

*OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
And IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
December 20, 2020*



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

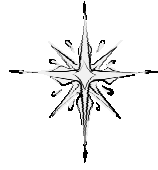
And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

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

PARISH MISSION:

Our Lady of Fatima and Immaculate Conception Parish is a Catholic faith community called by God to holiness. Our calling is realized in a spirit of love, unity and hospitality. As a faith community, we will deepen our knowledge and love of God in Christ. We will seek to contribute our time, talent and other resources in a spirit of service, based on our Baptismal commitment, founded on the Word of God and celebrated in sacramental life, especially Eucharist.

Christmas 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is a different Christmas! Believers will find their celebrations of Jesus' carnation quarantined. Carols and Christmas sermons will occur on-line for many. Family gatherings will be limited and yet...

In the midst of pandemic Light still shines. It is an inner Light, a light of faith that is threatened but never extinguished. It shines in the midst of "safe distancing" and face coverings. It points to God becoming one of us, made flesh, a sometimes weakened and lonely flesh, is born in a manger to see us through such times.

It is a grace-filled birth. God says to the world, "I am there. I am with you. I am your life". Joy, not happiness and merry-making is the gift of Christmas. We create happiness, but God gives us Joy.

The beauty of Christmas can be found in this illustration. "After a mother has smiled for a long time at her child, the child will begin to smile back; she has awakened love in his heart. In the same way God awakes Himself before us, as love. Love radiates from the light of love in God's heart". Hans Urs von Balthasar

To those who are fearful, or alone or exhausted especially our caregivers, we learn that God doesn't save us from the pain of this life but rather lives with us during hard times. There is a small distance between the manger and the cross.

We sill sing carols in our hearts this year where they really belong. We will not measure love in gatherings but in acts of generosity...and the real gift of Christmas will still be a star of Hope, a star that no one can extinguish.

Thank you for being part of our parish. We need you more than ever. Your presence is gift.

Fr. Biron



PROCEDURES FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

In order to follow COVID 19 safety guidelines, we require that you wear a mask and **sign up to reserve a seat.** Please visit <https://olfic.flocknote.com/signup/27448>.

CHRISTMAS MASSES



Our Lady of Fatima Church

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Christmas Day: 10:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church

Christmas Day: 8:30 am

Communion will be available after Christmas Day masses.

IC: 9:30-10AM **and OLF:** 11:30AM-Noon

Visit www.facebook.com/olfic starting at 8AM on Christmas day for Virtual Christmas Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19, 5 PM

Rose Doherty & Gerald Doherty

Sunday, December 20, 8:30 AM

Bruce & Alice Newman & Family (liv)

Sunday, December 20, 10:30 AM

Charles Murphy

Monday, December 21, 9 AM

Tuesday, December 22, 9 AM

Christopher Politano Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, December 23, 9AM

Thursday, December 24, 4PM

Theresa, Ernest & Cynthia Venti *by*

Carla & Anthony Venti

And

In Memory of Albert Mulcahey *by* The Currier Family

Thursday, December 24, 6:30PM

Chub Symonds *and* Geraldine & John Kelly

Friday, December 25, 8:30AM

For The People

Friday, December 25, 10:30AM

For The People

Saturday, December 26, 5 PM.

Sunday, December 27, 8:30 AM

Laura Rudkins (liv)

Sunday, December 27, 10:30 AM

Maurice Jean *by* The Lizotte Family

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We need volunteers to help decorate Our Lady of Fatima Church after the 10:30 mass on **Dec 20th**.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joyce Catrambone

Dianne Johnson

Elise Caplan

Amy Leonard

Peter Phillips

Judy Lafond

Karen Flanagan

Bill Connors

Marietta Meloy

Liz Mills

Marianne Rissolo

Bob LaGassa

Terrie Donnell

Richard Orlando

Alice Rogers Connolly

Michele Noyer

Paula Valentino

Margaret Henneberry

Margaret Marschner

Sr. Maeve McDermott

Sande Parcell

Carol Conforti-Adams

Louis Dubreuil

Carol Giordano

Celine Hatch

Louis Dubreuil

Jack Miller

Mary Ofenloch

Mark Licitra

Richard Reed

Patricia Iannuzzi

Isaac Walsh

Shin Akiyama

Ardyth Caccavo

Chelsea Cascio

Peggy Vasquez

Carole Ross

Melissa Newton

Neil Hatch

Michae McEnrue

Doris Ebel

James Mitchell

Stephanie Ferrie

Robert Cottier

Linda Poire

Philip Halkenhauser



Please contact the rectory to help keep this list current.

