

December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY

of  
*Advent*

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

***OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH***  
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## ***MASS INTENTIONS***

**Saturday, December 21st**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**4:30PM:** Norman Peppin req by his wife and  
for all parishioners

**Sunday, December 22nd**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:30AM:** Pat Hayes req by the Hayes family

**10:30AM:** Jimmie Alice Blackmon req by  
the Lamb family

**Monday, December 23rd**

**St John of Kkanty, Priest**

**8:15AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For the intentions of John & Joyce Harrahy  
(50th Wedding celebration) req by Nannette Martini

**Tuesday, December 24th**

**Vigil: Nativity of the Lord**

**4:00 PM:** Don Olson req by his wife Arlene

**7:00 PM:** Teresa, Jill & William Fleming req by the  
Fleming Family

**12:00AM:** Frank Candelieri req by his loving family

**Wednesday, December 25th**

**Nativity of the Lord**

**10:30 AM:** Marylin Scionti req by Deborah Cantwell

**Thursday, December 26th**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, December 27th**

**St John, Apostle & Evangelist**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For the intentions of Riley Paquette req by  
her grandmother Rose

**Saturday, December 28th**

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

**4:30PM:** Donna Brown req by the Hospitality Ministry

**Sunday, December 29th**

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

**8:30AM:** Bob Desroche ((20th Anniv) req by Phyllis  
and for all parishioners

**10:30AM:** Nicole Ayotte req by her family

## **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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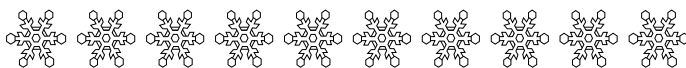
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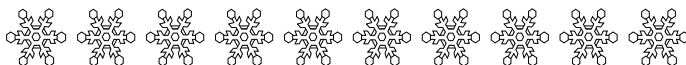


## ***MORNING MASS SNOW POLICY***

***It's that time again!***



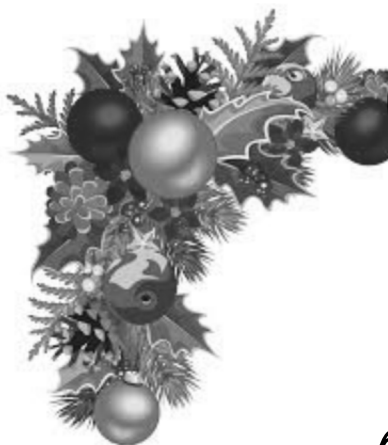
For the safety of our parishioners and also to  
give our maintenance staff a chance to clear  
walkways and to make sure the parking lot is  
plowed, if Merrimack schools are closed or if  
there is a delayed opening, Mass is cancelled.  
We will call to reschedule the Mass intention  
for that day.



## **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.





# 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 #20:**

**\$250.00.....Debra Chartier**

**\$100.00.....Nancy Murphy**

**\$ 50.00.....Doris Lacasse**

**\$ 50.00.....Pam Coppinger**

**\$ 25.00.....Rachel Watkins**

**\$ 25.00.....Terry Maki**

**\$ 25.00.....Rose Hurd**

**\$ 25.00.....Tammy Peavey**

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



## SPEND A DAY WITH MATTHEW

This presentation on Matthew will help us to better understand the gospel readings of the year, and will help us to enjoy the particular treasure that Matthew's gospel offers.

On Tuesday morning January 14th at 9:15 AM in the Church hall and again on Thursday evening, January 16th at 6:30 PM in the Parish center there will be a presentation about the Gospel of Matthew. This is offered in preparation of Cycle A which began on the first Sunday of Advent and extends throughout 2020.

## TOOTHBRUSH COLLECTION

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.



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ENJOY!

## SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of December 21st through December 27th is lit in memory of **Paul Lacasse & Carol Hagman**

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.

### Christmas Office Hours

**The Parish Offices will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31 & January 1, 2020.**



**Parish Offices are open from 9am to 12 noon on December 27, and January 30th. We will resume regular hours (9am to 3pm) on January 2, 2020**



## GOD'S HOUSE, OUR HOME



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments should be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, January 12 in order to be accounted for in the final summary report.

Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

## MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph is a group of men who meet on a monthly basis to learn and pray together and encourage each other. All are welcome!

Life can be a struggle as we strive to balance the many facets of our lives: husband, father, son, worker, friend, mentor and caregiver.

It can be easier when we find others who share and are committed to our goals and who, through St. Joseph's example, help us to become the best version of ourselves.

**Our next meeting will take place in the Church hall on Saturday, January 4th at 7:00 am.** Breakfast will be served. Please join us.

## Rosary Cenacle

Our Lady of Mercy Parish holds a Rosary Cenacle on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 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 4th at 8:00 am in Church.

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