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**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday**

4:00 p.m. – Confessions at All Saints

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Janice V. Menard by The Estate

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30-8:05 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For The People

10:00-10:20 a.m. – Confessions at St. Isidore

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Alida Landry by Therese Begnoche

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Conversion of Loved Ones by JAN

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Late Advent Weekday**

6:00 p.m. – All Saints – NO MASS

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Late Advent Weekday**

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Janice V. Menard by The Estate

6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Penance Service

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

**Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Claude Desautels by Lisa Choquette

10:45 a.m. – Ave Maria, CCH – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Late Advent Weekday**

4:00 p.m. – Confessions at All Saints

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30-8:05 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Lois Chauvin

10:00-10:20 a.m. – Confessions at St. Isidore

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Grace Oakes by Betsy & Matt

**Please Pray For:** Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sara Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Amy Cochran, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Charles Paquette, Lucille Brooks, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, Daniel Corey, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Nicole D. Deschênes, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Alice Kinney, Terry Kneen, Kelly Ryan, Leonard & Sandy Embury, Christine Snider, Special Intention for a Parishioner, George Gates, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Shirley Donna, Terry Menard, Joseph Adams III, Hilaire Beauregard, Irena Boudreau, Randy Blaney, Agnes Mercier, and all Soldiers.

**To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462**

**Collection and Receipts: December 9, 2018**

<b>All Saints</b>	<i>Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$1,940.00</i>
Immaculate Conception	254.00
Offertory	1,131.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	256.00
Food Shelf	4.00
Energy	5.00
Christmas Flowers Donations	70.00
Votive Candles	42.86
Donation	500.00
Bottle Redemption	36.02

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Immaculate Conception	5.00
Offertory	120.00
<b>St. Isidore</b>	<i>Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$670.00</i>
Immaculate Conception	296.00
Offertory	457.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	135.00
Food Shelf	12.00
Christmas Flowers	35.00

**Second Collection:**

**December 16: No Second Collection**

**December 23: Energy**

**Lector Schedule:**

**St. Isidore**

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** 10:30 a.m.

Armand Auclair

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10:30 a.m.

John Kneen

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**All Saints**

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 p.m.

Youth Mass

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** 8:15 a.m.

Renée Patterson

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**All Saints**

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** 5:00 p.m.

John Weld

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** 8:15 a.m.

Lisa Choquette

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sat. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Mass 5pm followed by Nativity Play & Christmas Party at the hall. Please come and join us for good fellowship

**Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>:** NO CCD at Dorion Hall from 9:15am to 10:30am

**Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>:** God in the Flesh Advent Program with Fr. Stan at St. John the Baptist parish hall at 7pm

**Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>:** NO class -Discovering the Mass in the Bible with Angie @6:30pm –Returning Tuesday, January 8, 2019

**Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Penance Service at All Saints @6pm

**Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Rosary Cenacle at Our Lady of the Meadows @ 6pm

**Sat. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Free Community Luncheon 11 am – 1 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** NO CCD at Dorion Hall from 9:15am to 10:30am

**Sun. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Free Community Luncheon 4pm – 6pm

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

*Our Gift-Giving Program ends this weekend (the 16<sup>th</sup>). Please return your gifts prior to 10am Sunday. Also, if you can, please come at 10am on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> to help us sort the gifts.*

*Thank you!*

**Operation Happiness:** Operation Happiness' mission is to provide a holiday meal and toys to families in need. This year, NOTCH is operating Operation Happiness in Richford. **Any assistance they are able to receive is greatly appreciated as this is a challenging task.** A box for food is placed at back of All Saints Church for this project. **For any monetary or turkey donations, please call the rectory at 848-7741.**

**Nativity Play and Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> following the 5:00pm Youth Mass. The Nativity story will be read and reenacted by our CCD students at the Dorion Hall. Christmas activities and fellowship for all!

Pizza will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Bring a dessert to share if you are able.

Everyone welcome!



