

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Linda Reynolds by Marianne Reynolds

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Richard & Mildred Parent (7th ann.) by family

9:45 AM Dennis Raspuzzi by family

11:30 AM Leon Cormier by wife & family

MONDAY

8:00 AM Michael Cutolo by family

TUESDAY

8:00 AM Edmund Sentkowski by his daughter

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Jeanne LeBlanc by Joseph

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY

8:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Arthur "Ray" Biron by his family

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Paramjit Tumber by family

9:45 AM Louise Dion (5th Ann.) by Charlie & Pat Paces

11:30 AM Mildred Farquhar by her daughter & 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.

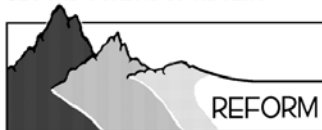
THE ROSARY is prayed at 7:40 AM each morning before Mass. The Litany of the Blessed Mother is prayed after Mass on Tuesdays and the Chaplet of Diving Mercy is prayed after the Communion Service on Thursdays. All are welcome.

PARISH SUPPORT

284 Sunday Envelopes@	\$6847.00
11 Paid Ahead Envelopes@	126.00
51 Make Up Envelopes@	888.00
Loose cash @	1183.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$9044.00
DEFICIT:	(349.00)
ANNUAL SUNDAY REVENUE	\$1200.00
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(7853.00)
Monthly Maintenance	\$851.00
Fuel	\$149.00
Building Fund:	\$1012.00
Building Fund Memorials	\$80.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MATTHEW 3:2

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity, \$300.00 will be sent to the Prayer Shawl Ministry who offer comfort, prayers and knitted shawls to people in times of loss, illness or other life changing events.

Also \$200.00 was sent to St. Joseph's University for Kara Sullivan, our parishioner, to participate in the Appalachian Experience during spring break in regions of the Appalachian Mountains working with nonprofit groups.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

The burning candle in front of our Blessed Mother's statue is invoking her intercession for peace throughout the world and for protection of our loved ones serving in the military.

SHARE IN THE CARE

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

The Catholic Church assists the financial need of elderly religious through the national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Today, 5,452 women and men religious need skilled nursing care that costs an average of \$49,850 each. More than 19,000 religious (mostly sisters and nuns) have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for the projected costs of living and health care as they age. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS** in today's appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

THE GIVING TREE gifts must be returned UNWRAPPED WITH ORNAMENT TAG ATTACHED by the 11:30 AM Mass December 9th.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: Monday, December 24th
Masses at 4 PM, 6 PM, and 12 AM (Midnight)
Preceded by Choir Music at 11:30 PM

(Please note that the 4 PM Mass is always extremely crowded. You may wish to come early or consider attending one of our other Masses.)

CHRISTMAS DAY, Tuesday, December 25th
Mass at 10 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES will be held on Dec. 10 and 11th prior to taking a Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 6.

KINGDOM PIE HELP In an effort to raise our goal of \$500 to fund the Sixth Grade Kingdom Assignment, our 7th and 8th grade students will be baking apple pies during class on December 10th and freezing them to be sold following Masses the weekend of December 15th. Please consider purchasing one of these delicious pies that will be already for baking to add to your Christmas table, or to take to the home of a loved one.

A POINSETTIA SALE is sponsored by High School Youth this weekend after each Mass and after the Christmas Pageant on Dec. 10 and 11. 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.

All High School Students are invited to take part in any of the upcoming Youth Group Activities: Christmas Caroling, Adopt a Sister and Brunch on Dec. 16th, Bowling on Jan. 25, Pizza Making on Jan. 27, Feb. 24 Tubing Adventure, March 7 Lock In, and another BANDS FOR CANS CONCERT on April 25. Please feel welcome to bring a friend! If you would like more info or want to reserve a space, call Lisa at the Religious Ed. Office.



3RD ANNUAL WINE TASTING AND MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Back by popular demand, it will be held on Saturday evening, Feb. 2nd. 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 will be sold. Please reserve your table of 8 early!



LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW... During these winter months there may be times when inclement weather makes it difficult to attend Mass. We ask, however, that you do your best to make up your envelopes so that we can meet our ongoing expenses.

We remind you that when school is delayed or cancelled in Leominster there is NO morning weekday Mass.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	8:15 AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting 8:40 AM Beginnings Classes 6-9 PM High School II Class
MONDAY:	4:15-5:15 PM Gr. 1-5 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 6:45 – 8 PM Kingdom Pie Project
TUESDAY:	4:15-5:15 PM Gr. 1-5 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:30 PM RCIA
WEDNESDAY:	9:30 AM LaLeche League 7 PM Mother's of Multiples 7 PM 12 Steps 7 PM Folk Group 7 PM Wine Tasting Committee
THURSDAY:	7 PM Christmas Choir 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7:30 PM Montachusett Singles
FRIDAY:	7 PM Tourettes Support Group 7:30 PM Al Anon
SATURDAY:	Kingdom Pie Sale after all Masses



Once again a raffle has been organized for the month of February. A cash prize will be drawn each day of the month. Calendars are \$10 each, a total of \$3000 will be given away. Detailed information, along with chances, will be mailed to all parishioners in early January. **Raffle chances will be available before Christmas for purchase as gifts.** These early entry forms will be available at the entrances to the Church on Dec. 16th and 23rd. Profits from this raffle will be used to pay the Parish Center debt.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – with the end of the year comes the holiday season – a time to express appreciation and love for family and friends. It is also a time to evaluate your tax situation and plan accordingly as you examine your own situation, you may find that you will benefit by making charitable gifts before 2007 comes to a close. If you are in that situation, please consider Our Lady of the Lake in those plans.



The following charities have been chosen to receive tithes from the proceeds of our Parish Bazaar for a total of \$3300.00:

Haiti Missions	\$300.00
North Central Habitat for Humanity	\$300.00
Pernet Family Health	\$300.00
ARC Community Services	\$300.00
Ginny's Project Serve	\$300.00
Health Alliance Pastoral Care	\$300.00
Beacon of Hope	\$300.00
Montachusett Interfaith Network	\$300.00
Haitian Apostolate	\$300.00
Care Net Pregnancy Network	\$300.00
On-Site Academy	\$300.00