

All Saints Parish



“He is Coming”

The word advent means coming. During the four-week Advent Season that begins the Church year we prepare for the coming of Jesus by remembering his birth in Bethlehem (past), anticipating his coming in glory (future) and by celebrating his coming to us in word and sacrament (present).

As we journey through Advent, preparing ourselves for the way God continually comes to us, we are reminded once again that our God is a God of surprises, and no matter how settled and sure we are in our expectations, God always does something new. Thus through our reading, prayer and sharing with others we will learn more about who God is and what God wants to do in our lives through the presence of Jesus, who comes once again into our midst.

Celebrating with the Advent Wreath

One way to prepare for Christ’s coming into our lives is to make an Advent Wreath for your daily household worship. The traditional circular wreath reminds us that God, like the circle has no beginning and no end. Evergreens on the wreath symbolize our everlasting relationship with God, the source of continuous new life.

The wreath has four candles, three purple and one rose. Purple is a royal color, reflecting the kingship of Christ and also repentance. The purple candles are lighted on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays. The rose candle lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent represents joy. The candles remind us that the incarnation has transformed the darkness of hatred and evil into the light of joy and love.

As you celebrate with the Advent Wreath, include one of the scripture passages from each Sunday’s readings.

An Advent Wreath Prayer

“Come Jesus; come. Give power to light and to good. Come where falsehood, ignorance of God, violence, and injustice predominate. Come Lord Jesus, give power to the good in the world and help us be bearers of your light, peacemakers, witnesses of the truth. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen. - Pope Benedict XV

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00PM **St. Peter**
Betty Snide by her Family

First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017

8:30AM **St. Peter**

Mass Pro Populo

10:30AM **St. Catherine**
Larry Lumbrá by Barbara Lumbrá

Monday, Dec. 4

NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 5

5:30PM **St. Peter**

Joe Prankus by Tom & Gloria Surber

Wednesday, Dec. 6

5:30PM **St. Catherine**

Lynn Burns by Tom & Gloria Surber

Thursday, Dec. 7

5:30PM **St. Catherine**

For all Priests and Religious

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8, 2017

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

9:00AM **St. Catherine**
Julius (Buddy) Johnson by Art, Teri and Liam Sullivan

7:00PM **St. Peter**
The Deceased Members of the Blain Family
by the LaCasce Family

Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:00PM **St. Peter**
Frank Murtha by Aine Paulus

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2017

8:30AM **St. Peter**

Carole Soubie by Richard & Joy Nalevanko

10:30AM **St. Catherine**

Mass Pro Populo



Sandra Hebert	Hannah Casey	Roy Legere
Julianna Rene Allen	Diane Fagan	James Baljak
Jean Barden	Valerie Bailey	Daryl Lavoie
Jim Picard	John Chamberlin	Imelda Detelj
Jeff Risatti	Donna Small	Jim Rouvalis
Richard LaCasce	James Baljak	Kathy Baldasaro
Lynette Johnson	Nancy Parsons	Sr. Dymphna
John and Brenda Buck	Richard Brown	

Parish Sacrificial Giving

November 26, 2017

Offertory	\$ 2, 218.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	388.00
Building	50.00
NH Priest Retirement	15.00

Special Collection Next Weekend

For the Retirement Fund for Religious
Weekly Goal: \$3,000.



Generations of Faith

Class This Sunday, December 3, 2017

St. Peter's Church Hall
 9:30am – Pancakes, Sausage
 10-11:00am – Class
 Topic: The Eucharist

For Students Grades 1-10
 Parents of Students and Adults of the Parish

Festival of Lights

Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine, Enfield, NH

Lights are turned on at 5pm every night through
 Sunday, December 31, 2017

Gift Shop Open Noon-8pm Daily
 Cafeteria opens at 5pm



Sunday Dec 10, 2017
3:00PM
St. Charles Church
Bellows Falls

This is a combined Penance Service with St. Charles Parish. Following the Penance Service, Father John and Father Maria will be available for individual Confessions.

A Note on the Music ...As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we enter a time of preparation for the Coming of the Lord. In keeping with this "season of preparation," the music will also change a bit. Probably the biggest change you'll note is that we'll be singing the psalms and Gospel Acclamations without the organ. This allows us to reflect differently on the readings, and helps us to better-appreciate the festive music of the Christmas season once it arrives (on the evening of Christmas Eve). May you be richly blessed this Advent Season...! Tom, your organist.

Christmas Wafer - If you would like to have a Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) this year, please contact Deacon John at (802) 463-4206.

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church for you to use in memory of your loved ones.



Advent Giving Tree

There are still some tags left on the Advent Tree. When you take a tag from the tree, please place your name and telephone number on the sheet beneath it that coincides with the number on the tag. Wrapped gifts, with the original tag firmly attached, are placed under the Giving Tree. **Please note: Gifts are due back the weekend of December 9th and 10th.**

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle

Monday, December 4, 2017

St. Catherine's Church from 6:30-7:30pm

During these difficult times in our country and our world, Our Blessed Mother is asking everyone to enter into the safe refuge of her Immaculate Heart. Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration

United Hearts of Jesus and Mary Chapel

Back Room of St. Catherine's Rectory
 Thursdays from 8:30am-8:30pm

Greater Falls Perpetual Adoration Chapel

St. Charles Church, Bellows Falls, Vermont
 Contact Alan & Lynette at 1-978-273-0050



Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

With Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve falling on Sundays this year, the Sunday Liturgies as well as Christmas (The Nativity of The Lord) and (New Year's), The Feast of the Holy Mother of God are all Holy Days of Obligation.

(You must attend at least one Mass from each group):

- **Fourth Sunday of Advent:**
 - Saturday, 12/23 4 PM (St. Peter's)
 - Sunday, 12/24 8:30 AM (St. Peter's) and 10:30 AM (St. Catherine's)
- **Christmas (The Nativity of The Lord)**
 - Sunday, 12/24: 4 PM and 6:30 PM (St. Peter's)
 - Monday, 12/25: 9 AM (St. Catherine's)
- **Feast of the Holy Family:**
 - Saturday, 12/30: 4 PM (St. Peter's)
 - Sunday, 12/31: 8:30 AM (St. Peter's) and 10:30 AM (St. Catherine's)
- **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:**
 - Sunday, 12/31: 4 PM (St. Peter's)
 - Monday, 1/1/18: 9 AM (St. Catherine's)