

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY**  
**5:00 PM** Hazel M. Ryan (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) by Carol & Andy  
**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Clyde Casterline, Sr. by family  
**9:45 AM** Lillian Demello by Susan & John Costa  
**11:30 AM** Fernande Prevost by Ray & Joan Martel  
**MONDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Theresa Pontremoli (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by her sister  
**TUESDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Pat Gardiner by Mary Jean  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Nichols Wood (8<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by family  
**THURSDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Communion Service  
**FRIDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Communion Service  
**7:00 PM** **HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS**  
**SATURDAY** **Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.**  
**10:00 AM** **HOLY DAY MASS**  
**5:00 PM** Linda Reynolds by Maryanne Reynolds  
**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Richard & Mildred Parent (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by family  
**9:45 AM** Dennis Raspuzzi by family  
**11:30 AM** Leon Cormier by wife & family

**COFFEE SHOP** will be open after the 8:00 and 9:45 AM Liturgies. Join us for Coffee, donuts and friendship.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** will be celebrated during the 9:45 AM Mass this Sunday. These liturgies are for children five years of age and older.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** for the week will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:45 AM MASS** is provided downstairs for the little ones. There are toys and adult supervision.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed at 7:40 AM each morning before Mass. The Litany of the Blessed Mother is prayed after Mass on Tuesdays and the Chaplet of Diving Mercy is prayed after the Communion Service on Thursdays. All are welcome.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

283 Sunday Envelopes@	\$5631.00
13 Paid Ahead Envelopes@	50.00
68 Make Up Envelopes@	1428.00
Loose cash @	1160.00
<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$8269.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT:</b>	<b>(1124.00)</b>
<b>DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>(8704.00)</b>
<b>Fuel:</b>	<b>\$412.00</b>
Monthly Maintenance	\$429.00
Building Fund	\$349.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**MATTHEW 24:42**

live in readiness for His coming.

**PARISH TITHE:** Thanks to your generosity, \$600.00 will be sent to Our Lady of the Lake Giving Tree for help servicing the needy of our area with Christmas gifts.

**“THANKSGIVING FOR ALL”** Thanks to the generosity of our Rel. Ed. children for donations, our parish family for turkeys, gift certificates, food and cash donations and 80 pie bakers as well as helpers to set up, sort, fill and deliver baskets, we were able to feed 162 families on Thanksgiving. It was an incredible team effort. Also a special thanks to Sholan Farms and Bolton Orchards for their donation of apples and to Cumberland Farms for their donations of bread and donuts.



**GIVING TREE:** As has been our custom the “Giving Tree” will be in the sanctuary next weekend loaded with “gift tag” ornaments. We are servicing several agencies of people in need. Everyone has a wish list. This year we have several tags with “wish items” on them. If you or your family can reach out to purchase one of these gifts, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. In order to assure the gifts

get to these families, the gifts must be returned **UNWRAPPED** with ornament tag attached on or before December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** – In accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Parish Pastoral Council, the terms of two members are over. Any parishioner who is Confirmed may nominate themselves for selection to fill one of the vacancies. Nominations must be submitted to the parish office or left in the collection basket by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The selections will be made by lot at the 9:45 Mass on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Ministry at Keystone Nursing Home:** During the winter months, four of our parishioners who minister at Keystone Nursing Home on Fridays will be in Florida. If this is a ministry you would like to become involved with, please contact Elaine Hackett at (978) 342-2978.

**Welcome Regie!** We are pleased to announce that Regie Pineda’s application to work has been approved by the US Government and Regie has joined our staff as Director of Music. We are indeed blessed to have such a talented young man as part of our music ministry. Regie, a native of the Phillipines has a Bachelors in Music degree from the Catholic University of the Phillipines in Manila, a Graduate Performance Certificate in Violin Performance from the Boston Conservatory of Music as well as a variety of experiences as a Church Organist. We are delighted to welcome Regie, his wife Olga, and his daughter Katherina as member of our parish family.

**POINTSETTIA AND BAKE SALE AFTER ALL MASSES  
 DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CHURCH HALL.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

We welcome Bishop George Rueger as we celebrate the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION with 42 young adults at an 11 AM Liturgy. Please continue to pray for our confirmandi, that the power of the Holy Spirit will be reflected in each of their lives.

