



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 9. – Dec. 17

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

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Alfred and Mary Furkey
-by the Amanda Furkey estate

TUES 8:30 am Marie Minor
-by Teresa Menard

WED 8:30 am Special Intention
-by Louise Covi

THUR 8:30 am Rose and Emmett O'Connell
-by her family

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Patty Cross
-by Pete and family

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

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.

Christmas Ministers: Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters, and other ministers are needed for the Christmas Masses. Sign up today in the sacristy.

Vermont Catholic: The new issue of the Vermont Catholic Magazine, Winter 2017 is available at the entrances to the church, please take one if you'd like.

First Reconciliation: Thirteen of our children in second grade received First Reconciliation on this past Saturday. These same children will be making their First Communion in May, 2018. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Dec. 16		
7:30 pm Susan Magnan	Rose Peno	Jeanne Persons Frank Persons
Altar Server: Liam, Nolan, and Gabe Howrigan		
Sun., Dec. 17		
9:00 am Al Capone	Mike, Gina, and Keegan Norris	Mary Schreindorfer Henry Magnan
Altar Servers: Anthony Andrews, Jade Garceau		
Gift Bearers: Sarah, Ben, Ray and Brody Toof		
11:00 am Jane Brigham Joy Kane Linda Watson		
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		
Gift Bearers: Margaret and Steve Doe		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Dec. 2 – Dec. 3

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
Offertory:	\$ 1,068.00	\$ 387.00
23 Week average:	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 385.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 385.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 429.00	\$ 151.00

Second Collections:

Dec. 9-10: Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec. 16-17: Projects and Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13- **Grades 1, 4, and 8**
Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - **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 them up. 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

“If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God’s unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Christmas Schedule: This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. The regular Sunday schedule will be the same. Our Christmas schedule will be as follows: Christmas Eve, Sunday: Masses at 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. Patrick, and Christmas morning, Monday: Mass at 10:00 am at St. Anthony-St. George.



Christmas Pageant: As in the past, the children will present a Christmas Pageant at the Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsal for this will be on Sunday, December 17th at 5:15 pm. All are welcome! Contact Candi Branon at 827-3673 or 393-0381.

Decorating for Christmas: Decorating of the churches will follow the Sunday morning Masses on December 17th. *Any help will be welcomed and appreciated.*

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

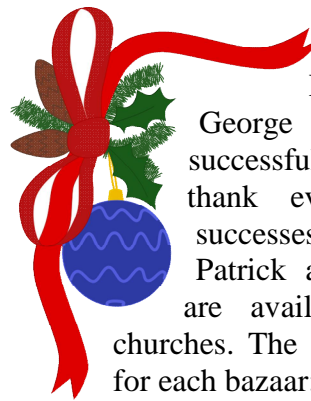
Best Advent Ever: Remember getting ready for Christmas when you were a child? From decorating the tree to baking cookies, each moment brought you excitement and joy. Preparing for Christmas can be as joyful as it was then. Don’t let this be just another Advent where you get distracted and busy. Rediscover 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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: Monday evening at the rectory at 7:00 pm.

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

Diocesan Synod: Thank you to all who attended the “listening session” this past Monday evening. Those who came were able to share their views and give input in preparation for next year’s synod. If you were unable to attend, you can give your input online at www.vermontcatholic.org/synod. Also, your input may be sent, typed or neatly handwritten and limited to one page, to Diocesan Synod, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, Vt. 05403. Bishop Coyne has asked that we continue to 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.



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 are the profits for each bazaar: St. Patrick: \$ 9013.00
St. Anthony-St. George: \$ 1,716.00

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 this week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Saturday:** Judy Callan, Sarah Howrigan **Sunday:** Bradley Adams, Mark Howrigan, Colin Magnan, Ruth Magnan **Tuesday:** William Howrigan, Ayvah Bapp **Wednesday:** Nicolas Farinaccio, Cari Howrigan, John Musick, Charlotte Pudvah **Thursday:** Martin Magnan **Friday:** Donald Bushey, Whitney Montgomery **Saturday:** Kevin Howrigan