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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

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WELCOME ~ December 24, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM ~ Holy Name

Sunday 7:30AM & 10AM ~ Holy Name

Sunday 9:00AM ~ St. Francis

Sunday 11:30AM ~ St. Lawrence

Monday - Thursday 8AM ~ Holy Name

Reconciliation ~ 3:15PM Saturday ~ Holy Name

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FINANCIAL REPORT

1st collection 12/9 & 12/10 \$2,893
 snow removal \$2,018
 retired religious \$ 541

next weeks second collection:

St. Vincent de Paul Society *Thank You!*

You will find last week's financial figures and Mass counts next week!



MASS COUNTS

Sat. 12/9	HNSHJ	4:00PM	200
Sun. 12/10	HNSHJ	7:30AM	130
Sun. 12/10	SF	9:00AM	45
Sun. 12/10	HNSHJ	10:00AM	160
Sun. 12/10	SL	11:30AM	125
TOTAL			660



MASS INTENTIONS HOLY NAME OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Saturday, December 23	4:00PM	<i>Frank Michalski</i> <i>Paul & Elizabeth Lestage - anniversary</i> <i>Domingos & Maria Cabral</i> <i>Marc Allain - birthday remembrance</i>
Sunday, December 24	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	10:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	9:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Monday, December 25	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Monday, December 25	10:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Tuesday, December 26	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Wednesday, December 27	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Thursday, December 28	8:00AM	<i>Gerry Gallant - 11 year anniversary</i> <i>Emile Reale - 5 year anniversary</i> <i>Therese Reale - 3 year anniversary</i>
Saturday, December 30	4:00PM	<i>Deolina Medeiros Athaide - 11 year anniversary</i> <i>Frank Michalski</i>
Sunday, December 31	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 31	10:00AM	<i>Nancy Ann Kondziolka - 1 year anniversary and birthday remembrance</i> <i>Muriel J Denault</i> <i>Donald Denault - 6 year anniversary</i>
Sunday, December 31	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Monday, January 1	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
in loving memory of
Adolph & Pearl Thosz
Joseph S. Correia
Laura Correia*

So our Staff can enjoy the
Christmas Holidays
the Parish offices will be closed On
Monday Dec 25th Christmas Day and
Tues Dec 26th a Diocesan Holiday and
Monday January 1st - New Years Day

Holy Day of the Solemnity of
Mary Mother of God January 1st
Vigil Masson Sunday Dec 31st at
4pm & Monday Morning at 9am
Both Masses at Holy Name

HOLY NAME S H J	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sat. 12/23 4:00PM	Donald Buckley	Lou Robillard Heidi Kuliga Kathy McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 12/24 7:30AM	Barbara Brunette	Josette Cormier Jessica Gomes	Madison Fiano Sydney Boswell
Sun. 12/24 10:00AM	Simon Rivet	Michael McCormack Cheryl McCormack	Jonathan Gonsalves Zachary Pryzstarz Emelia DaCunha
Sat. 12/30 4:00PM	Leo Choquette	Dr Ashely Walecka Mariette Rose Kathy McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 12/31 7:30AM	Stephanie Fiano	Ted Machado Carol Oliver	Madison Fiano Sydney Boswell
Sun. 12/31 10:00AM	Colleen Gordon	Eva Marie Fernandes Gloria Pamplona	Jonathan Gonsalves Zachary Pryzstarz Emelia DaCunha

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Kara McEachern Music Director
Diana Henry Organist

FINANCIAL REPORT

1st collection 12/9& 12/10 \$683
snow removal \$144
retired religious \$129

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Thank You!

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in loving memory of
the Brinn family*



THANK YOU TO OUR
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MASS INTENTIONS SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saturday, December 23	4:30PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
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Monday, December 25	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Saturday, December 30	4:30PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 31	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>

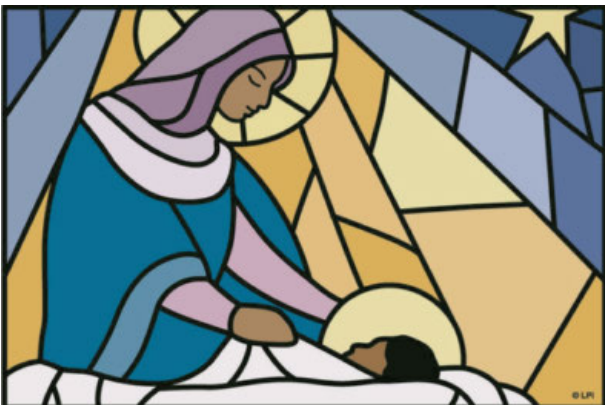
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 12/24 9:00AM	Claire DaSilva	Linda Chase	Molly McEachern
Sun. 12/31 9:00AM	Lydia Murphy	Mary Neves	Molly McEachern


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The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

— Lk 2:11-12

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ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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snow removal \$ 457
retired religious \$ 411

