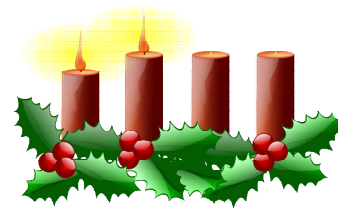




Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015



MASS INTENTIONS

December 5-13

SAT 7:30 pm Jason Burluson
-by his family

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

Daily Masses

MON 8:30 am Deceased Members of the Alfred Furkey Family – *by the Amanda Furkey Estate*

TUE The Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 am (at St. Anthony-St. George)
Dr. Tom Howrigan *-by his estate*

7:30 pm For the Parishioners

WED 8:30 am Amanda & Henry Furkey
-by the estate

THU 8:30 am Pat Cheney
-by Father Bill

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm Gini Young
-by Richard, Jim & Kathy Howrigan

SUN 9:00 am Virginia “Grandma Jane” Minor
-by Tate Archambault

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Holy Day of Obligation: Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as listed above.

Please pray for those who are ill, particularly: Maureen Ryan Cooper, Judy Vanslette, Tammy Tinker, Ava Crowley, 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: Mike Paradee, Deacon Gary Griffin, David Chaplin

Next Week’s Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Dec. 12		
7:30 Beth Branon	Linda Callan	Marty Magnan Frank Persons
Altar Servers: Margaret Tiffany, Liam Howrigan		
Sun., Dec. 13		
9:00 Gail & April Williams	Janice & Jim Adams	Sarah Menard Norm Menard
Altar Servers: Wilson Capone, Lauren-Kate Garceau		
11:00 Mike Morse	Joy Kane	Linda Watson
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Nov. 28 - 29

St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
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<u>Offertory:</u>	\$ 1,234.00	\$ 281.00
Online Giving:	\$ 360.00	\$ 300.00
21 Wk. Average:	\$ 1,244.00	\$ 393.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 370.00

Second Collection:

Dec. 12 – 13: Retirement for Religious

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Dec. 6 - **Grades 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10**

6 – 7 pm at St. Patrick Church

Monday, Dec. 7 – **Grade 4**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Dec. 9 – **Grades 6 & 8**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Dec. 9 – **Grades 3 & 5**

3 – 4 pm at St. Patrick Church

Operation Happiness: If you are able, Operation Happiness needs at least 15 turkeys for distribution during the Christmas holiday season. 12 – 14 pounds is ideal but larger is okay if you cannot find smaller ones. Please leave at the back door of the rectory by noon on Thursday, December 10. Canned goods are also needed and may be left inside the back door of the rectory by noon on December 10.

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.

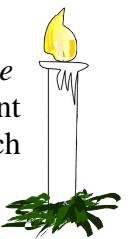
Why a “Year of Mercy”? The overarching goal of the Jubilee Year is personal conversion. There are three emphases for the Jubilee Year: the pilgrimage, the Holy Door indulgence and performing Works of Mercy. We practice the *Corporal Works of Mercy* when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. We practice the *Spiritual Works of Mercy* when we counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

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.

The Light Is On For You: An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation is being extended on Wednesday, December 16th from 6-8 pm in all Vermont Catholic churches. Father Bill will be available for Confessions during those hours at St. Patrick’s. As a part of your Advent preparation for Christmas, you may choose to celebrate the sacrament in any church on the evening of December 16.

Confessions: Before the 7:30 Saturday evening Masses (6:45 – 7:15), before the 9:00 Sunday morning Masses (8:15 – 8:45), and after the 11:00 Sunday morning Masses when requested, Father Bill will be available for Confessions between now and Christmas.

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.



Thank You: Thank you so much for your generous support of the Community Center’s Thanksgiving project. As you join your family and friends we hope for all the joys of the holiday for you.

-Fairfield Community Center

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.

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



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Saturday: Derek Jettie **Sunday:** Alissa Berry, Lisa Howrigan, Micah Murray
Monday: Kaleb Branon, Henry Magnan, Katherine Martin **Tuesday:** Colby Dukas, Brian Howrigan, Alex Howrigan **Wednesday:** Judy Callan, Sarah Howrigan, Theresa Larose **Thursday:** Bradley Adams, Mark Howrigan, Peggy Howrigan, Ruth Mangan **Saturday:** William Howrigan