

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## December 31, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Dec. 30 – Jan. 6*

**SAT 7:30 pm** For the Parishioners  
**SUN 9:00 am** Wilma Forand  
*-by Patty and Mark Couture*  
**11:00 am** Special Intention

#### Daily Mass:

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**MON 9:00 am** Bazio and Rachel Capone  
*-by the Capone family*

**TUES 8:30 am** Deceased Members of the Charles Branon family  
*-by the estate*

**WED 8:30am** Beatrice Touchette  
*-by Louise Covi*

**WED Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**9:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**THUR 8:30 am** Amanda and Henry Furkey  
*-by the estate*

**FRI** No Mass

#### Next Weekend:

**SAT 7:30 pm** Grady Howrigan  
*-by the family*

**SUN 9:00 am** Billy Howrigan  
*-by the family*

**11:00 am** For the Parishioners



### Next Week's Ministers:

	Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sat., Jan. 6</b>			
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Susan Magnan	Rose Peno	Jeanne Persons Frank Persons
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Liam, Nolan, Gabe Howrigan		
<b>Sun., Jan. 7</b>			
<b>9:00 am</b>	Robert Norris	Libby Norris Cecile Callan	Mary Schreindorfer Henry Magnan
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Anthony Andrews, Jade Garceau		
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Gail Williams		
<b>11:00 am</b>	Mike Morse	Helen Bushey	Mary Ovitt
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Don and Linda Watson		

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Dec. 24 – Dec. 25

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony
		-St. George
<b>Offertory:</b>	\$934.00	\$304.00
26 Week average:	\$1,209.00	\$376.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,275.00	\$385.00
Christmas:	\$2,019.00	\$735.00

**Thank you for your continuing generosity!**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

*No Religious Education Classes  
until January 21, 2018*

**Please pray for those who are ill:** particularly: Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, Jerry Yates, Alex Rocheleau, Don Connor, Paul Baker, Kathy Alarie, Victoria Thompson, Susan Garrow, June Morin, Alice Baker, and Cecile Garrett.

**Prayers for Deceased:** Mary Gebo, sister of Terri Menard.

**Monday, January 1:** Monday is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is **not** a day of obligation in 2018 as the solemnity falls on a Monday; however, it is a day to still keep holy, and it is New Year's Day. We will have a Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 9:00am on Monday. Come and celebrate the beginning of the new year with us!

**Contribution Envelopes:** If you would like 2018 envelopes, please contact us at the rectory 827-3203. By using the envelopes, we can provide you with an annual statement of contributions for tax filing purposes. In 2018, when you use your new envelopes, please write your names on them for a few weeks. Thank you.

**Breakfast at St. Mary's:** On Sunday January 7 from 8-11am Breakfast will be served at St. Mary's Parish Center, Fairfield Street in St. Albans. The menu will be Ham, Eggs, Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice and Coffee. The cost is \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 per family.

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! It does not seem possible that another year is upon us. So much happened last year. I am grateful for the many blessings bestowed upon me personally and upon our parishes. Despite all the troubles and worries that surround us we have much to give thanks for. On a personal note, December 31<sup>st</sup> is a special day for me. It was on this day in 1950 that my parents brought me to St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington to be baptized. So, this is my Christian birthday!

I want to thank all who helped during Advent and Christmas to serve at the Masses, provide music, decorate the churches, and support the parishes with your talents and treasures. I thank all who gave and sent me cards, gifts, and goodies for Christmas. Your kindnesses to me were much appreciated. May God bless your continuing generosity.

- Father Bill

**Year of the Family:** Following a successful Year of Creation in the Diocese of Burlington, 2018 will be celebrated throughout the Catholic Church in Vermont as the Year of the Family with a particular focus on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the family, "Amoris Laetitia," ("The Joy of Love"). This Year of the Family will offer us a year to ponder the Church's teaching on the family and embrace it ourselves," Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne said in announcing the special Celebration. Among the components of this special year will be a new diocesan Pre-Cana program, a World Marriage Day anniversary Mass, a Catholic men's conference and diocesan women's retreat, the annual Family Mass at St. Anne's Shrine and other diocesan-wide and parish activities that are still developing.

#### **WORD OF LIFE**

"Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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

#### **The Diocesan Synod Prayer:**

Almighty and ever-living God, you continually guide and sustain your pilgrim Church, which you established as "the universal sacrament of salvation." Direct the Church in Vermont during this time of preparation for the Diocesan Synod. Help us to discern the signs of the time wisely, that we may joyfully proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. May we never fail to trust that "with God, all things are possible" We ask this, with the help of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for Us.

#### **Regional Listening Session with Bishop Coyne:**

As a part of our preparation for the Diocesan Synod, Bishop Coyne will be holding three regional listening sessions in January. These will be similar in format to the parish listening sessions, but with the bishop present to hear people's input. The session in our area will be held on Saturday, January 13, from 2:00-3:30pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Burlington. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this session.

**Catholic Men's Conference:** The First annual Vermont Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday February 17, 2018 from 9am- 3:30pm. at the Holy Family Parish Center, 28 Lincoln Street Essex Junction, Vermont. Mass will be with Bishop Coyne. Please register at: [vermontcatholic.org/men](http://vermontcatholic.org/men)

**Rally for Life Mass and March:** On Saturday January 13, 2018 Catholics are invited to join Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne for the annual Rally for Life Mass at St. Augustine Church, 16 Barre St., Montpelier at 9:30 am, followed by the Rally for Life March at 10:45 am.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** **Saturday:** Noah Hurlbut **Sunday:** Nicholas Greenwood, Hanna Stone Jr. **Monday:** Amanda Corey, Liz Reed, William Schoembs, Chuck Thomas, Mark St. Pierre **Tuesday:** Kaitlin Mangan, Michelle Messier, Audria Bryce **Wednesday:** George Archambault **Thursday:** Margaret Magnan, Teresa Hale **Saturday:** Jenny Madison, Matthew Van Brocklin