

December 10 & 11th, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

12/10 4:00 P M Paul A Cobb - 15th Anniv.
 12/11 9:00 AM John Waggett - 6th Anniv.
 Noon Karen Silas - 24th Anniv.
 12/14 5:30 PM James H. Hynes - 40th Anniv.
 12/15 5:30 PM Mary F. Sullivan - 2nd Anniv.
 12/17 4:00 PM John Terranova - 1st Anniv.
 12/18 9:00 AM Stephen Corr - 1st Anniv.
 Noon John F. Lemanski - 5th Anniv.

PARISH CALENDAR

Every Mon 6:00 PM - Teen Pizza & Prayer in Halifax
 Every Tues 7:00 PM - RCIA
 Every Wed 6:00 PM - Confessions heard
 6:00 PM - Adoration for one hour
 Every Thurs 3:45 PM - Youth Choir
 6:00 PM - Adoration for half hour
 7:00 PM - Adult Choir
 7:00 PM - Gamblers Anonymous
 2nd Wed 6:30 PM - Sodality of Our Lady
 1st & 3rd Thurs 6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 1st Fri 8:00 PM - Teen Movie Night
 3rd Friday 7:30 PM - Baptismal Preparation Class
 alternating with Our Lady
 Last Fri 8:00 PM - Teen Can of Worms
 2nd Sat 1:00 PM - Monthly Baptism
 4:00 PM - Anointing of the Sick Mass.

Parish Prayer Line - 781-293-7592 or 781-447-3247. Your intentions, needs and petitions will be remembered prayerfully and confidentially.

Offertory Collection: The December 3rd & 4th collection amounted to \$5,963.00. Thank you.

Facilities Maintenance Collection amounted to \$2,558.00

Upcoming Collections:

12/25 - Christmas Clergy Benefit

2016 Grand Annual - This initial results of our 2016 Grand Annual Appeal are extremely encouraging! Many parishioners have already pledged their support. If you did not bring your pledge card with you to Mass, please mail back to the parish office or place it in the collection next weekend. If you did not receive a letter, pledge cards are available in the gathering area

The Grand Annual collection allows us to both balance our budget and continue on-going maintenance at the parish. This year we have the need to enhance our security system. Recent events in our community has made this a priority. We would also like to improve our landscaping and make some additional repairs to our facilities.

Can we surpass last year's success? Last year's Grand Annual raised almost \$50,000. Our hope is that we could raise as much as \$60,000 to keep our parish in good financial order. If possible, please consider a gift of \$300 or more. Some have the ability to do much more and some less. We ask only that you give to the best of your ability. Thank you for your support.

Due to the Cold and Flu Season, the Precious Blood will not be distributed until further notice. During the Sign of Peace, some may prefer not to offer a hand-shake as a sign of peace during cold and flu season. A nod or simple wish: "The peace of Christ be with you." is most appropriate.

From the Archdiocese of Boston - "Parishioners should be reminded that if they are ill or suspect they are ill with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass Obligation. They should remain at home and return to church when they are well."

Are you getting married or know someone who is? -St. Joseph the Worker and Our Lady of the Lake Parishes are offering the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program *Transformed in Love*, in the spring of 2017. For more information and registration visit RCAB.org and search Marriage Preparation. Please contact Deacon Kevin Winn at kjw-amdg@comcast.net if you have any questions.

The Giving Tree Christmas Program- All gifts must be received at the church by **Saturday, December 17th** for distribution to families on Sunday, December 18th

All are welcome to join the **Sodality of Our Lady** this Wednesday at 6:30pm, following the 5:30pm Mass, in the Upper Hall for Rosary, a brief meeting, refreshments, and holiday cheer!



Worship Band Christmas Celebration - Friday, December 16, 7:00 PM. As we begin to prepare for the joyous holiday season, please mark your calendar for a wonderful night of worship, song, and prayer. *Psalm 151* welcomes all parishioners to attend their celebration of the *Reason for the Season*, with a night of Christmas songs that lead us on a journey to the Birth of our Savior. This is a true reflection of the season and a wonderful way to enjoy a joyful night with the whole family. Immediately following there will be refreshments to celebrate fellowship and community. Please join us!

A collaborative Christmas Festival, Sunday December 18, from 2-3 PM in the Parish Hall at our Lady of the Lake, Halifax. The children will present a Christmas Pageant. The St. Joseph the Worker and Our Lady of the Lake Adult Choir and Youth Choir will sing sacred Christmas Music. A sing-along will complete our joy-filled, faith-filled Christmas Festival. Refreshments will be served.

St. Thecla's Annual Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 21, 7:00PM in the church. The concert includes traditional favorites and new works. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Story - Please join our Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Family for a wonderful presentation by our children and youth telling the story of the Birth of our Lord Jesus. This will take place prior to the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, December 24th (further details to follow). Please come early and watch the Holy Spirit inspire our youth in reflecting this beautiful account of the Incarnation of our Lord. O Come, O Come Emmanuel (God With Us)!

If school is cancelled due to a snow storm, there will not be a daily Mass.

The 60th Annual Red Acres Christmas Sing, West Washington Street, Hanson is Sunday, December 18th from 2-4PM. This is an open and free activity for the whole family.

HANSON FOOD PANTRY at 228 High Street. Hours are Tuesday 10 AM - Noon, and 6 - 8 PM. **December: crackers, cookies, microwave popcorn, brownie, pudding and jello mixes, etc.** These items may be left in the Food Pantry baskets in the gathering area. **Your donations are always greatly appreciated.**

When donating food items, please be sure to check the expiration dates. The Food Pantry is not able to give away food that has expired. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

2016-2017



REMINDER: All grade levels are invited to:

Advent Night of Worship
 Celebrating the Birth of Jesus
 with youth band, Psalm 151

Friday, December 16 at 7 p.m.
 Saint Joseph the Worker Church
 Refreshments immediately following in the upper hall.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Grades 2-5 December 17 @ 9:05- 10:20 a.m.
 Indian Head School

Grade 6 December 19 @ 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Grade 7 December 19 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Confirmation Preparation

Grade 9 December 18 -- 9 a.m. Mass followed by class in the upper hall 10-11:30 a.m.

Grade 8 December 11 -- 9 a.m. Mass followed by class in the upper hall 10-11:30 a.m.

BLUE SHEET OPPORTUNITY

First Reconciliation is Saturday, January 14, 2017. Student volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Please call/email if you can help.

Mary Lewek - Coordinator of Faith Formation
 Kevin Mossman-Confirmation Coordinator/Gr. 6-8
 Faith Formation Office - 781-293-1293
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Presider's Mass Schedule for December 17th & 18th		
	OLOL	SJTW
Saturday		
4:00 PM	Fr. Buckley/Dcn Booker	Fr. Schatzel
		Anointing Mass
Sunday		
7:30 AM	Fr. Hobson/Dcn Winn	
9:00 AM		Fr. Lee
10:30 AM	Fr. Lee	
12:00 NOON		Fr. Hobson/Dcn Booker