

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016



MASS INTENTIONS

December 17 - 25

SAT 7:30 pm For the Parishioners
SUN 9:00 am W. Robert Howrigan
-by Virginia Howrigan & Family
11:00 am John & Theresa Perras
-by Friends of Union Bank

Daily Mass

MON 11:00 am Funeral Mass for
 Jacqueline Tetreault
TUE 8:30 am Dr. Tom Howrigan
-by his estate
WED 8:30 am The Magnan Family
-by Henry & Loretta Magnan
THU 8:30 am Rev. Francis Candon
-by Henry & Loretta Magnan
FRI No Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

SAT Christmas Eve (at St. Patrick)
4:00 pm Mass with Children
For the Parishioners
7:30 pm Mass with Choir
Special Intention
SUN Christmas Day (at St. Anthony-St. George)
10:00 am *Special Intention*



Please pray for those who are ill, particularly:
 Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, John
 Maynard, Patty Cross, June Morin, Ruby Minor, Cole
 Paquette and George Jenkins.

Prayers for Deceased: Jacqueline Tetreault



Christmas Pageant: As in the past,
 the children will present a Christmas
 Pageant at the Christmas Eve 4:00 pm
 Mass. Rehearsal for this will be on
 Sunday, December 18 at 5:15pm. All
 are welcome! Contact Candi Branon
 at 827-3673.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., December 24		
4:00 Susan Magnan Candi Branon		Marty Magnan Jeanne & Frank Persons
Altar Servers: Hannah Branon		
7:30 Bob Norris		
Altar Servers: Ben & Tate Archambault		Libby Norris
Sun., December 25		
10:00 Steve & Margaret Doe		Linda Watson
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – December 10 – 11, 2016

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
Offertory:	\$ 1,049.00	\$ 424.00
24-week average:	\$ 1,259.00	\$ 398.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 385.00
Retirement for		
Religious:	\$ 602.00	\$ 183.00

Second Collections:

December 17 – 18: Projects and Food Shelf
December 24 – 25: Christmas

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 18 – **Grades 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 and 10**
 6 – 7 pm at St. Patrick Church
 Wednesday, Dec. 21 – **Grades 4 & 8**
 3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School
 Wednesday, Dec. 21 – **Grades 3 & 5**
 3 – 4 pm at St. Patrick Church

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

Christmas Schedule: This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. The regular Sunday schedule will be changed to a more traditional Christmas schedule which will be as follows: Christmas Eve, Saturday: Masses at 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. Patrick, and Christmas morning, Sunday: Mass at 10:00 am at St. Anthony-St. George. There will be two collections because Christmas is on Sunday: the regular weekly Sunday Offering and the annual Christmas Offering. Those using envelopes will find both of these envelopes in their boxes.

Decorating for Christmas:

Decorating of the churches will follow the Sunday morning Masses on December 18th. Any help will be welcomed and appreciated.



Retirement Fund for Religious: Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



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 for St. Patrick and St. Anthony-St. George are available at the back of the churches. The figures below reflect the gross revenues for each bazaar.

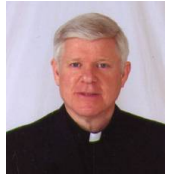
St. Patrick: \$11,006.50
St. Anthony-St. George: \$ 1,415.00

Schola Christmas Performance: Dr. William Tortolano, Saint Michael's College organist emeritus and fine arts/music professor emeritus will conduct the Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola (a men's vocal group) on Monday December 19th at 7:30 pm at Nativity Parish in Swanton. Founded fifteen years ago by Tortolano, the Schola has given more than 100 concerts and sacred services in New England, Quebec and on public television. A free will offering will be taken up at the performance.

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

Dear Friends,

I am incredibly grateful for and deeply appreciate all the efforts which went into making this year's Christmas Bazaars so successful. Once again, the efforts of very many people brought about great results. Many contributions helped to make these bazaars some of the most successful ever. The organization and execution were superb; the day itself ran very smoothly, like a well-oiled machine! The raffles were hugely successful. The baked goods were numerous and the best ever! Thank you to all who contributed in any way, but especially to those handful of women who gave so many hours organizing, setting up, and running the bazaars. Without you each year this would not happen. As you know, we rely on the profits from the bazaars to help us in our parishes. They make a big difference and we are truly grateful to all of you who played a part in this. God bless you!



-Father Bill

March for Life Youth Pilgrimage: The Diocese will sponsor a bus trip for Vermonters to show their support for life at this annual event. Buses will leave January 26 and return January 28. This will be an extended itinerary for youth groups and their chaperones to include visits to several shrines in the DC area and an overnight stay. A second bus for individual adults or those traveling with their families will offer a shortened visit with overnight bus travel in each direction. For more information, contact: Office of Respect Life Ministries, respectlife@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-658-6110, ext. 1176.

Monthly Prayer for Priests: Would you pray for a priest each day? A request for your daily prayers for one of the priests of our diocese is made available each month. Copies are at the church entrances. For example, on Monday, December 5, you were requested to keep in your prayers "Father William Giroux."

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Saturday: Pamela Cullen, Lawrence Howrigan
Sunday: Jillian Rolla, Chad Hale, Alex Howrigan
Monday: Alyssa Callan, Libby Norris, Emily Trombley
Tuesday: Dylan Callan, Darren Callan, Rita Lavallee
Thursday: Jack McNall, Sarah Montgomery
Friday: Natalie Branon, Daniel Howrigan
Saturday: Nora Kittell, Kamryn Montague, Brendan Schreindorfer