***Congratulations to Fr. Raj***  
**celebrating his 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of**  
**Ordination to the**  
**Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ**  
**on December 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
**God Bless you Fr. Raj!**

### Advent Communal Penance Service

**December 19 – All Saints 6 PM**

We are going to celebrate the Grace of Forgiveness as a parish at our Advent Penance Services. In Advent we perform these services to help us shake free from the attachments of sin and the distractions that keep us from recognizing the presence of God in our lives. Sin is often understood as an attempt to place an individual in the center of life, while the sacrament of Penance helps us put God in the center. As a parish we will use music, the Word of God, Examination of Conscience, praying the Confiteor and receive a Blessing to help us to embrace God's forgiveness. There will be four priests available for private confession (two who are visiting from local parishes). Make your Christmas extra special this year by celebrating God's Forgiveness with us. *Fr. Stan, SSE*

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00 PM @ St. John the Baptist

5:00 PM @ All Saints

8:00 PM @ All Saints concert at 7:30pm

9:00 PM @ St. John the Baptist – Christmas Carols at 8:30pm

#### Christmas Day - December 25

8:00 AM @ St. Anthony

8:15 AM @ All Saints

10:00 AM @ St. John the Baptist

10:30 AM @ St. Isidore

#### Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God-Holy Day of Obligation

**December 31** – Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM @ St. Isidore

6:00 PM @ St. Anthony

**January 1** – 9:00 AM @ St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM @ All Saints

6:00 PM @ St. John the Baptist

### ! HELP NEEDED !

The Church needs help in getting Christmas Flowers delivered from  
Claussen's Nursery in Colchester

to All Saints and St. Isidore on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you are able to assist,  
please call the office for more details 848-7741.

### St. Peter Canisius ~ Feast Day: December 21<sup>st</sup>

At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of Saint Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or imprisoned, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied.

In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany—from that point on his life's work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand—a great need of that age.

Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters—filling eight volumes—one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church—yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.

At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597. ~ Feast Day Dec. 21

### CATHOLIC TOWN MEETINGS

March 5th is Town Meeting Day this year in Vermont. I live in downtown Burlington at St. Joseph's rectory and, while I've voted on town meeting day, I haven't had a chance to attend the town meeting. What I've heard from various people who have attended town meetings all over the state is that these meetings are "democracy in action" because any citizen of the town may speak to the matters within the meeting or even propose matters for discussion. Of course, there are restrictions and proposals can be voted down and interventions can be limited in time and number. But the idea is that everyone present gets to hear what others have to say in order to come to some consensus about what the community as a whole should do.

This is why I am calling for our own **Catholic Town Meetings** to take place in January in six different places around the state (see below). I will come to the meeting, begin with a prayer, offer a few remarks about where we are as a Diocese and the Church here in Vermont, and then I will listen and respond as I can to what other "citizens" of the Church have to say. The meetings will start at 6:00 PM and end at 7:30 PM and they are open to anyone to attend. Please feel free to attend any of the meetings, not just by location. The six sites are chosen based on ease of access and are not intended to be a geographic districting.

All of this is part of a continuing effort to promote full transparency about Catholic matters in the state of Vermont. We are already seeing the fruits of our efforts to be more transparent; for example, the Diocese of Burlington is one of only two dioceses to receive a perfect score for our financial transparency in a nationwide survey of dioceses and archdioceses. In addition, a review committee of seven lay men and women is currently reviewing all clergy personnel files that contain a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy with the goal of publishing a list of the names of priest abusers. This is a significant endeavor as they are reading every file from cover to cover, not just a summary or excerpt. Finally, as the Diocesan Synod is concluding, I want to continue to be open and forthcoming about the outcomes of the synod process and the good direction in which we are moving as Catholics here in Vermont.

The operative frame for our discussion at the town meeting should be Christian charity and respectful listening focused on promoting the work of salvation in and through the Church. I think of St. Paul's admonition in his letter to the Ephesians, "only the good things that men [and women] need to hear, things that will raise them up." My hope is that those who come to the town meeting will speak in such a manner and that those who choose not to speak will listen with an open mind, as I will try to do so. I hope you can join me as we engage in this form of "ecclesiology in action."

God bless and Happy New Year.

*Bishop Coyne*

### "Save the Date" 2019 Town Meeting Schedule, 6-7:30pm

Jan 10: St. Mary's Church, 45 Fairfield Church, St. Albans

Jan 22: Holy Family Church, 4 Prospect St, Essex Junction

Jan 23: St. Theresa Church, 44 East St, Orleans

Jan 28: Sacred Heart Church, 238 Main St, Bennington

Jan 29: Christ the King Parish, 66 South Main Street, Rutland

Jan 31: St. John Vianney Church, 160 Hinesburg Rd, So Burlington