

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
5:00 PM Diane Barry by her family
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Eleanor Giamarino (12th) by her husband, Claude
9:45 AM Tina Kelley (3rd Ann.) by her family
11:30 AM Lillian DeNello by Susan & John Costa
MONDAY
NO MORNING MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
4 PM For the People of the Parish
6 PM For the People of the Parish
12 Midnight For the People of the Parish
CHRISTMAS DAY
10 AM For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM Catherine Soucy by Andy Soucy
THURSDAY
8:00 AM Communion Service
FRIDAY
8:00 AM Communion Service
SATURDAY
5:00 PM Maurice Thibeault by his family
SUNDAY
8:00 AM John Shaver (1st Ann) by friends
9:45 AM Ann Donovan by Mary Jean Wood
11:30 AM Filippo Salamone (3rd) by his daughters & family

COFFEE SHOP will be closed this weekend and next and will reopen on Sunday, January 6th.

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 Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday in observance of Christmas.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

143 Sunday Envelopes@	\$3547.00
9 Paid Ahead Envelopes@	197.00
29 Make Up Envelopes@	868.00
Loose cash @	569.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$5181.00
DEFICIT:	(4212.00)
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(10527.00)
Monthly Maintenance	\$115.00
Fuel	\$544.00
Building Fund:	\$530.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	\$34.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MATTHEW 1:23

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity, \$600.00 will be sent to the Child Medical Connection which supports treatment for Vietnamese children with Polio related orthopedic problems at the Shriner's Hospital in Boston. The program also pays for transportation, housing and tuition for the children while they are here.



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

OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION GOES TOWARDS PAYING OUR PROPERTY INSURANCE (\$6,385) AND OUR LIABILITY INSURANCE (\$4,987). WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Weekend's Snowstorm: You probably noticed that we took a real hit from last weekend's Northeaster. We had a deficit of \$4212 for the week bringing our fiscal year (beginning September 1) deficit to \$10527). At a time of year when our expenses go up (fuel, electricity, snow removal) it is really hard to recover from inclement weather. We ask that you do your best to make up missed envelopes. Thank You!

ATTENTION PEOPLE USING THE BUILDING FOR VARIOUS FUNCTIONS, PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO TURN OFF ALL THE LIGHTS BEFORE LEAVING. THANK YOU!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF A MINISTER to look after the Altar Server's Albs (robes) by checking, hanging, cleaning and 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 6th.

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.

KINGDOM PIE SALE Even with a raging blizzard, generous parishioners purchased over \$300 worth of Kingdom pies, fudge and cook books. This weekend we'll continue our efforts to raise our goal of \$500 to fund the Sixth Grade Kingdom Assignment by selling apple pies after the 9:45 AM Mass (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 hour of class time, and cleaned up! We are very proud of the way they keep building the Kingdom!

CONFIRMATION PICTURES are ready to be picked up in the Family Center outside the Religious Ed. Offices.

SPECIAL THANKS to all 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.



**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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Thursday, September 27th at 1 PM in the Parish Center. Please join us as we knit/crochet shawls to be given to parish family members in need of comfort and prayer. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet we will teach you! We also welcome shawls made at home. Questions? Call Ellen Aubuchon at 978-342-0239.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY:	CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES 4 PM, 6 PM & MIDNIGHT
TUESDAY:	CHRISTMAS LITURGY 10 AM
WEDNESDAY:	9:30 AM LaLeche League 7 PM 12 Steps
THURSDAY:	10AM-3PM Church Hall in use 1 PM Prayer Shawl 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7:30 PM Montachusett Singles
FRIDAY:	7:30 PM Al Anon
SATURDAY:	10AM-3PM Church Hall in use
SUNDAY:	8:15 AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting

Compassionate Companions Bereavement Support Group will meet again on January 2nd, 2008 from 7-8:30 PM. The topic will be: Dealing with changes in relationships after loss.

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



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. 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.

HAITI NEWS: Emery Gaudet is returning to Haiti around February 15th and returning March 15th. Anyone interested in going for part of that time can call him at (978) 537-1907.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE – ANNUAL MASS & BREAKFAST FOR PARISH REPS: All men who have been serving as parish reps. (and/or those who would like to do so now) for the 8th Annual Catholic Men's Conference, are invited to our Annual Mass & Breakfast Planning Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th at Christ the King Parish in Worcester. Mass is at 8:00 AM. Please pre-register by contacting Bob Haran in any of the following ways: email: bobharan@earthlink.net; fax: 508-852-6156, write: 41 Davidson Road, Worcester, 01605 or phone: 508-852-0551, www.WorcesterCatholicMen.org.