PARISH WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon Dec 21, 3:15pm Rosary - IC

4:30 Intercessory Prayer Grp - IC

Tue Dec 22, 7:45 Men's Prayer Grp - Hall

9:30 Rosary after Mass

†**Thu Dec 24,** 4pm Vigil, Nativity of The Lord

6:30pm Night, Nativity of The Lord

†**Fri Dec 25,** 8:30am Nativity of The Lord - IC

10:30am Nativity of The Lord

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 20, 2020

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS
BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

RECTORY AND CHURCH OFFICES

724 Main St

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Phone: 603-526-4484

Email: parishoffice@olfic.org

Web: www.olfic.org

Catholic Charities: 1-800-562-5249

Loaves & Fishes Help Line: 1-800-978-6395

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Pastor | Rev. Robert Biron |
| Permanent Deacon | Deacon Gregory McGinn gregmcginn@yahoo.com |
| Religious Ed. Coordinator | Teresa Jackson reled@olfic.org |
| Administrative Assistant | Anne Brown |
| Music Director | Paul Gorman |
| Music Ministry for IC | Robert Minaert |
| Maintenance | Brian Fraioli |

SACRAMENTAL AND PRAYER LIFE

Our Lady of Fatima

Mass Schedule this week

9:00 a.m. Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday
✠4:00 p.m. Thursday
✠6:30 p.m. Thursday
✠10:30 a.m. Friday
5:00 p.m. Saturday
10:30 a.m. Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration: Suspended

Reconciliation/Confession: 4:15 p.m. Saturday

Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule for this week

8:30 a.m. Sunday
✠8:30 a.m. Friday

Anointing the Sick & Baptism:

Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriage:

Please contact the Rectory at least 6 months prior.

Homebound / Hospitalized:

Bringing Communion to anyone unable to attend Mass has been suspended.

December 20, 2020

Readings

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22



Mass Schedule for New Year's Day

Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday, Dec 31st at 5pm
Friday, Jan 1st at 10:30am

Immaculate Conception

Friday, Jan 1st at 8:30am

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Class will begin in January Sundays 11:30 - 12:45. Open to any adult not yet confirmed OR any adult who would like a 10 week refresher course on the Faith. Contact Teresa reled@olfic.org.

TAKE 5

Unlocking every door.

Those who have been incarcerated know exactly what it means to face a locked door. So do folks who have been institutionalized with mental illness. But even those of us who have not been behind a literal door may find ourselves living under a sentence of fear, bitterness, depression, or unforgiveness. We may be locked out of relationships that are important to us because of resentment or past actions. Poverty is often a prison that keeps opportunity and hope out, while also fostering despair within. O Jesus, Key of David, unlock every door that keeps us from experiencing your freedom!

LASALETTE SHRINE

Christmas light display: Now to Jan 3, 2021, Wed. thru Sun. 5-9pm with International Manger Display. **Gift shop** open Wed thru Sat 12-6pm; Sun. 12-4pm. **Masses:** Wed thru Sat 6pm; Sun. 11am. **Reconciliation:** 5:15pm before Mass.

CHADWICK FUNERAL SERVICE
 235 Main St. • New London
 MARION C. HAFNER • CHARLES M. HAFNER
 hafner@tds.net 603-526-6442
 www.chadwickfuneralservice.com
 Traditional Funeral & Cremation Services
 Pre-Need Planning

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
 -800-477-4574-

BRIAN J. WICENSKI, DMD
 MARY E. WICENSKI, DMD
 GENERAL DENTISTRY
 27 NEWPORT ROAD
 NEW LONDON
 603-526-2286
 WWW.WICENSKIDENTAL.COM

WALKER AUTOMOTIVE
 Quality • Dependable • Friendly
 Automotive Service & Repair
 ASE
 18-1
 18-2
 18-3
 18-4
 18-5
 18-6
 18-7
 18-8
 18-9
 18-10
 18-11
 18-12
 18-13
 18-14
 18-15
 18-16
 18-17
 18-18
 18-19
 18-20
 18-21
 18-22
 18-23
 18-24
 18-25
 18-26
 18-27
 18-28
 18-29
 18-30
 18-31
 18-32
 18-33
 18-34
 18-35
 18-36
 18-37
 18-38
 18-39
 18-40
 18-41
 18-42
 18-43
 18-44
 18-45
 18-46
 18-47
 18-48
 18-49
 18-50
 18-51
 18-52
 18-53
 18-54
 18-55
 18-56
 18-57
 18-58
 18-59
 18-60
 18-61
 18-62
 18-63
 18-64
 18-65
 18-66
 18-67
 18-68
 18-69
 18-70
 18-71
 18-72
 18-73
 18-74
 18-75
 18-76
 18-77
 18-78
 18-79
 18-80
 18-81
 18-82
 18-83
 18-84
 18-85
 18-86
 18-87
 18-88
 18-89
 18-90
 18-91
 18-92
 18-93
 18-94
 18-95
 18-96
 18-97
 18-98
 18-99
 18-100

