



First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015



MASS INTENTIONS

November 28 – December 6

SAT 7:30 pm Reda Connor
-by the family

SUN 9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am In Thanksgiving
(Fr. Bill's 35th Anniversary)

Daily Masses

MON 8:30 am Robert Giroux - 15th Anniversary
-by Fr. Bill

TUE 8:30 am Marge Maynard
-by Pat Westhoff

WED 8:30 am Maria Rigos
-by Louise Covi

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

THU 8:30 am Deceased Members of the Alfred
Furkey Family - *-by the Amanda Furkey Estate*

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm Jason Burleson
-by his family

SUN 9:00 am For the Parishioners
11:00 am Johanna & Lynford Lumbr
-by Craig & Joan Lumbr

Please pray for those who are ill, particularly:
Maureen Ryan Cooper, Judy Vanslette, Tammy
Tinker, Ava Crowley, Mike Paradee, Hortense
Vanslette, Ruby Gonyea, Shaun Lavalette,
Michelle Baker, Denise Brier, Mary Ann Hranek,
Louise Covi, Bishop Kenneth Angell, Carter
Paradee, Sunni Tipper, Mary Gebo, Paul Baker,
Cynthia Lawyer, Margaret Ryan and Joyce
Levesque.

Prayers for Deceased: Connie Madison

This Week:

Monday, Nov. 30, 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm - Adoration

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
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Sat., Dec. 5

7:30 Susan Magnan	Patty Cross	Frank Persons Jeanne Persons
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Altar Servers: Sarah & Elizabeth Magnan

Sun., Dec. 6

9:00 Melinda Malone	Libby Norris Cecile Callan	Mary Schreindorfer Henry Magnan
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Altar Servers: Ben Archambault, Anthony Andrews, Nicolas Farinaccio

11:00 Darlene Symons	Helen Bushey	Mary Ovitt
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Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Nov. 21 - 22

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony-St. George
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Offertory:	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 401.00
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20 Wk. Average:	\$ 1,228.00	\$ 384.00
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Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 370.00
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Appeal:	\$ 447 .00	\$ 135.00
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Second Collection:

Dec. 12 – 13: Retirement for Religious

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Nov. 29 - **Grades 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10**

6 – 7 pm at St. Patrick Church

Monday, Nov. 30 – **Grade 4**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – **Grades 6 & 8**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – **Grades 3 & 5**

3 – 4 pm at St. Patrick Church

Envelopes and Calendars: Boxes of contribution envelopes for 2016 are now available at the back of the church for those who used them in 2015. Please pick up yours and take it home. Also, there are calendars for 2016 for you to take home. We thank Spears Funeral Home for so generously providing them.

Year of Mercy:

Pope Francis has declared a year of Mercy, from Tuesday, December 8, 2015 through Sunday, November 20, 2016. In this

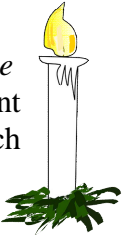


diocese, the first celebration will be on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington. You are all invited to attend that celebration which will include the ceremony for the opening of the Holy Door. To receive the plenary indulgence on that day (or any other day) the pilgrim must make a sacramental Confession; receive Holy Communion; pass through the Holy Door at St. Joseph with the intention of receiving the indulgence; and, pray at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary for the intentions of the Pope. You may receive this indulgence more than once during the year, but only once a day. The indulgence can be applied to yourself or to a soul in purgatory. Note: This ceremony is not a Mass, but a special procession led by the Bishop with the Rite for the Opening of the Holy Door. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards. Please join Catholics around the world on this day for the inauguration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the individual dioceses. The Holy Door will remain open until November 2016 during which time group and individual pilgrimages are encouraged.

Why a “Year of Mercy”? The overarching goal of the Jubilee Year is personal conversion. There are three emphases for the Jubilee Year: the pilgrimage, the Holy Door indulgence and performing Works of Mercy. The pilgrimage represents the physical expression of the desire for conversion; the Holy Door is the physical expression of the invisible grace of the indulgence. The Holy Door is a sacramental. The Works of Mercy represent the apostolic dimension of the Father’s mercy made concrete through the members of the Church.

Pamphlets and prayer cards: Pamphlets explaining the Year of Mercy and Holy Cards may be found at the church entrances. Please pick them up if you would like them.

Advent Booklets: *Five Minutes with the Word*, a booklet of readings for the Advent season, is now available at the church entrances. Please pick up a copy and take it home.



Annual Advent Appeal: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the 21st Annual Advent Appeal. Your generosity is essential as the “Season of Giving” has no bounds for people in need. Many Vermonters are struggling to put daily bread on the table or to keep the lights and heat on in their homes. Last year, Vermont Catholic Charities provided assistance to over 1,407 individuals. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or more, it will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org.

Christmas Bazaars:

All on December 5, 2015

All Saints, Richford

St. Ann, Milton

St. Anthony-St. George,

East Fairfield

St. Patrick, Fairfield

St. Rose of Lima, South Hero



Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Saturday: David Williams **Sunday:** Brian Howrigan, Cole Lapointe, Julie Madison, Christopher Messier, Betty Ryan, Roy St. Pierre **Monday:** Nicholas Jettie, David Persons, Marie St. Pierre **Tuesday:** Elaine Magnan, Jacob McNall, Keegan Norris **Wednesday:** Derek Hungerford **Thursday:** D. Anthony Howrigan **Friday:** Faith Howrigan **Saturday:** Derek Jettie



Breakfast at St. Mary’s: First Sunday of every month from 8:00 – 11:30 am at the St. Mary’s Parish Center on Fairfield Street in St. Albans. Menu includes ham, eggs, fried potatoes, pancakes, fruit, juice and coffee.