



1st Sunday of Advent

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HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please see Mass intentions inside bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: St. Martin.....2: 30 PM - 3:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place at the weekend Masses.
Please call the office to make arrangements for
Baptism and Baptismal preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Diocesan policy states that arrangements be
made at least six months prior to the date of
marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify us if a parishioner is seriously ill
and would like to receive the Sacrament of the
Sick.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are homebound and would like to re-
ceive the Eucharist, please call the office 692-
2172



It's Almost Parade Day!!



Somersworth / Berwick Christmas Parade



It's that time of year again! Time to gather and go out and proudly hold the Light of Christ for all to see. It is time for us to bundle up, put on our boots, and go into the darkness of the world to remind others and ourselves that the birth of Christ is the birth of HOPE—it changes everything! Our world has forgotten this, it is time for us to go out with joy and remind them!

Please join our parishes on Saturday, December 7 as we participate in the Somersworth / Berwick Christmas parade, when we humbly proclaim Christ as the reason not only for Christmas but also for our joy!

We will meet at St. Martin Church starting at 12:30PM and taking buses to the parade route. The parade route is one mile long. Dress warmly! We will be leaving on buses from St. Martin Church at 1:00PM SHARP and we will be back in time for 4PM Mass. There will be limited seating available on the trailer for any who are unable to walk. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for that seating at 603-692-2172.

SIGN MAKING IS BACK!

Ever wanted to make a Pinterest-y decoration for your home? Now is the time! Join other parish members in a fun and unique community building experience where you can paint a sign of your choice to go in your home or maybe give it as a gift!

Sign Making Gathering
All Welcome!
 Saint Martin's Church
 Downstairs
DECEMBER 5TH 530PM
\$30 PP
 Step by step
 Instructors
 All supplies
 Included

TO PRE-REGISTER WITH YOUR CHOICE #
 EMAIL: SIPANDSIGN@GMAIL.COM
 OR 5CILLEYS@GMAIL.COM
 OR CALL CATHY CILLEY AT 603-905-9982

1 happy holidays	2 JOY	3 Hark! the herald Angels sing	4
5 OH COME LET US Adore HIM!	6 Jesus IS THE REASON FOR THE Season	7 let it SNOW	8
9 Christmas BEGINS WITH Christ	10 Believe	11 PEACE ON EARTH	12

CONFESSION TIME CHANGE



Due to the Christmas Parade on Sat, 12/7, Fr. Andrew will listen to confessions that day **AFTER the 4PM Mass.**



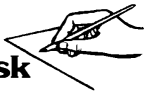
All are Invited & Welcome to our Annual Christmas Day Dinner

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As is our parish tradition, we will host a Dinner starting at **3:00PM on Christmas Day at St. Martin Church Hall** and enjoy a Christmas meal as one big family!

Please invite anyone you think may be alone this Christmas season. There's no need to bring anything or worry about what to do. We all serve, eat, and clean-up as any family would. We hope you will join us!

From the Pastor's Desk



Two years ago as a parish we had a crazy idea, an idea that others thought would never work, one that was dismissed as destined to fail.

Our idea was quite simple- *in a world increasingly filled with darkness, uncertainty, political turmoil, and angst*- what if a group of people boldly went out into the streets to witness to something else, to something bigger than our worries, bigger than politics, bigger than our struggles- what if a group of people **witnessed a reason for hope** - what if a group of ordinary people **went into the streets to witness to the Light of Christ**.

For the past two years as a parish, with your help, we have done just that and marched by the hundreds in the Somersworth/Berwick Christmas parade and **raised the banner of Hope**.

The result of our witness in the parade has been remarkable! It has been born out upon those faces of those who watched, on the faces of men and women of all ages- whose hearts hunger for something more, the faces of men and women who saw through our witness that not only can joy and hope be found, but that they are first and always in Christ.

Consider the fact that for children, *when Christ is removed from the celebration of Christmas, Christmas becomes a holiday that is just about getting things*.

Why do I care so passionately about our Christmas parade? Because it is our chance to remind our local community, our brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, and ourselves, not only that there is something more, but that that "more"- **Jesus- changes everything**.

When hundreds of people joyfully march, people stop and look. When hundreds of people march it changes the marchers, too! When we invite friends from other parishes, from other churches, when we invite neighbors- to walk with us- we do something important but increasingly rare in this world- **we band together as a community**.

Each year as we have marched by, people have stood in awe not only at the numbers of us who assemble, but more importantly at the joy with which we march. **Our tone is a marked difference from what is on television and the radio**. There are **no politics, no division: simply a family of faith**, young and old alike, rich and poor, who together not only journey in faith- but **witness to the Hope of Christ**.

Our world hungers for the Hope of Christ today more than ever. **Let's go feed people, let's joyfully remind our corner of the world that there is something more, something beautiful, a God who not only loves us, but a God who sends His Son to dwell among us, a Son born on Christmas day**.

Recently, I was approached by a stranger at Market Basket who wanted to know if I was from "that Church that marches in the Christmas Parade." I was not sure what to make of the question at first, but I proudly said "why yes I am, my name is Fr. Andrew I am the priest for St. Ignatius in Somersworth, and St. Mary in Rollinsford."

Before I could say anymore the gentleman interrupted and said "I am not Catholic." Inside my mind I panicked a little wondering if I was about to get it... but he continued "but I hope you guys will be marching again. There was a lot of you. You know we all need to be reminded of what this time of year is about. I took my grandkids last year, they don't go to Church, but I was able to remind them what it is all about. Thank you!" Then the gentlemen shook my hand and looked me deep in the eyes and said again, **"thank you."**

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-Fr. Andrew

Ways to Help out with the Parade (besides showing up!)

