



First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 2. – Dec. 10

- SAT 7:30 pm** Jason Burleson
-by the family
- SUN 9:00 am** Wilma Forand
-by Patty and Marc Couture
- 11:00 am** For the Parishioners
- Daily Mass:**
- MON 8:30 am** Amanda and Henry Furkey
-by the estate
- TUES 8:30 am** Patty Cross
-by Greg and Pauline Caron
- WED 8:30 am** Anne Howrigan
-by Louise and John Covi

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

THUR 8:30 am Deceased Members of the
Charles Branon Family
-by the estate

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary – Holy day of Obligation**

FRI 9:00 am (at St. Anthony-St. George)
For the Parishioners

5:30 pm Patty Cross
-by Janice and Jim Adams

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Lynford and Johanna Lumbra
-by Craig and Joan Lumbra

SUN 9:00 am Deceased Members of the L.J.
and Nell Rowley Family
-by the Anne Howrigan family

11:00 am For the Parishioners

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, Mary Gebo, June Morin
and Cecile Garrett.

The Word Among Us: Copies of *The Word Among
Us* are available at the church entrances. It has daily
Mass readings and Daily Meditations for Advent
2017. Please take one home to read during Advent.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Dec. 9		
7:30 pm Beth Branon	Linda Callan	Susan Rainville Andrew Rainville
Altar Server: Margaret Tiffany, Isaiah Magnan		
Sun., Dec. 10		
9:00 am Robert Norris	Libby Norris Cecile Callan	Pat Reynolds Libby Norris
Altar Servers: Nicolas Farinaccio		
Gift Bearers: Robert and Libby Norris		
11:00 am Mike Morse	Helen Bushey	Mary Ovitt
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		
Gift Bearers: Jerry and Jane Brigham		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Nov. 25 - Nov. 26

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
Offertory:	\$ 1,309.00	\$ 210.00
22 Week average:	\$ 1,221.00	\$ 385.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 385.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 660.00	\$ 360.00

Second Collections:

Dec. 2-3: Christmas Flowers

Dec. 9-10: Retirement for Religious

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 3 - **Grades 2, 6, 7, 9, and 10**
St. Patrick Church, 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 6 – **Grades 1, 4, and 8**

Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 6 – **Grades 3 and 5**

St. Patrick Church 3:20-4:20 pm

Contribution Envelopes: Boxes of envelopes for
2018 are now available at the back of the church for
those who used them in 2017. Please pick up your
envelopes, and take them with you. If you are not
currently using envelopes and wish to begin, 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.

WORD OF LIFE

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

First Reconciliation: Thirteen of our children in second grade will receive First Reconciliation this coming Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 am. These same children will be making their First Communion in May, 2018. Please keep them in your prayers.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: This Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 9:00 am at St. Anthony-St. George, and 5:30pm at St. Patrick. Masses in St. Albans are as follows: Holy Angels-Thursdays, Vigil Mass-5:15pm, Friday 8:00am and 7:00pm. St. Mary's 12:00pm (noon) and 5:30pm.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Your donation works for aging religious. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Advent Appeal - 2017

Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The “Season of Giving” has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families, with your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift 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/adventappeal.

Breakfast at St. Mary's: On Sunday December 3, 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.

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

Diocesan Synod: In preparation for next year's Diocesan Synod, Bishop Coyne has asked that “listening sessions” be conducted in all parishes. These sessions will allow everyone to be a part of the conversation and share their views. Three questions are offered for reflection:

1. As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well?
2. What are we doing that we should be doing better?
3. What are we not doing that we should be doing?

Our listening session will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Monday evening, December 4th at 7:00 pm. We invite you to join us and share your views. Also, Bishop Coyne has asked that we pray the official Synod Prayer, in preparation for next year's Synod:

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.

Best Advent Ever: Remember getting ready for Christmas when you were a child? From decorating the tree to baking cookies, each moment brought you excitement and joy. Preparing for Christmas can be as joyful as it was then. Don't let this be just another Advent where you get distracted and busy. Rediscover the joy in the season with Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you to have a Christmas as memorable and joyful as when you were a child. You'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, real-life stories of hope. Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/advent.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Monday:** Faith Howrigan **Tuesday:** Derek Jettie **Wednesday:** Allisa Berry, Lisa Howrigan, Micah Murray **Thursday:** Kaleb Branon, Henry Magnan, Katherine Martin **Friday:** Colby Dukas, Brian Howrigan **Saturday:** Judy Callan, Sarah Howrigan