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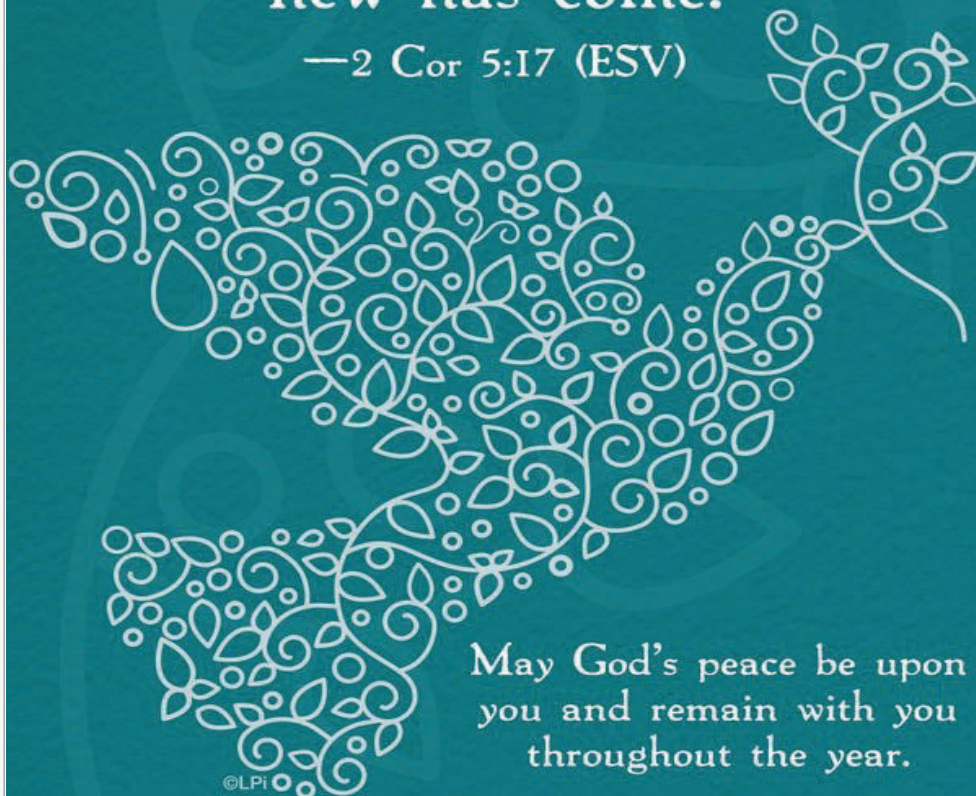
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and St. Lawrence Martyr

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Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, he is a new  
creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the  
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon  
you and remain with you  
throughout the year.

**WELCOME ~ December 29, 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**

## HOLY NAME OF THE SACRED HEART

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### FINANCIAL REPORT HOLY NAME

1<sup>st</sup> collection 12/14 & 12/15 \$4,593  
 snow removal \$ 948  
 online giving 1<sup>st</sup> collection \$ 265  
 online giving snow removal \$ 28

*Thank You!*



### MASS COUNTS

Sat 12/14	HNSHJ	4:00PM	180
Sun 12/15	HNSHJ	7:30AM	120
Sun 12/15	SF	9:00AM	65
Sun. 12/15	HNSHJ	10:00AM	185
Sun 12/15	SL	11:30AM	130
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>680</b>

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**HNSHJ Church office will be closed**

**December 23 through January 3.**



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
 in loving memory of  
**Pearl & Adolph Thosz**  
**Novo Family**  
**Demoranville Family**



Saturday, December 28	4:00PM	<i>Therese Santos</i>
Sunday, December 29	7:30AM	<i>Jason Arruda - 7 month anniversary</i>
Sunday, December 29	10:00AM	<i>Nancy Rivet</i> <i>Muriel J. Denault - 15 year anniversary</i> <i>Donald Denault - 7 year anniversary</i> <i>Claire Bancroft - 1 year anniversary</i> <i>for those buried in our NB Catholic Cemeteries</i>
Monday, December 30	8:00AM	<i>Anna Regula - 1 year anniversary</i>
Tuesday, December 31	8:00AM	<i>Madeleine Stykowski - 38 year anniversary</i>
Tuesday December 31 vigil	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Wednesday, January 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God	9:00AM	<i>Rev. Leo T. Sullivan - 49 year anniversary</i>
Thursday, January 2	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Saturday, January 4	4:00PM	<i>Therese Santos</i>
Sunday, January 5	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, January 5	10:00AM	<i>Robert Whyte - 4 year anniversary</i>

HOLY NAME S H J	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sat. 12/28 4:00PM	Donald Buckley	Cathy Novo Dr Ashley Walecka Kathi McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 12/29 7:30AM	Dennis Onofrey	Carol Oliver Ted Machado	
Sun. 12/29 10:00AM	Chloe Costa	Daphne Costa Sari Almeida	Jonathan Gonsalves



**H**e went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

— Lk 2:51-52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Our Whaling City Catholic Community congratulate  
**Sade Sanchez & Robert Tetreault**

who were united in Marriage on Saturday, December 7 at Holy Name Church.  
 We pray their lives together are filled with many blessings, love and happiness.





## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Kara McEachern

Music Director

Diana Henry

Organist



### FINANCIAL REPORT ST FRANCIS

1<sup>st</sup> collection 12/14 & 12/15 \$602  
snow removal \$120  
online giving 1<sup>st</sup> collection \$ 50  
online giving snow removal \$ 30

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Sunday, December 29	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Saturday, January 4	4:30PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, January 5	9:00AM	<b>Mary Bellotti</b> - 1 year anniversary <b>Robert Houtman</b> - 2 year anniversary

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 12/29 9:00AM	William Guilotte	Linda Chase	Molly McEachern

### You're Invited to Open the Jubilee Year with Bishop da Cunha

This Sunday, December 29, in union with bishops throughout the world, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., will celebrate a special Mass to open the local diocesan observance of the Jubilee Year 2025 in the Catholic Church. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River, and the faithful from the Diocese of Fall River are invited and encouraged to take part. The Mass will follow the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve by Pope Francis to officially begin the Jubilee Year for the Universal Church. A Jubilee is a special year of prayer, reconciliation, and spiritual renewal, ordinarily taking place every 25 years. Jubilee 2025 will have as its theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," seeking to inspire hope around the world. Look for forthcoming information on additional opportunities to become a 'Pilgrim of Hope' through your own participation in Jubilee Year observances.

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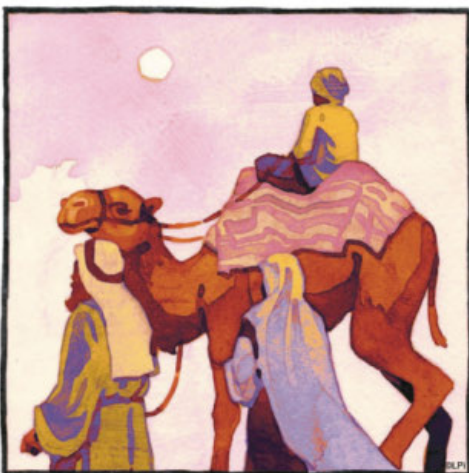
**Donat Brin**

**Mary Bellotti**

*1 year anniversary*

**Robert Houtman**

*2 year anniversary*



**N**ot finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. — Lk 2:45-47

## ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR

Jackie Shidell Bookkeeper  
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Fran Gorman Music Director

### FINANCIAL REPORT ST LAWRENCE

1<sup>st</sup> collection 12/14 & 12/15 \$4,066  
snow removal \$ 545  
  
online giving 1<sup>st</sup> collection \$ 100  
online giving snow removal \$ 30

*Thank You!*

### Faith Formation Corner

As we are beginning the Christmas season in the Church, we try to remember that Christmas Day is just the beginning of the Christmas season. It ends on Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. This year, more than others, I am mindful of the families who are experiencing the holidays without loved ones for the first time this year. Even just as part of our Church family, I can't help but look around at different seats and miss those who are no longer with us. For all families who are missing loved ones this holiday season, please be assured of extra prayers being sent your way. I hope you feel the presence of your loved ones and are able to find peace and comfort in the birth of Christ.

Christmas Blessings to all!

~ Eileen Frasier



#### Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate the splendor of true love;  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer, authentic  
schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again  
experience violence, rejection and division; may all  
who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort  
and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its  
beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen



Saturday, December 28	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, December 29	11:30AM	<i>Janice Machnowski Francisco Goncalves - 10 year anniversary</i>
Saturday, January 4	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, January 5	11:30AM	<i>Franklin, Katherine &amp; Paul Whitehead Mark Touhey</i>

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 12/29	Tricia Grime	Anne Marie Lefever Denise McCoy	Mauro Teixeira Maura Teixeira Elizabeth Frasier



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George & Jeannette Lavoie*

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all the Food Pantry Volunteers  
Thank you for your continued support!

### Food Pantry News

*Are you looking for  
A New Year's Resolution?*

*How about  
Volunteering at our Food Pantry?*

Just a couple hours a week would be great!  
We still need children's cereals at the Pantry ~  
you have been doing a great job keeping our shelves full.



The Food Pantry will be open on  
**Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 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*

## Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



*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.*

***Lila Jean Dean** child of Mark & Jasmine*

***Carson Rozario** child of Craig & Mikaelah*

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 Rymaszewicz, Rose Fournier



## WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

December 29 Rev. Timothy Reis  
December 30 Rev. Thomas Rita  
December 31 Rev. William Rodrigues  
January 1 Pope Francis  
January 2 Rev. Horace Travassos  
January 3 Bishop Edgar da Cunha, SDV  
January 4 Rev. Msgr. James Root



*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

**Tyane Lopes** who passed away October 17 and whose funeral was celebrated at St. Lawrence on December 20

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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