WALKER AUTOMOTIVE
 Quality • Dependable • Friendly
 Automotive Service & Repair
 ASE
 18-1
 18-2
 18-3
 18-4
 18-5
 18-6
 18-7
 18-8
 18-9
 18-10
 18-11
 18-12
 18-13
 18-14
 18-15
 18-16
 18-17
 18-18
 18-19
 18-20
 18-21
 18-22
 18-23
 18-24
 18-25
 18-26
 18-27
 18-28
 18-29
 18-30
 18-31
 18-32
 18-33
 18-34
 18-35
 18-36
 18-37
 18-38
 18-39
 18-40
 18-41
 18-42
 18-43
 18-44
 18-45
 18-46
 18-47
 18-48
 18-49
 18-50
 18-51
 18-52
 18-53
 18-54
 18-55
 18-56
 18-57
 18-58
 18-59
 18-60
 18-61
 18-62
 18-63
 18-64
 18-65
 18-66
 18-67
 18-68
 18-69
 18-70
 18-71
 18-72
 18-73
 18-74
 18-75
 18-76
 18-77
 18-78
 18-79
 18-80
 18-81
 18-82
 18-83
 18-84
 18-85
 18-86
 18-87
 18-88
 18-89
 18-90
 18-91
 18-92
 18-93
 18-94
 18-95
 18-96
 18-97
 18-98
 18-99
 18-100

AAA Excavation
 Excavation • Handscapes
 • Sitework • Land clearing
 • Driveways • Drainage
 Online @
 AAndersonExcavation.biz
 (603) 456-2336 Serving the Lake Umbagog
 areaexcavation@tds.net region and beyond

b. home
 fine consignments & more
 272 St. George Street | Duxbury
 bhomeconsignment@gmail.com
 (339) 217-2124

Ayer & Goss
 FUELS
 Fuel Oils and Propane Gas • Sales and Service
 Our Family has been serving the area's heating needs for over 65 years.
 Look for our yellow trucks in your neighborhood.
 428-3333 or 938-5335
 Home Office: 20 Hall Ave. Henniker, NH
 www.ayerandgoss.com

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

FIELD & SONS
 DDDT, LLC
 SPECIALIZING IN THE TRANSPORT
 OF MOBILE/MODULAR HOUSING
 SMALL BUILDINGS, BARK MULCH,
 WOOD CHIPS, BACKHOE WORK, ETC.
 Reginald & Theresa Field, PARISHIONERS
 603-863-2220 fieldandsons@comcast.net

23 Summit Road
 New London, NH
526-9293
 www.mountainsiderfc.com
 www.facebook.com/mountainsiderfc
 Complete Fitness Center • Indoor Tennis/Pickleball
 Group Fitness Classes • Personal Training

MARSHALL'S GARAGE, INC
 330 Elkins Rd, Elkins, NH
 526-6231
 HIGH QUALITY AUTO REPAIR
 SINCE 1947
 servicing all makes and models *
 loaner cars, pickup and delivery by request
 www.marshallsgarage.com

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

Call LPi at
1.800.477.4574
 for more information.

Montessori SCHOOL
 Newport Montessori School
 96 Pine Street/PO Box 634, Newport NH 03773
 603-863-2243
 www.newportmontessori.org

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.ALPI.com/careers

WOODCREST VILLAGE
 ASSISTED LIVING
 Assisted Living in a Gracious Village Setting
 356 Main Street, New London, NH
 603-526-2300 • www.woodcrestvillage.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Ray Amirault** to place an ad today!
ramirault@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6416**

Pleasant Lake Cheesecake Company
 Delicious Specialty Cheesecakes
 Scituateville Bldg
 75 Newport Road, #108, New London, NH
 603-526-7522
 PleasantLakeCheesecake.com

LAKE SUNAPEE PLUMBING & HEATING
 24 Hr Emergency Service
603-863-2430
 Professional Installers • Boilers & Furnaces
 Ductless Air Conditioning • Oil Tanks

catholicmatch®
 New Hampshire
CatholicMatch.com/NH

Too Sick for Mass?
 SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
 Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
 www.parishesonline.com

Cooper's Custom Carpentry
 Remodeling Specialist
HOME REMODELING
 Kitchens • Bathrooms • Custom Stairs • Siding Repairs • Hardwood Floors
 Custom Decks • Custom Woodworking • Windows • Doors • Tile & More...
Jason Cooper • (603) 944-7657
 www.cooperscustomcarpentry.com
 jason@cooperscustomcarpentry.com

WE BUY COMIC BOOKS
COMIC HUNTERS
603-568-6848

Sweet Beet Market
 11 West Main Street • Bradford, NH
 COMMITTED TO LOCAL
 SEASONAL PRODUCE • MEAT • SEAFOOD • DAIRY
 FRESH BAKED GOODS • ART & CRAFT • HOME GOODS
 YEAR-ROUND HOURS:
 Wednesday-Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday-Sunday: 9am-5pm
kearsargefoodhub.org • 938-5326
 sweetbeetmarket@gmail.com

DAVID L. LAMBERT QUALITY REMODELING
 Cell: 603-731-4477
 Home: 603-746-4881
CUSTOM KITCHENS, BATHROOMS, DECKS & WOODWORKING
 Specializing in your needs
 dlambertremodelling.com