

St. John the Baptist Parish

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FACEBOOK: *St. John the Baptist Parish, Suncook, N.H.*

December 20, 2020

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Adults seeking to be confirmed should contact the Religious Education Director.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please call at least six months before the proposed date to make timely arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please notify the church if you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion. If hospitalized, you must specify that you are Catholic and willing to have clergy visits.

Parish Office: Weekdays 8:30 AM to 1 PM

Office Manager: Michele Petit - 485-3113

Bookkeeper: Prudence Gagne- 485-3113

Safe Environment Coordinator: Dorothy Hickox- 485-3113

Cemetery: Michele Petit - 485-3113

Religious Education Center: 10 1/2 School Street

Director: Cathy Mazzaglia - 340-4195 or cpfmazz@gmail.com

In the event of cancellations due to weather, announcements will be made via WMUR. Look for St. John the Baptist - Suncook, or Holy Rosary Parish - Hooksett in the listings.

Order of Christian Initiation: Adults (OCIA) /Children (OCIC)

Adults wishing to become Catholics or returning to the faith or older children who have not yet been baptized or made their First Communion should contact the church office at 485-3113.

Knights of Columbus: Fr. Routhier Council #4666

Meeting : 7 PM in Chambers first Monday of every month

Grand Knight: Matt Roan matt@petitroan.com. or

www.knightsofsuncook.org

Saint Anne Sodality:

Meeting : 1 PM in Church 3rd Tuesday of

April, May, June, September, October, & November

President: Evelyn Plourde 717-1188

Sainte Therese Rosebush Society:

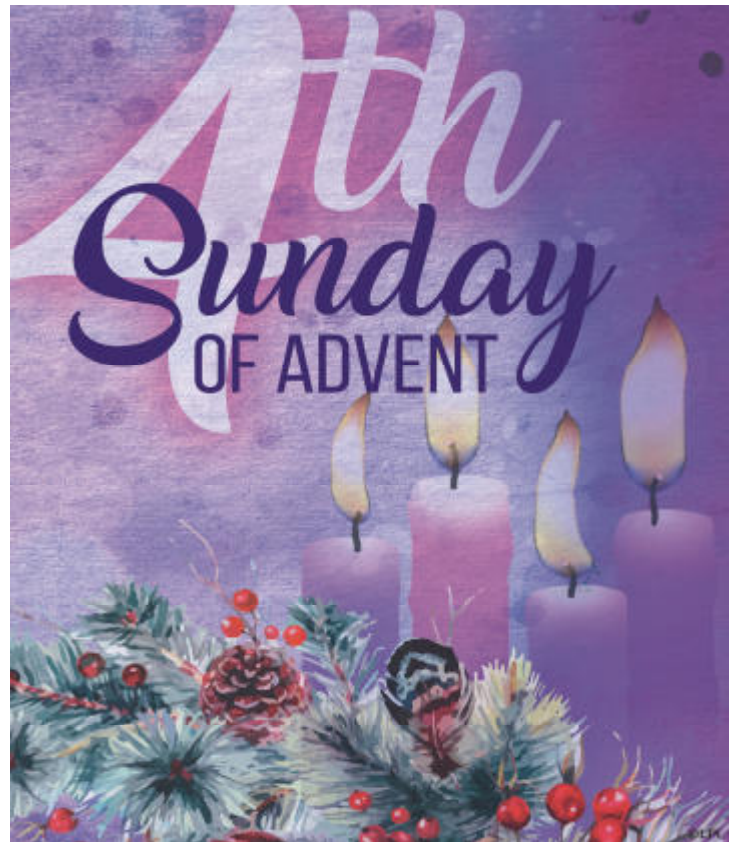
Meeting: 6:30 PM in Parish Hall 4th Thursday of

September, December & April

President: Melaine Boisvert 485-7554

Adult Choir: Director: Geraldine Veroneau 485-3113

Rehearsals every Monday at 6:30 PM in the church



Rev. Edmund G. Crowley, Administrator

Rev. John B. Finnigan (in residence)

Deacon William Lavallee

***** Mass Times *****

SATURDAY at 4 PM;

SUNDAY at 10 AM;

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 8:30 AM with Rosary at 8 AM,

FRIDAY: 7:30 AM with Rosary at 7 AM.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every 1st Friday of the month after the 7:30 AM Mass.

CONFESSION: Saturday at 3 PM

New families are welcome and encouraged to register as soon as possible by calling the rectory during office hours.

