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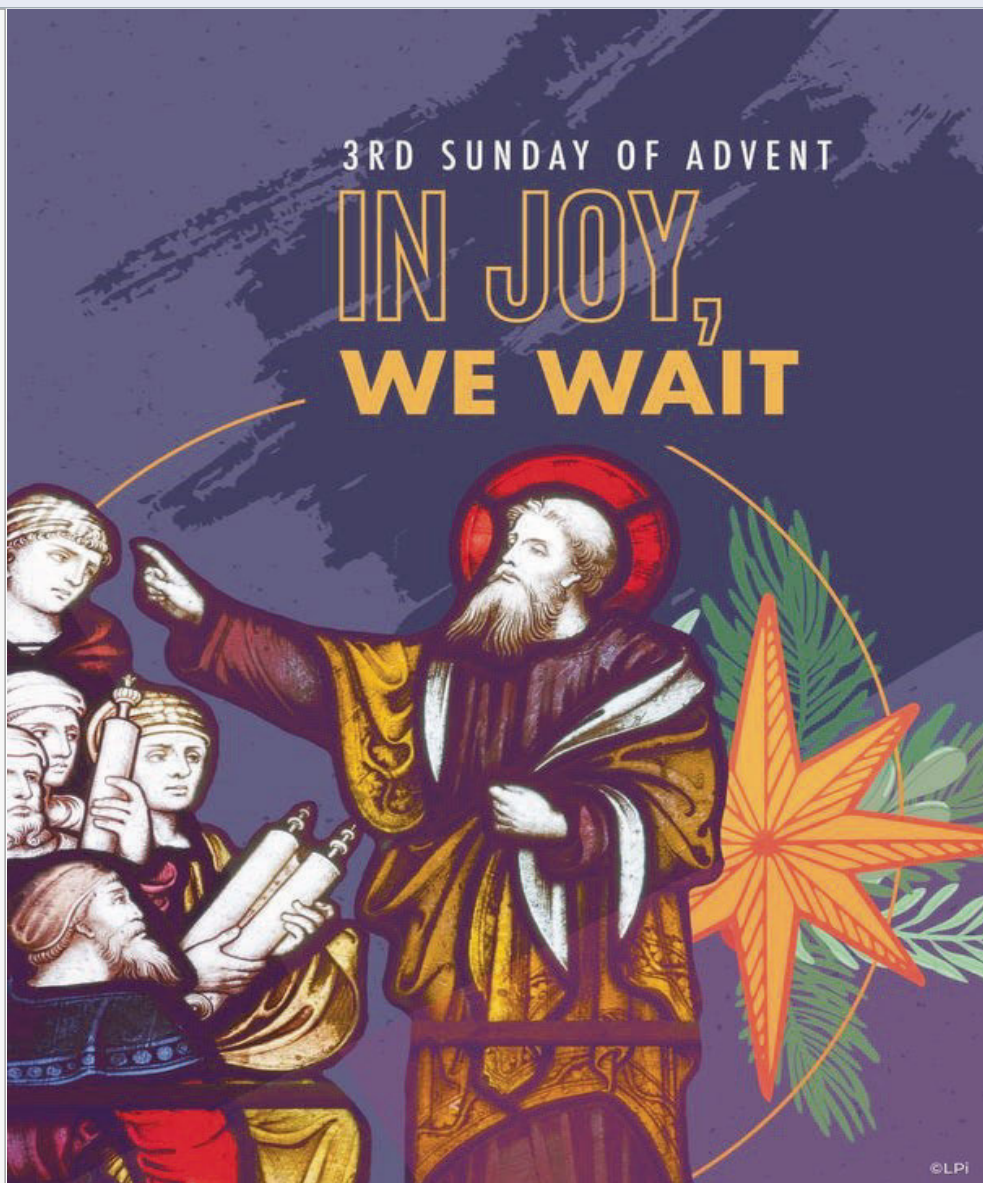
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WELCOME ~ December 15, 2024

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

**MASS
SCHEDULE**

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Thank You!

HNSHJ Church office will be closed
 December 23 through January 3.

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Saturday, December 14	4:00PM	Robert Lopes - 4 year anniversary Claudette C. Dubreuil - 9 year anniversary Normand Tetreault - birthday remembrance Therese Santos
Sunday, December 15	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 15	10:00AM	Gayle Bruce - 3 year anniversary Eugene Mierzejewski
Monday, December 16	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Tuesday, December 17	8:00AM	William Buckley - 16 year anniversary Anna Regula
Wednesday, December 18	8:00AM	Thomas & Gloria O'Brien Annie Baptista
Thursday, December 19	8:00AM	Joseph Brunette - 16 year anniversary
Saturday, December 21	4:00PM	Marcel Ledoux - birthday remembrance Jean Giammalvo Luis Pereira Therese Santos
Sunday, December 22	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 22	10:00AM	Stephen Fernandes - anniversary Domingos & Maria Cabral - anniversary

