

# December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## The Nativity of the Lord

**Christmas Eve**  
 4:00 PM Fr. Schatzel (new church)  
 4:00 PM Fr. Hobson (old church)  
 6:00 PM Fr. Lee  
 8:00 PM Fr. Hobson  
 (Choir Concert Prelude starts at 7:30 PM)

**Christmas Day**  
 10:00 AM Fr. Lee  
 at ***Our Lady of the Lake***

**Christmas Eve**  
 4:00 PM Fr. Lee  
 6:00 PM Fr. Buckley

**Christmas Day**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Hobson

*All Masses are for the People of the Parish and those remembered at all Christmas Masses*

### Mass Intentions

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

12/31 4:00 PM Vigil - People of the Parish  
 1/1 9:00 AM People of the Parish  
 Noon Grabowski & Gawlik Fam - Mem.

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

### 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.

**During to the Cold and Flu Season, the Precious Blood will not be distributed until further notice.**

**Offertory Collection:** The December 17th & 18th collection amounted to \$5,548.00. Thank you.

### Upcoming Collections:

**Christmas Collection** - The 614 diocesan priests in our Archdiocese are there for us, sharing Christ's good news, performing good works, and building strong communities of good faith. Remember priests such as those who have made a meaningful difference in your life, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to today's/tonight's collection. Also, remember to find the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Thank you for your prayers and generous support of our priests.

**2016 Grand Annual** - The initial results of our 2016 Grand Annual Appeal are extremely encouraging! To date we have raised over \$25,000. If you did not receive a letter from Fr. Hobson pledge cards are available in the gathering area. Thank you for supporting St. Joseph the Worker.

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)** - The Lectionary gives four different sets of readings for this great feast: the Vigil Mass, Mass during the night, at dawn, and during the day. The readings are very familiar: the genealogy in Matthew, the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, stories of shepherds and angels in Luke, and the magnificent Prologue to John's Gospel, "In the beginning was the Word..." Whatever readings you hear, try to hear them with new ears and give thanks for the greatest gift. "Awesome" is so overused but it doesn't even begin to describe Christmas. God loved us so much, He sent His Son to be with us, to be one of us, to redeem us. Just think about that and give thanks. We should all be like the angels, singing, "Glory to God in the highest" And, if singing, isn't your thing at least be ready to share your story of God's goodness and how Jesus has worked in your life with at least one other person this week.

**Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul** - Because of the generosity of so many of our parishioners, over 30 families within our community received the help they needed this Christmas through our Giving Tree program. Thank you for sharing God's blessings.

**Heartfelt Thanks** - Sincere thanks to those who remembered their loved ones by making a donation toward the flowers and altar supplies; and thank you to those who helped decorate our Church, all our ministries, lectors, choirs, altar servers, ushers, and everyone who served our Church in any way. *May God Bless you and your family with the Peace, Hope, Love and Joy that is Christmas!*

**Evangelizing Friends and Relatives at Christmas:** After Christmas: Gather and Celebrate - Many people find themselves away from home or perhaps struggling through difficult family situations during Christmas. Invite them to join you for your traditional Christmas celebrations where appropriate. Continue celebrating throughout the Christmas season by sharing in family and parish gatherings! It is a common custom to keep Christmas lights on until the celebration of the Magi's arrival before the Infant Lord on January 6th-called the "Epiphany," or "Little Christmas." This is also a way of observing the "Twelve Days of Christmas." Remember that your witness may well inspire a deepening sense of God's love and invitation.

**Are you new to St. Joseph the Worker?** If you are new to our parish, have been coming to Mass but may never have registered with us, or would now like to receive monthly envelopes, please call Deirdre at 781-293-3581, ext 115. If you have never received emails from us, please send an email to [reled.sjtw@comcast.net](mailto:reled.sjtw@comcast.net) and we will add you to our contact list.

### Upcoming Events:

**Need a night out after ringing in the New Year?** Come join St. Joseph the Worker's Adult Social Committee for a Winter Pot Luck, Saturday, January 21st from 5:15 p.m. to whenever we are done having fun! Questions, contact Maureen O'Neil at [maureen335@comcast.net](mailto:maureen335@comcast.net). Plates, cups, and utensils will be provided as well as warming trays and crock pots to keep the food warm.

**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](http://RCAB.org) and search Marriage Preparation. Please contact Deacon Kevin Winn at [kjw-amdg@comcast.net](mailto:kjw-amdg@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

**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

*The Faith Formation Office wishes all of our families the gifts that Jesus brings...Joy, Love and Peace.*



**Merry Christmas!**

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### CHRISTMAS VACATION

No classes will be held, Saturday, December 24 through Monday, January 2.

### 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE

Grades 2-5	January 7 -- 9:05-10:20 a.m. @ IHS
Grade 8	January 8 -- 9 a.m. Mass followed by class in the upper hall 10-11:30 a.m.
Grade 6	January 9 @ 5:15-6:45 p.m.
Grade 7	January 9 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

### GRADE 2

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. Please have your child in the upper hall by 9:45 a.m. to meet his/her teacher. Student volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Please call/email if you can help.

**{This meets the blue sheet requirement for Confirmation.}**

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