† December 20, 2020 † *Fourth Sunday of Advent* †
‡ Tuesday – Thursday ‡ 8:00 AM Rosary ‡ 8:15 Morning Prayer ‡ 8:30 Mass
Friday ‡ 7:00 AM Rosary ‡ 7:15 Morning Prayer ‡ 7:30 Mass ‡

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19 † *Advent Weekday*
4 PM— HENRY AUGER by Cecile and Ray Brasley

Sunday, December 20 † *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
10 AM— Anniversary— CLERALDA RACETTE (66)
MARIE NOEL (54) TREFFLE NOEL (51)
ROYAL BLAIS (4) PAULINE L'HEUREUX (2)
CECILE BUCKMAN

Tuesday, December 22 † *Advent Weekday*
8:30 AM— JOHN ST. GERMAIN his Mom, Rita
& ALL DECEASED MEMBERS of the LADIES of
ST. ANNE

Thursday, December 24 † *Advent Weekday*
8:30 AM— YVETTE LACASSE by John & Palma
Reardon
4PM— CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Friday, December 25 † *Nativity of the Lord*
10 AM— MASS for the NATIVITY of the LORD

Saturday, December 26 † *St. Stephen*
4 PM— ELORIE & ALICE RACETTE by Lorraine
& ED HARTFORD & JEFF BOKUM by Diane
Hartford

Sunday, December 27 † *The Holy Family*
10 AM— PALMIRE “Pam” RONDEAU by Gerard &
Family

IN MEMORY OF...
CORA & ALBERT GAGNE
&
GERMAINE & EDGAR BELLEROSE
\$100.00 from Rita & Jean Bellerose
IN MEMORY OF... for the ROOF
FR. ADRIEN
\$50.00 from John & Palma Reardon
\$50.00 from Cecile Berube
ROBERT COURTEMANCHE
\$10.00 from John & Palma Reardon
ALBERT & BLANCHE BLAIS
\$1000.00 from Joan Bussiere

Ways to Give

- Online at www.catholicsuncook.org
- Set up a weekly bank draft
- By mail to St. John the Baptist, 10 School Street, Allenstown, NH 03275
- Drop in the collection boxes at church entrances
- Visit the office or drop in rectory door slot

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Thursday, December 24th

4 PM *St. John the Baptist*

7 PM *Holy Rosary*

NATIVITY of the LORD

Friday, December 25th

8:30 AM *Holy Rosary*

10 AM *St. John the Baptist*



PARISH GROUPS

- **THE PARISH NURSE:** Cancelled until further notice
- **PRAYER LINE:** Please call Theresa at 485-9952 .
- **The INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP:** The St. John the Baptist Intercessory Prayer Group gathers every Thursday morning from 9-10 am in the Church to pray for the needs of others. We invite all who are interested in participating in this very special apostolate to join us in prayer.
- **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES:** The Donovans are now trained to teach virtually through Couple to Couple League. Call Barbara at 463-7456 or email bjdonovan@metrocast.net to schedule a course.
- **ALTAR SERVERS:** For any young person having received First Communion and interested in serving Holy Mass: contact Tom Langlais at 736-6040 or suncookservers@yahoo.com.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4666:** Any Catholic man, who wishes to learn more about the Knights, may contact Geoff Kennedy at 231-7070, Matt Roan at 485-9573 or go to www.knightsofsuncook.org.
- **HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE:** Looking for volunteers to clean and sanitize the church after every weekend Mass and Funeral. We are also accepting hand sanitizers, disinfectant wipes, paper towels or donations towards the purchase of these supplies. Thank you! Call Don / Cindy Carrier at 485-4813, or text at 340-1757.

LADIES OF SAINT ANNE / DECEMBER INTENTION

After we've spent four weeks contemplating our great need for God, the reality that meets us at Christmas is an indescribable gift. Centuries ago Joseph and Mary heard the man say, "You may go to the stable, and bed in the hay" because they were tired, worn and needed a place for the child to be born. The housing for animals that night housed a royal birth. It was a night of miracles, a holy night. It was a night that changed the world. It was a night that filled our hearts with love. Centuries later, Christmas is still the greatest miracle. The Prince of Peace was born for us.



We must keep our social distance at Mass. Please be sure to keep one pew empty in front or behind you when seated - this equals 6 feet. Do not sit directly in front or behind one another for safety's sake. Also be sure to follow the signs on the pews at the main aisle for receiving Communion. Thank you for your cooperation - stay safe!

KNIGHTS' KORNER

The Knights December Supper will take place on Saturday, December 19th with pickup available from 4:30 to 6 pm (or until we run out).
This month's meal consists of Roast Beef, Twice-Baked Potatoes, Carrots, Gravy and Rolls.
Free-Will Offering is gratefully accepted as always.

ON-LINE GIVING



With the COVID wanting to linger this winter, we are suggesting that you consider on-line giving because our bills continue to linger, too. We have printed on-line giving cards and placed them in the pews. They are both reminders to give and directions on how to sign up. Please take one or two—for yourselves and friends and family who may not have returned to Mass yet during these unsettling times. We thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

GIVING TREE 2020

Thank you to everyone who decided to help Santa this year. The deadline for returning the gifts is this weekend, December 19-20. Thank you for participating., for this year more than ever, families need your help and generosity. God Bless.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

“Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.”
— Robert Louis Stevenson

A Blessed Christmas to all

*Father Edmund Crowley
Father John Finnigan
Deacon William Lavallee*



*The Twenty-fifth Day of December,
when ages beyond number had run their course
from the creation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and
earth, and formed man in his own likeness;
when century upon century had passed since the
Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the
Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our
father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of
Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from
Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was
anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the
foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar
Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at
peace,
JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the
eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by his most
loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and when nine months had passed since his
conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of
Judah,
and was made man.*



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