's Norfolk

ON OUR KNEES PRAYER CAMPAIGN

United in prayer for the Dobbs Supreme Court Case

October 22 - June 22 all are asked to pray for the protection of life in our nation.

Background: January 22, 1973: Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision began the era of abortion on demand in the USA.

• 2018: Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation, when the baby has a heartbeat, eyes that open, ears that hear, and can move and kick. The law was challenged and the case, known as Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization, is being heard by the Supreme Court.

• Dobbs vs. Jackson is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe vs Wade. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance.

• December 1, 2021 oral arguments for the case will be heard. A decision is expected in June 2022. More information at www.prayfordobbs.com

DAY OF MERCY

Confessions heard all day in Canton, NY

On Monday, December 13th Confessions will be heard from 6am till 10pm at St. Mary's Church in Canton at 68 Court St. There will be a break at 7:30AM when Mass is offered.

Sunday, December 19, 2021
Right after the 10:30am Mass

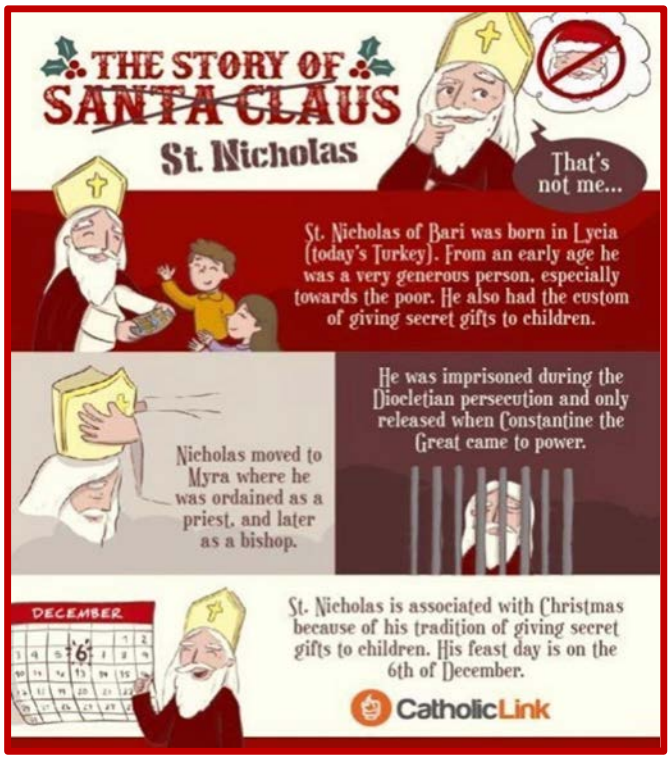
Due to Covid restrictions this will be an activity just for members of our Faith Formation and their families to come together.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The 2021 Schedule of Masses for Christmas will be the following:

December 24, 2021
4:00pm St. Andrew's Church
6:00pm St. Patrick's Church

December 25, 2021
10:00am Church of the Visitation



FAITH FORMATION

Schedule for the month of December – *Sundays December 5th, 12th, & 19th.*
December 19th Family Event. after 10:30 Mass

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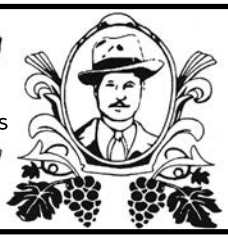

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