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT LAWRENCE MARTYR

Saturday, December 23	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 24	11:30AM	<i>Joyce Baptista - months mind</i>
Sunday December 24	4:00PM	<i>Humberto Fernandes - 18 year anniversary</i>
Monday, December 25	11:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 31	11:30AM	<i>Paul Gaboriault - 36 year anniversary</i> <i>Janice Machnowski</i>

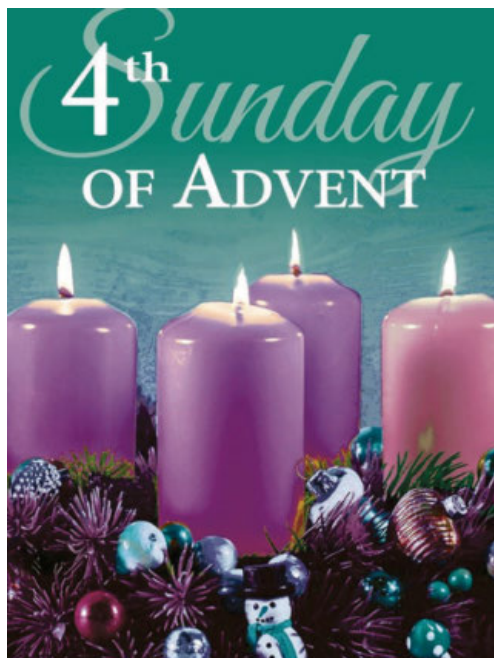
ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 12/24 11:30AM	Leo Choquette	Eileen Frasier Carol Larkin	Jane Byrnes Daniella Mendoza Elizabeth Frasier Mouro Martins Teixeira
Sun. 12/31 11:30AM	Tricia Grime	Anne Marie Lefever Chris Lefever	Jane Byrnes Daniella Mendoza Elizabeth Frasier Mouro Martins Teixeira

*This month at Saint Lawrence
The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving
memory of the*

***Murray Anthony Gonzalez
George & Jeannette Lavoie***

*The Saint Anthony Candle burns
in loving memory of
**George Lavoie
James E. Barton***

*The Saint Joseph Candle burns
in loving memory of
Dr. James F. Tierney, Jr.*



**FOOD PANTRY OPEN
FRIDAY JANUARY 12
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
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FROM THE PASTOR

A few weeks ago, we held our 2nd annual Creche fair in the parish hall. Many folks set their creches up with great joy for a weekend and shared their stories and customs of the individual creches. One family shared w me the story of how her father built a family creche because they really could not afford to buy one and it has stayed in the family from generation to generation and is treasured so dearly. What a way to start Advent. We have experienced the shortest Advent Season in many years and here it is Christmas. As I get older it like most of us the years go by very quickly and Christmas pops up very quickly. As we celebrate Christmas, we show our gratitude to those we love with cards and gifts, and sweets, we decorate our homes our churches with lights on trees and homes, candles in the windows and creche scenes and we experience the beauty of this season as we prepare to welcome our quest and celebrate the season of joy. It is indeed a season of joy and sometimes we get caught up in the hustle and bustle and don't put enough into the meaning of Christmas and I think about t that creche and all of the ones' people brought for a weekend, and how important they are to their families. It simply reminds us of the simplicity of Christmas and who we really celebrating, the Prince of Peace who we bring to our Christmas table! On behalf the entire staff of our three parishes, I wish you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas and thank all of you for what you do to share your gifts. Merry Christmas! Fr. Mike



Wishing Everyone a very Blessed Christmas!

May we all give *and* receive Christ's gifts of Peace and Love.

Have a wonderful and blessed week, ~ Eileen Frasier



David Keighley, Katherine Sullivan, Corrine Lebeau, Joey Kowal, Mary-Lyn Riding, Peter McCoy, Vivian Moniz, Joann Pieknik, Gabriella Rivas, Maria Ferreira, Augusta Fernandes, Maureen Stewart, Nativa Hoyle, Peter Debarros, Kathy Amaral, Cliff Soucy, Joel Rivera, Tom Soucy, Joyce Baptista, The Sena Family, Maria Raposo, Terry Ouellette, The McCain Family, Carla DeMello & Paula Perreira, Henry T. Murphy Jr., Micele Michaud



WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

December 24 Rev. Michael Racine
December 25 All Priest of the World
December 26 Rev. John Raposo
December 27 Rev. Daniel Reis
December 28 Very Rev. Timothy Reis
December 29 Rev. Thomas Rita
December 30 Rev. William Rodrigues



Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them, into likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

IN YOUR PRAYERS



Maureen O'Donnell who passed away November 29and whose funeral was celebrated at Holy Name on December 11

Barry Bryant who passed away December 8and whose funeral was celebrated at St Lawrence on December 12

We extend our sympathy and prayers to their families. May they share the promise of Eternal Life.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



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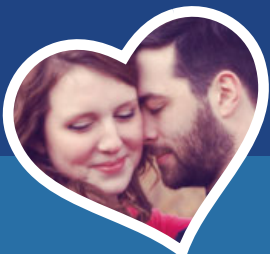
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