



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015



MASS INTENTIONS

December 12 - 20

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

Daily Masses

MON 8:30 am Deceased members of the Henry Raymo Family – *by the Amanda Furkey Estate*

TUE 8:30 am Dr. Tom Howrigan
-by his estate

WED 8:30 am Brother Guy Roddy
-by Richard, Jim & Kathy Howrigan

THU 8:30 am Deceased members of the Charles Branon Family – *by the estate*

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm Dr. Tom Howrigan
-by his estate

SUN 9:00 am W. Robert Howrigan, Sr.
-by Virginia & family

11:00 am For the Parishioners

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.

Decorating for Christmas: Next Sunday, December 21, we will be decorating the churches for Christmas after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. We welcome all who wish to help.



Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Dec. 19		
7:30 Candi Branon	Susan Howrigan	Susan Rainville Andrew Rainville
Altar Servers: Leah, Hannah, & Kayleigh Branon		
Sun., Dec. 20		
9:00 Robert Norris	Libby Norris Cecile Callan	Pat Reynolds Libby Norris
Altar Servers: Ben Archambault, Anthony Andrews, Nicolas Farinaccio		
11:00 Steve & Margaret Doe	Marie St. Pierre	Mary Ovitt
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Dec. 5 - 6		
	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
Offertory:	\$ 1,151.00	\$ 391.00
22 Wk. Average:	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 393.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 370.00

Second Collection:
 Dec. 19 – 20: *projects and food shelf*
Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Dec. 13 - **Grades 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10**
 6 – 7 pm at St. Patrick Church

Monday, Dec. 14 – **Grade 4**
 3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – **Grades 6 & 8**
 3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – **Grades 3 & 5**
 3 – 4 pm at St. Patrick Church

Bazaar Reports: St. Patrick and St. Anthony-St. George Parishes both ran very successful bazaars again this year. We thank everyone who made these successes possible. Prize lists will be available next week. The following figures are the net profits after expenses were deducted.

St. Patrick	\$ 9,518.90
St. Anthony-St. George	\$ 1,131.00

Merciful Like the Father:

On Sunday, December 13, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne will open the Holy Door of Mercy to begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a worldwide extraordinary jubilee



declared by his Holiness, Pope Francis. The year will be celebrated through November 2016, to highlight the Catholic Church’s mission to be a witness of mercy in the world today. Join us in discovering the graces the Lord has in store for the Diocese of Burlington throughout this Holy Year.

Please plan to attend the Opening at 3:00 PM, on Sunday, at Saint Joseph Co-Cathedral (20 Allen Street Burlington, VT) or watch a live feed of the event online, to be followed by a recorded program at a later date.

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule: The same schedule that we have had for the past few years: Christmas Eve: Children’s Mass at 4:00 pm and a second Christmas Eve Mass at 7:30 pm; both at St. Patrick. The Christmas Morning Mass will be at 10:00 am at St. Anthony-St. George. **Those children who wish to be a part of the pageant for the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass should come to the church for rehearsal on Sunday, December 20 at 5:15 pm.**

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

Christmas Ministers: Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers wishing to serve at the Christmas Masses, please make your desire known to Father Bill or sign up on the sign up sheet in the sacristy after Mass today.

The Light Is On For You: An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation is being extended on Wednesday, December 16 from 6:30-8 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.

High School Youth Conference: This summer, the Catholic Diocese of Burlington is planning to send a group of teens to an amazing spiritual and really fun Youth Conference taking place in Lowell, Massachusetts on July 15 – 17. Since this is a regional event, registration for this event will fill up within days. Therefore, we need an idea of the number of attendees. In order to secure spots for this trip, please submit a \$50 check and the necessary Adult-Youth authorization and liability release forms by January 10, 2016. For registration information, please visit the Diocesan webpage, www.vermontcatholic.org. In the menu, simply click on Education, then open the Youth Ministry tab. The conference information is labeled “Steubenville East.” Please note, this conference is open to all high school teens, including current 8th graders who will be entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2016.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Saturday: William Howrigan **Sunday:** Nicolas Farinaccio, Cari Howrigan, John Musick, Charlotte Pudvah **Monday:** Martin Magnan **Tuesday:** Donald Bushey, Whitney Montgomery, Tim Perkins **Wednesday:** Kevin Howrigan **Thursday:** Pam Cullen, Lawrence Howrigan, Andy Sausville **Friday:** Jillian Foley, Chad Hale, Alex Howrigan **Saturday:** Libby Norris, Emily Trombley