

**GMASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY**  
**5:00 PM** Arthur "Ray" Biron by his family  
**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Paramjit Tumber by family  
**9:45 AM** Louise Dion (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by her family  
**11:30 AM** Mildred Farquhar by her daughter & family  
**MONDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Louise McAllister by Pat McAllister  
**TUESDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Gene LaCoss by Charlie & Pat Paces  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Angela Bangrazi by Connie Cote  
**THURSDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Communion Service  
**FRIDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Communion Service  
**SATURDAY**  
**5:00 PM** Diane Barry by family  
**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Eleanor Giamarino (12<sup>th</sup>) by her husband, Claude  
**9:45 AM** Tina Kelley (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.) by her family  
**11:30 AM** Lillian DeMello by Susan/John Costa

**COFFEE SHOP** will be open after the 8 and 9:45 AM Masses. 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**

292 Sunday Envelopes@	\$7666.00
25 Paid Ahead Envelopes@	400.00
112 Make Up Envelopes@	1877.00
Loose cash @	988.00
<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>10931.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS:</b>	<b>1538.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>(6315.00)</b>
Monthly Maintenance	\$449.00
Fuel	\$575.00
<b>Retirement Fund for Religious</b>	4,016.00
Holy Day:	1085.00
Building Fund:	\$736.00
Building Fund Memorials	\$25.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**MATTHEW 11:5**

is the Lord calling me?

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what

**PARISH TITHE:** Thanks to your generosity, \$600.00 will be sent to the House of Peace and Education. HOPE is a nonprofit interfaith organization committed to counteracting violence and promoting peace in a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment.

**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.

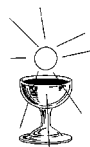


**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass at 10 AM**



The Bread and Wine that is consecrated at our Saturday and Sunday Liturgies this weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> is donated in memory of Louise Dion.



**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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** We congratulate Ed Sullivan and Paula Craig whose names were chosen last weekend to fill the two vacancies on our Parish Council. We thank all those parishioners who submitted their names for nomination. A special world of gratitude to Dick Polley and Ken Lavoie for their years of service on the council and for their assistance in drafting the council's constitution and by-laws.

We are in need of a Minister to look after the Alter Server's Albs (robes) by checking, hanging, cleaning & repairing them on a regular basis. Please call the office if you can help out.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES** will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>

**KINGDOM PIE SALE** In an effort to raise our goal of \$500 to fund the Sixth Grade Kingdom Assignment, our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are selling apple pies after each Mass this weekend. – while supplies last! These pies were frozen so that you can pop one in the oven to serve a fresh baked pie for Christmas. We thank you in advance for supporting this special project. **SPECIAL THANKS TO SHOLAN FARMS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF APPLES,** and to **OUR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS AND CATECHISTS WHO PEELED, CUT, MIXED AND FILLED OVER SEVENTY FOUR PIES IN ONE HOURS OF CLASS TIME...AND CLEANED UP!!!** We are very proud of the way they keep building the Kingdom!

**Special Thanks** to all those who baked, donated supplies, helped with dressing and prompting and served refreshments for our **Christmas pageants!** Thanks to Jan Testagrossa, Prime Thread Alterations, for creating our very special donkey and camel to add to the manger, to Bonnie Sharky for creating robes for some beautiful angel and to Maureen Bonetti who repaired and restitched many of our well worn costumes!

**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. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CONFIRMATION PICTURES** are ready for pick up in the Family Center.

**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. A special thank you to Tina Hebert and her helpers for this Sunday's special menu after the 9:45 Mass, and for the extra care that she puts into her monthly service!



**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 will be sold. Please reserve your table of 8 early!

**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 11 AM Youth Group
MONDAY:	No Religious Ed Classes
TUESDAY:	No Religious Ed Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7 PM 12 Steps 7 PM Folk Group 7:30 PM OLL Men's Spirituality Study Group
THURSDAY:	7 PM Christmas Choir 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous
FRIDAY:	7:30 PM Al Anon

  
**FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE**

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 this weekend and next. 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.



**Men's Spiritual Study Group:** "Where men discover through studying scripture and discussion, the guidance God provides to strengthen their ministry to the church and their families." Join us

Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center's Family Room. Our focus is Ecclesiastes. Any questions, call David LaLiberty at (978) 537-1134.

**HAITI NEWS:** Emery Gaudet is returning to Haiti around February 15<sup>th</sup> and returning March 15<sup>th</sup>. Anybody interested in going for part of that time can call him at (978) 537-1907 for more details.



*John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6*