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*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and
the favor of God was upon him.*

Luke 2:40



SATURDAY December 30th

4:30PM **Mr & Mrs Edward (Babe) Brouillard** by
Mr & Mrs John Brouillard

SUNDAY December 31st

8:30AM **Aimee Bouvier** by Elaine Nowlan & family
11:00AM **Alva and Doris Erickson** by the Hansson's
4:00PM **Vigil: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

MONDAY January 1st

9:00AM **Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

TUESDAY January 2nd

8:00AM **Phillippe, Belle & Helena Gendron**
By the Lavallee's

WEDNESDAY January 3rd

8:00AM **Lorraine Williamson** by Joan & David Blodgette

THURSDAY January 4th

8:00AM **Parish Family**

SATURDAY January 6th

4:30PM **Raymond Renault** by his wife

SUNDAY January 7th

8:30AM **Patricia Dupre** by Steve Kmietek & Mary Small
11:00AM **Phillip Heney** 1st anniversary by his family

Please Pray for:

Rick Horan, Judy Erickson, Theresa Azaravich, Valerie King, Eva Giambusso, Marilyn Wayshville, Jeannine Patnode, Rhonda Lavallee, Ed Kennedy, Eric Lambert, Luke Wieggers, Donna Labrie

Prayer for the sick

Father, Your love is as wide as the oceans
As deep as the sea, And as tall as the heavens.
May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and come
and restore those who are ill.
You are the water of life, You are a fresh spring,
You are healing rain To all those who are in need.
Amen



*Stewardship of
treasure*

December 24, 2017

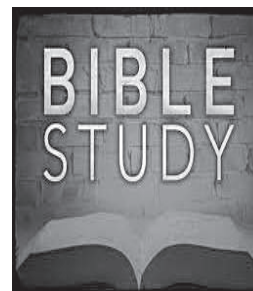
Numbers for this week were not available at the time of this printing. We will post in next weeks bulletin.

*Stewardship of
time and talent*

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making the celebration of the Birth of Christ beautiful and memorable. The sights and sounds within the church were beautiful and to those of you who joined us, thank you! You made it perfect.

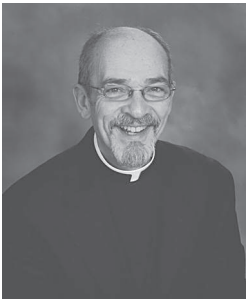
Help Wanted

St Mary and St. Philip Parishes are seeking a part time custodian (15-20 hrs. per week). Good opportunity for recently retired person or second job, and who has basic electrical, plumbing and carpentry skills and be able to lift 25 to 40 pounds. The person must be available on some weekends, especially during winter season. Experience preferred. They must be self-directed, motivated, and must have own transportation. Please send resume to Pastor, St Mary's Parish, N. Grafton, MA 01536 No phone calls please.



Bibles and Bagels bible study

Mark you calendar to join us on
Thursday January 4th after the
8:30 Mass in the parish center.
Coffee and refreshments will
be served.
Bring a friend!



A Word of Thanks and Blessing from Fr. Tom

Feast of the Holy Family
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
Praying God's Grace for a New Year

All of this could seem overwhelming if it weren't so exciting! The calendar lays out these days in rather rapid succession this year, so my first wish for you is the time to breathe and really have the chance to absorb the beauty and power of the Joy we celebrate.

Next, I want to acknowledge and thank all of the wonderful Parish Staff Members and Volunteers who make life happen around here! Much of what we do that falls into the category of Parish Ministry is fairly visible, but some is not. I said it several weeks ago from the pulpit in another context, but it bears repeating here: I don't think there's another priest in the Diocese of Worcester who has more reason to be grateful than I do, nor who actually is more grateful than I am. To be your Pastor makes my heart sing ...

As the members, friends, and visitors we welcome to St. Peter's today and every day, together we are "The Rock" that puts the Rock in Rockdale! Throughout the Year 2017 we have celebrated, mourned, baptized, buried, and married people we love. We have shared in special ministries with and special ministries by the youngest among us. We have hosted and visited elders and otherwise immobilized among us. We have fed the hungry and offered clothing for those without.

The Year 2018 beckons us. Its calendar pages are blank slates as far as the greatest of its joys and challenges are concerned. But we know that as those pages are filled in, they will record the days in which God has chosen to meet us, to bless us, and to carry us when we need! The Joy of this day to you, and a richly blessed New Year!

Fr. Tom

Pork Roast Dinner



Saturday January 20th
5:30pm in the parish center

Tickets will be sold at all weekend Masses beginning January 6th (through 1/17)

Tickets are:

\$10.00 adult

\$8.30 seniors and children 4-10 (under 4 free)

\$35.00 family max.



Edge Christmas Social

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our first **Loreto** Gathering Day of the new year will be held on January 7, 2018. We will continue learning about the Apostle's Creed. Happy New Year!

The **Children's Liturgy** will continue weekly during the 11:00 Mass. There will be a clipboard and sign-up sheet in the back of the church before the Mass. Please provide your name and cell phone number on the sheet in case we have to reach you for any reason during the Mass. This will ensure that we are able to contact you via text message if your child needs you and not cause any interruptions during the Mass.

The Edge group will meet again on January 2nd. Our topic of the night is: Go Preach it. It is a continuation of our season of Creed. We will be talking about the 4th mark of the church: Apostolic. For extra tickets this week: Any kido's who can tell me who the 12 apostles were will earn 5 extra tickets.

Our next **Life night** will be held on January 7, 2018. The name of our night is: Distorted. Our chef of the week will be the Lambert family.

Just a quick note to parents that our parent life nights be held on February 4th, 11th and March 4th and 11th. This is part of the series called "The Battle" The kids will be doing a similar program simultaneously. Father Tom will be teaching the parent sessions. We hope all the parents of our lifeteen kids will make the effort to attend.

COMING SOON



January 1st Feast of Mary Mother of God
January 7th Loreto Gathering Day
January 14th Rock-a-Thon for Haiti parish ctr. The
Lifeteen and Edge kids will accept
Donations at all masses 1/6—1/14
January 20th Pork Roast Dinner 5:30pm Hall
Tickets will go on sale at all Masses
Beginning on January 6th
January 21st 9:30am 1st Communion
classes begin
January 27th Core Team Retreat
February 3rd Edge Retreat
February 10th Chicken Parmesan Dinner 5:30pm
February 14th Ash Wednesday
February 21st Girls only night 7pm hall

***Important parish information and
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Post on your fridge for future reference***

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