



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 16 – Dec. 24

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

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Kathleen Howrigan
-by *Richard Howrigan and family*

TUES 8:30 am Joan Pion
-by *her family*

WED 8:30 am Kathleen Riley
-by *Loretta and Henry Magnan*

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

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ryan
-by *Margaret Ryan*

SUN 9:00 am Patty Cross
-by *Janice and Jim Adams*

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.

"2018" Calendars: There are calendars for 2018, at the entrances to the church, please take one home. We want to thank Spears Funeral Home for so generously providing them to us.

Next Week's Ministers:

| Lectors | Greeters | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| Sat., Dec. 23 | | |
| 7:30 pm Candi Bronon | Real Therrien | Susan Rainville Martin Magnan |
| Altar Server: Leah, Hannah, and Kayleigh Bronon | | |
| Sun., Dec. 24 | | |
| 9:00 am Liz Reed | Gary and Mary Kay Dukas | Sarah Menard Norman Menard |
| Altar Servers: Ben and Tate Archambault | | |
| Gift Bearers: Janice and Jim Adams | | |
| 11:00 am Steve and Margaret Doe | Liz Boylan | Mary Ovitt |
| Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill | | |
| Gift Bearers: Todd Brown Family | | |

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Dec. 9 – Dec. 10

| | St. Patrick | St. Anthony -St. George |
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| Offertory: | \$ 1,260.00 | \$ 292.00 |
| 24 Week average: | \$ 1,217.00 | \$ 382.00 |
| Weekly Goal: | \$ 1,275.00 | \$ 385.00 |
| Retirement Fund: | \$ 645.00 | \$ 250.00 |

Second Collections:

Dec. 16-17: Projects and Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 17 – **Grades 2, 6, 7, 9, and 10**
St. Patrick Church, 6:00-7:00 pm

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

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - **Grades 3 and 5**
St. Patrick Church 3:20-4:20 pm

Last classes until "2018"

Contribution Envelopes: Boxes of envelopes for 2018 are now available. 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. Would you kindly write your names on the envelopes for a few weeks. Thank You.

WORD OF LIFE

“He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ... Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

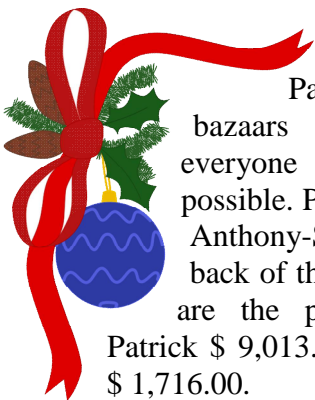
Christmas Schedule: This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. The regular Sunday schedule will be the same. Our Christmas schedule will be as follows: Christmas Eve, Sunday: Masses at 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. Patrick, and Christmas morning, Monday: Mass at 10:00 am at St. Anthony-St. George.

Next Weekend: Sunday we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Monday is Christmas, Sunday evening is Christmas Eve. Please remember that there is an obligation to attend two Masses, one for Sunday and one for Christmas.



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.

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.



Bazaar Reports: St. Patrick and St. Anthony-St. George Parishes 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 \$ 9,013.00. St. Anthony-St. George: \$ 1,716.00.

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

Diocesan Synod: Thank you to all who attended the “listening session” 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 hand-written 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.

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.

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Saturday:** Kevin Howrigan **Sunday:** Pamela Cullen, Lawrence Howrigan **Monday:** Chad Hale, Alex Howrigan **Tuesday:** Alyssa Callan, Elizabeth Norris, Emily Trombley **Wednesday:** Dylan Callan, Darren Callan, Rita Lavallee **Friday:** Sarah Montgomery **Saturday:** Natalie Branon, Daniel Howrigan