



*Fourth Sunday of*  
*Advent*

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

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*Our Lady of Mercy Parish*  
*Merrimack, NH*

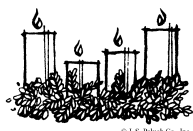
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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, December 22nd**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**4:30PM:** Yvonne Bouchard req by Rachel Watkins and  
for all parishioners

**SUNDAY, December 23rd**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:30AM:** Donald Olson req by his wife Arlene

**10:30AM:** Joan Marie Jameson req by Merrimack friends

**Monday, December 24th**

**Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord**

**4:00 PM:** Roland & Lucille Delude & Clayton &  
Helen Rush req by their children

**7:00 PM:** Teresa, Jill and Billy Fleming req by the  
Fleming family

**12:00AM:** Sharon Senick req by her daughter  
Andrea Dickson

**Tuesday, December 25th**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**10:30AM:** Jimmy Newman req by Tom & Elaine Lamb

**Wednesday, December 26th**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, December 27th**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, December 28th**

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30 AM:** Michael Hamm req by Bruce & Janet Angus

**Saturday, December 29th**

**Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**4:30PM:** Eleonor Diggins req by the Lamb Family

**SUNDAY, December 30th**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**8:30AM:** Brian & Bob Desroche req by their family

**10:30AM:** Thomas Patrick Ward req by Ron &  
Ingrid Fish

### **Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri:** 8:30 am

**Holy Days:** 8:30 am & 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, when Merrimack schools are closed or if there is a delayed opening, Mass is cancelled. We will call and re-schedule the Mass intention for that day.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If you have booked a Mass and would like for you or your family to bring up the gifts at that Mass, please let one of the ushers know before Mass begins.



Remember in your prayers the brave men and women who are serving in our military both here and abroad. We thank them for helping protect our liberties and our way of life.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018**

4:00 PM; 7:00 PM; 12 Midnight

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018**

10:30AM

## NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018**

4:00 PM

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019**

10:30 AM



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...  
COMING IN JANUARY—MEATBALL SUBS!!!**

Join us on the weekend of January 5th and 6th when we will once again be having a Meatball Sub Fund-raiser. Please come to the church hall after masses on that weekend and purchase Deacon John's amazing meatball subs for only \$5.00 each. Proceeds will go towards helping to defray the cost of those parishioners who will be traveling to Washington DC for the March for Life Walk in January.



Take time off from preparing a meal after the busy holiday season and pick up a few subs to either eat them immediately or take them home to warm up later. Either way you can't go wrong. They're amazing!!!

### ROSARY CENACLE



Our Lady of Mercy holds a Rosary Cenacle on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 am in the Church.

Cenacle is the name for the Upper Room where Jesus' Apostles gathered together in prayer with his Mother Mary and when the Holy Spirit powerfully descended upon them. Our Blessed Mother has asked that we gather with her in prayer and love as did the first Apostles.

**Please join us on January 5th at 8:30 am in Church.**

*Are you looking to start back on your Journey of Faith? Are you ready? The road to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation is ahead if you are ready.*

Do you want to complete your Catholic Sacraments of Initiation? Perhaps you want to get on the road—to come to the Catholic Church—to be Baptized and start on your Journey of Faith? Did you receive your First Communion and then get side tracked and never got around to celebrating Confirmation? It is never too late to get back on the road and continue on your faith journey. It is never too late to receive your First Communion or Confirmation and to step right back into your last footsteps of your faith journey and begin again as an adult.



The  
gift of  
faith

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This is an exciting process especially designed for adults who want to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Don't hesitate if you are ready. Just call the parish office at 424-3757 and speak with Marie Dancy, our Pastoral Associate. She will give you all the details and help you get started.

## Second Sunday of Advent

### ***FORMED.ORG***

This is a new online platform which provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Institute Press, and St. Paul Center—right at your fingertips—on your laptop, tablet or smartphone!!

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- \* Enrich your marriage with the award-winning video Beloved
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Watch the video previews before or after all Masses in the entrance to the Church all through Advent.

## ***120 CLUB WINNERS***

### **WEEK # 20:**

**\$250.00:** Maria Gannon  
**\$100.00:** Richard & Jeanine Mattson  
**\$ 50.00:** Sharyn Foster  
**\$ 50.00:** Shirley Small  
**\$ 25.00:** Doris Provencher  
**\$ 25.00:** Peg Iannacone  
**\$ 25.00:** Jeanne Fandozzi  
**\$ 25.00:** Pamela Coppinger

Congratulations to all our winners and to another successful 120 Club. Watch the bulletin in January for the beginning of a new club.

*Congratulations!*

## ***Sanctuary Lamp***

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of December 22nd through December 28th is lit **in memory of Paul Lacasse and Carol Hagman.**



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

### ***PROJECT EDEN ADELANTE HONDURAS***

*Alleviating Malnutrition & Educating the people of the San Francisco De La Paz Area*



#### ***TOOTHBRUSH COLLECTION***

Please place **NEW, MANUAL** toothbrushes—adult and child sizes needed—in the collection bin at the main entrance of the church.

For other ways to help, to donate or to find out about the mission trips, go to [www.projectedenhonduras.org](http://www.projectedenhonduras.org).

### **ROSARY CALENDAR SIGN UP**

Praying the Rosary is a wonderful way to ask our Blessed Mother to bring peace to our hearts and to offer spiritual support for life at all stages and in all vocations. Through prayer you can make a difference.

Each day of January 2019 will be dedicated to a specific intention. There is a large calendar in the main entrance of the church for you to sign your name on the day you choose to recite the rosary. Each day may be chosen by more than one person.

Pray for families, for our priests, for the elderly, the unborn and our government leaders. **Sign ups will begin on the weekend of January 5th and 6th** and will continue throughout the month of January. Please join us in praying the rosary.

**The Parish Offices will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019**



**Parish Offices are open from 9am to 12 noon on December 26, 27 and 28. We will reopen for regular hours (9am to 3 pm) on January 2, 2019.**

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**Kathy**