Our Nativity needs your help!

Our manger float needs lots of animals in it as well as other Nativity characters! If you have young kids or are middle/high schooler willing to help out, please arrive at St. Martin no later than 12:30PM on Sat, Dec 7.



Christmas Candy Needed!

Every year, we pass out candy to the children (and sometimes adults!) we pass along the Christmas parade route.

If you can donate bags of candy for this fun event, that would be greatly appreciated! You can drop off your bags of candy at the Parish Office.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE CON'T...

Saturday, December 7 Con't

7:30AM	Walking Club—St. Martin
12:30PM	Arrive for Departure to Parade— St. Martin

1:00PM Depart for Parade! - St. Martin

4:00PM Mass—St. Martin
5:00PM Confession—St. Martin

Sunday, December 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception (*regular Mass Schedule since Feast is on a Sunday*)

7:00AM	Mass—Holy Trinity
9:00AM	Mass—St. Martin
9:30AM	St. Mary Rel. Ed Class—Parish House
11:00AM	Mass—St. Mary
6:30PM	Choir Practice—St. Martin

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December

15, 3:00PM -

Holy Trinity



Christmas Eve

4:00PM Mass—St. Martin

6:00PM—Christmas Pageant—

Holy Trinity

6:30PM—Christmas Mass—

Holy Trinity

Christmas Day

Midnight Mass, 12:00AM—

St. Mary Parish

8:00AM Mass—Holy Trinity

10:00AM—St. Martin

3:00PM—Christmas Dinner—

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***St. Ignatius
Family Faith Formation***

Our next Family Activity will be on Sunday, December 1 after the 9AM Mass. Breakfast will be served for Religious Ed families and there will be great activities for young ones and grown ups alike to prepare us for the birth of Jesus!

NOTICE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

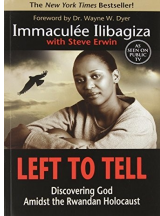
With the Christmas season upon us, we have an irregular publishing schedule throughout the month of December. If you would like to publish an announcement in the bulletin, they are due to Amanda **2 WEEKS** before you need them published.

Please email them directly to her at:

alley.amanda@comcast.net

Thank you in advance!

Book Club Reminder



Our Book Club will meet on **Monday, December 2 and have two sessions: noon at Holy Trinity Hall and 7:00pm at St. Martin Hall** to discuss our latest book, *Left to Tell*.

Whether you read the whole story or just the first chapter, all are welcome to partake in the discussion!



Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 6-7:00PM at St. Martin Church
Every 3rd Thursday 9:30AM
at St. Mary Church

Christmas Raffle!

Don't forget to purchase and send in your Christmas raffle tickets! Here are the great prizes:



1st Prize: Handcrafted crèche by Fr. Andrew with Italian hand carved Nativity.

Estimated Value: \$1,500

2nd Prize: Hand carved statue of the Holy Family

Estimated Value: \$200

3rd Prize: Hand carved angel ornaments (12 drawings for this prize)

Estimated Value: \$30 each

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AFTER CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON 12/15

Tickets available at all church entrances or at the Parish Office

Parish Support

St. Ignatius Parish & St. Mary Parish **November 23-24**

Due to the bulletin publisher's early transmission date for the holidays, we are unable to report our collections for this past weekend. We will provide this information in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for your understanding!



Monday, December 2 9:00AM Holy Trinity
Fr. Robert "Bob" Cormier by Amanda

Tuesday, December 3 9:00AM Holy Trinity
James Breslin by Sinvon Breslin

Wednesday, December 4 9:00AM Holy Trinity
For the Intentions of All Parishioners

6:15PM St. Martin
John and Frances Disko by Mary Gardner
Josephine M. Concemi by Mary Gardner

Thursday, December 5 9:00AM St. Mary
For All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 7 4:00PM St. Martin
Jason T. Guilmette by his mom, dad, and family
Robin Ladisheff (2yr. Ann.) by her husband Chris
Edwardo Diharce by Dianne and Richard Pratt

Sunday, December 8 7:00AM Holy Trinity
Conrad Gagnon by his wife and family

9:00AM St. Martin
Dennis Loubier by Roland & Annette Loubier
Sophie Willett by Linda and Randy Jachon
For all Priests by Theresa Thomas

11:00AM St. Mary
Roland and Elizabeth St. Hilaire by Danny + Gail



Are you prepared for the birth of Jesus? Delve into the Advent season with these activities and events!



Youth Ministry Event

St Martin Church
Friday | Dec 13, 2019
7:00 - 8:30 PM

ADVENT YOUTH NIGHT

An evening of adoration, praise and worship
for middle and high school youth

St. Ignatius of Loyola & St. Mary
Youth Ministry

Great Family Activity!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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See Christmas like Mary & Joseph

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

COME FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY AND
JOSEPH ON THE NIGHT JESUS WAS BORN

FRIDAY, DEC. 13TH
ST. MICHAEL PARISH
EXETER, NH
5:30-8:30PM
TOURS LEAVE EVERY 15 MINS

WWW.STMICHAELPARISH.ORG

Advent Christmas Concert in Nashua

† JESUS aCROSS the Border
presents

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DEC

Make Room

A Christmas Concert

in partnership with

Thrive Young Adult Group

OPEN TO ALL AGES

Sammy Moore & Here on Earth Worship

Mandy Powers of the B-Street Bombers

Fr. Von DeRosa

7 PM Christmas Concert 8 PM "Make Room" Talk by Fr. Von DeRosa
8:15 PM Adoration 9 PM Pizza Social & Christmas Carol Karaoke

Immaculate Conception Church 216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH
Free church parking

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