**KINGDOM PIE HELP** In an effort to raise our goal of \$500 to fund the Sixth Grade Kingdom Assignment, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be baking apple pies during an upcoming class. We would welcome adults to help during our "baking" process on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>! The kids will be selling pies following Masses the weekend of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Rel. Ed. office for more details.

**High School Youth** will be sponsoring a Poinsettia sale on Dec. 8 and 9 after each Mass. Choose your plant from our selection of beautiful, healthy and reasonably priced plants. Profits will benefit Our Lady of the Lake Youth Group Activities.

**JOIN US in celebrating "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"** Our first through fifth grade students will present their beautiful dramatization of the Christmas story during class times (4:15-5:15 PM) on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 10 and 11 capped by a birthday party celebration in the church hall. Parents and friends are invited to attend. We are still looking for donations of frosting or decorations that can be left on the table at the entrance to the Parish Family Center at any time, and especially unfrosted cupcakes which can be dropped off on Sunday, Dec. 9 or before classes on Dec. 10.

**COFFEE SHOP** Through the generosity of our High School Youth and a small group of adult volunteers, donuts and beverages are offered each Sunday, along with an opportunity to gather with members of our parish family. We currently have more than enough teens to serve, but are in need of two adults to help out one Sunday a month. Adult volunteers pick up the donut order and help set up hot and cold drinks after the 8 AM and 9:45 AM Liturgies from September to May. If you think you may be able to help out, please call Lisa in the Religious Ed. Office.

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE SIGN**

We wish to thank our parishioners Tom and Joanne Dunn for their very generous gift of our beautiful new sign on the front lawn. In the spring we hope to do some landscape work around the sign. Thanks Tom and Joanne.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WINE TASTING AND MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**

Back by popular demand, it will be held on Saturday evening, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. A selection of wines from around the world, a variety of beers and finger foods will be available. This Parish Fund Raiser is an opportunity for us to come together as a Parish family to celebrate food, fun and friendship. Tickets, at only \$25.00 per person, make nice stocking stuffers and can be purchased at the Parish Office. A maximum of 138 can be purchased. Get yours early!

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

SUNDAY:	8:15 AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting 8:40 AM Beginnings Classes 9:40 AM Kindergarten Class 9:45 AM Rite of Welcoming 6 PM HS I Class to Living Nativity Field Trip
MONDAY:	4:15-5:15 PM Grades 1-5 Pageant Practice 6:45-8 PM Grades 6-7-8
TUESDAY:	4:15-5:15 PM Grades 1-5 Pageant Practice 7:30 PM RCIA
WEDNESDAY:	1PM Women's Guild Christmas Party 7 PM Safe Environment Training Meeting 7 PM 12 Steps 7 PM Folk Group Rehearsal 7 PM Bereavement Group "Getting through the holidays when you've lost a loved one" 7 PM Wine Tasting Committee Meeting
THURSDAY:	6:30-8:30 PM Lun. Cub Scout Cmte. Mtg 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous
FRIDAY:	<b>7 PM HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS</b> 7:30 PM Al Anon
SATURDAY:	<b>9 AM HOLY DAY MASS</b> After 5 PM Mass Poinsettia Sale & Craft & Bake Sale

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** The second collection next week benefits elderly women and men religious. More than 19,000 religious have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for projected costs of living and health care. The average Catholic sister, brother or religious priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today 37,870 women and men religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and health care.

**THE RITE OF WELCOMING** is the first of the celebrations used in the process of leading individuals into full communion with the Church through Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. At the 9:45 Liturgy this weekend we warmly welcome into our parish community 3 adults and 4 children who wish to join us and experience what we experience of God's love. The adults will journey toward the Easter Vigil and the reception of the sacraments with our RCIA Team and the children with the Religious Education Beginnings. As we welcome them today into our parish family, please keep them in your prayer.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are Friday evening, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and Saturday morning at 9AM. At the Saturday morning liturgy we will bless a tapestry of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The tapestry in honor of the Blessed Mother, the patron of our parish family, will be enshrined in the alcove of the hallway leading to the stairway to our Parish Hall. The hand woven Italian tapestry is the gift of an anonymous donor.