HOLY NAME S H J	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sat. 12/14 4:00PM	Patrick Hunt	Sue LeBouef Dr Ashely Walecka Kathi McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 12/15 7:30AM	Stephanie Fiano	Josette Cormier Jessica Gomes	
Sun. 12/15 10:00AM	Colleen Gordon	Gloria Pamplona Eva Marie Fernandes	Jonathan Gonsalves Emelia DaCunha
Sat. 12/21 4:00PM	Jeannette Masse	Mariette Rose Cathy Novo Kathi McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 12/22 7:30AM	Stephanie Fiano	Donna Michaud Anne Kelley Jennett	
Sun. 12/22 10:00AM	Simon Rivet	Ann Pryzstarz Sari Almeida	Jonathan Gonsalves

TV MASS TAPING

Fr Mike will be taping the TV Mass at Bishop Stang High School on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:45PM. This will be for Epiphany. All are invited to attend.

The Women's Guild is taking orders for the Famous Jeanine's **French Meat Pies** for pick-up the weekend before Christmas. Fill out the order form in the entrance to each church and either drop into the collection basket or leave with someone at the front. \$22 for an unbaked meat pie. Payment will be due when picking up from the Parish Center Friday, Dec. 20th between 5 and 7 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 21st between 9 and 11 a.m.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Kara McEachern

Music Director

Diana Henry

Organist

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*"If you are in a bad mood, go for a walk.
If you are still in a bad mood,
go for another walk."
~ Hippocrates*

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Sunday, December 15	9:00AM	<i>Christina Henry Kasinger - birthday remembrance Jeffrey Sylvia - 11 year anniversary</i>
Saturday, December 21	4:30PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 22	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 12/15 9:00AM	Claire Silva	Mary Neves	Molly McEachern
Sun. 12/22 9:00AM	Lydia Murphy	Jim Ventura	Molly McEachern

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE December 15, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.



— Father John Muir ©LPI

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Sunday, December 15	11:30AM	<i>Stephen, Mary & Henry Medeiros</i>
Saturday, December 21	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 22	11:30AM	<i>Artur Costa, Jose Costa, Cecilia Lopes, Maria daSilva, Antonio Lopes, Edegar Correia, Estafanion Lopes, Armand Merande</i>

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Sun. 12/15	Rosie Byrnes	Pat Norton Devin Byrnes	Jane Byrnes Mauro Teixeira Maura Teixeira Elizabeth Frasier
Sun. 12/22	Rosie Byrnes	Carol Larkin Eileen Frasier	Jane Byrnes Daniella Mendoza Mauro Teixeira Maura Teixeira

Prayer for the third week of Advent **Prayer with St. John the Baptist**

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. Amen.

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Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the home-bound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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Food Pantry News

Thanks to your generosity we were able to pass out 232 turkeys and all the fixings for a delicious family Thanksgiving meal. We also gave our neighbors in need a few days worth of food, as we always do. We hope you and yours had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

We are preparing for Christmas and we need gift cards for area supermarkets so families can purchase some of their favorite foods for the holidays. We ALWAYS need children's cereals.

To volunteer for the Food Pantry on 2 Fridays a month or volunteer for our deliveries on 2 Tuesdays a month please call or text Kathy Boucher at 508- 991-1042.

The Food Pantry will be open on

Friday, January 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

located in the basement of the rectory 110 Summer St.

Park in St Lawrence Church parking lot.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Holy Name of the Sacred Heart

Tuesday, December 24, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Saint Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 AM

Saint Lawrence Martyr

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25, 11:30 AM

Bethlehem Peace Light

The Whaling City Catholic Community is pleased to once again offer everyone in the New Bedford area the opportunity to receive the Bethlehem Peace Light. The Peace Light flame actually comes from one of the oil lamps in the Grotto of the Nativity where Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This lamp is said to have been burning for over 1,500 years and the Flame is offered to the World in an effort to promote Peace in our homes, our families, our community and in the world. Please gather with us at Holy Name Church, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 21st when the light will be distributed by members of the Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Guild or at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 22nd when it will be distributed by the girl and boy Scouts of Troop 24. Candles will be provided which may be extinguished upon leaving the church and reignited again at home as it will have been infused with the Bethlehem Flame. Or if able to be safely transported your oil lantern may be used.



Welcome, children, into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to your parents and godparents. We pray you will find love and happiness as you grow in your faith of the Lord.

Charlotte Ann Racine child of Sean & Madison

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



WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

December 15 Rev. Paul Canuel

December 16 Rev. Rowland Omueghbu, SDV

December 17 Rev. John Ozug

December 18 Tadeusz Pacholczyk

December 19 Rev. Msgr. John Perry

December 20 Rev. Christopher Peschel

December 21 Rev. Robert Powell



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



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