SECOND

Sunday of Advent

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December 8, 2019

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH
MERRIMACK, NH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7th
Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
4:30PM: In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered req by Larry & Pat

Sunday, December 8th
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30AM: Ted Etchings & Cindy Vanlier req by their family
10:30AM: Roger Bonenfant (5th Anniv) req by his wife

Monday, December 9th
Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
8:30AM: For all Parishioners
7:00 PM: Bette Tylock req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Tuesday, December 10th
8:10AM: Morning Prayer
8:30AM: For deceased priests of the Diocese

Wednesday, December 11th
Saint Damasus I, Pope
8:10AM: Morning Prayer
8:30AM: Joanne Schuttinger req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Thursday, December 12th
NO MASS

Friday, December 13th
St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
8:10AM: Morning Prayer
8:30AM: For the Intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday, December 14th
Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
4:30PM: William Fleming req by the Fleming family

Sunday, December 15th
Third Sunday of Advent
8:30AM: Robert Dwyer req by his family & for all parishioners
10:30AM: Antonius Johannes Franciscus Van den Eventuin req by his family

WOMEN AT THE WELL

Women at the Well will be meeting again on Saturday, December 14th from 9am to 11am in the Church Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Come join us as we discover the joy of drawing the water of Eternal Life from the well of the gospel message of Christ.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:30 PM
Sunday — 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri — 8:30 AM
Holy Days—8:30 AM with an anticipated vigil—7:00 PM

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MORNING MASS SNOW POLICY
It's that time again!

For the safety of our parishioners and also to give our maintenance staff a chance to clear walkways and to make sure the parking lot is plowed, if Merrimack schools are closed or if there is a delayed opening, Mass is cancelled. We will call to reschedule the Mass intention for that day.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of November 7th through December 13th is lit in memory of **Roger Bonenfant.**

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one, please call the parish office at 424-3757.

ADVENT OUTREACH

Advent (Christmas) Outreach Wreath
will be located in the main entrance of the Church

* Take a card off the large wreath in the main entrance of the Church

* Purchase the gift card listed, place the gift card in an envelope and place it in the Gift Card Collection Box under the tree. Gift cards should be returned by the weekend of **December 14th and 15th.**

Are you a parish family in need of help this Christmas or do you know of someone in need? Please let us know by calling the parish office at 424-3757 as soon as possible.

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PLEASE NOTE: *We are also collecting warm hats and puzzle books for the St Joseph's Community Services Meals on Wheels. You may place these items in the marked boxes located at all the entrances.* ***Please return these items as soon as possible.***

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019
4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 12 Midnight

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019
10:30 AM

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019
4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020
10:30AM

120 CLUB WINNERS

Week #18: Francis Mitchell & Sandra Mayo

Congratulations!!

TOOTHBRUSH COLLECTION

Evelyn Hagan and her medical team from St Rosa of Lima Parish in Littleton will again be going to support the people of San Francisco de la Plaza Olancho Honduras. She has asked if we could help her team again.

If you would like to help benefit Project Eden/Adelante (started by Fr. Dan St Laurent), please place a **NEW UNUSED MANUAL TOOTHBRUSH** in the red bin located at the main entrance of the church.

The collection bin will be at the main entrance of the church beginning this weekend until January 5th. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who continue to make the Blood drive a success. The many volunteers who set up, clean up, cook and stay during the Blood Drive to help make everyone's experience a positive one. We also would like to say a huge thank you to the community who donates blood. Your donations save many lives everyday. We collected 40 units of blood.

Merry Little Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 15, 2019
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall

Christmas Cookie Swap,
Hot Cocoa, Christmas Snacks,
Holiday Games, Movie and more.
St Nicholas will be joining us!

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to bake 2 dozen cookies to donate to our cookie swap. Please call the parish office at 424-3757 if you are willing to bake for this event.

COME JOIN US
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
Please join us for an evening of music, scripture and prayer

Soon we will enter the Season of Advent. **On Sunday evening, December 8th at 6:30 pm** in the Church we will gather for music and scripture as the parish once again presents Lessons and Carols.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. Mark your calendars and experience the true Spirit of Christmas.

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Weekend with us. Your commitment to our parish through our God's House, Our Home initiative will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your commitment card was not possible at Mass, an invitation to respond will be mailed later this week to your home.

Please return your Commitment Card to the office this week or in next week's collection. If you have not yet done so, join the many others and give your gift online through our electronic giving program. Please call the parish with any questions.

Blue Christmas Service

You are invited to a Blue Christmas Service which will be held at **St. James Church on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm.**

We sing, pray, share scripture and a message of hope, light candles and find comfort in the presence of God and each other.

Following the service there will be a table set up in the parlor with blue ornaments, slips of paper and pens. Folks are invited to write the name of a loved one or a personal struggle on the paper, roll it up and drop it into the ornament. You may then bring it home and place it on your tree—a quiet reminder of the grace of God extended to you.

Advent Reconciliation Service
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Nashua

A deanery wide Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, **December 15th at 2:00 pm** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Nashua.

As we prepare for Advent, come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness.

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