

# December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

- 12/3 4:00 PM John McLaughlin, Sr., Marie McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Jr., Frances McLaughlin-Svelnis, and Mary McLaughlin Wish - Mem.
- 12/4 9:00 AM John J. Ferry - 1st Anniv.  
Noon Skip Lally - 22nd Anniv
- 12/6 9:00 AM Alice M. Corr - Mem.
- 12/7 5:30 PM Richard D. Falcone - 1st Anniv.
- 12/8 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception in Halifax**  
**5:30 PM Immaculate Conception**  
**7:00 PM Immaculate Conception**
- 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.

### 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

**Offertory Collection:** The November 26th & 27th collection amounted to \$5,457.00. Thank you.

### Upcoming Collections:

- 12/4 - Facilities Maintenance
- 12/8 - Immaculate Conception - **Holy Day of Obligation** (collection for our St. Vincent de Paul)
- 12/25 - Christmas Clergy Benefit to support the retirement, medical and finance needs of the Archdiocese of Boston

**Tri-parish Advent** mission December 4-6, 7-8 PM

Our Lady - The Virgin Mary and Christian meditation

St. Joseph - The Virgin Mary and love for the poor

St. Thecla - The Virgin Mary and the "new Evangelization". A collation will follow Wednesday evening. Confessions will be heard from 5:00pm to 6:45pm each evening.

**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."



**The Giving Tree Christmas Program**, sponsored by our St. Vincent de Paul Society, has begun. Tags with items requested by families in need will be on the Christmas Tree in the gathering area. Please try to include a gift receipt and securely fasten the gift tag – **that shows the family number** – to your wrapped gift. All gifts must be received at the church by **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** for distribution to families on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you for your sacrifice and generosity to help ensure a Merrier Christmas for many families!

**Christmas Flowers and Altar Supplies** envelopes are available in the gathering area. Please return to the parish office no later than Monday, December 19.

**Second Sunday of Advent** - Paul told the Christian community of Rome: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." That is our job too – welcome one another. Matthew describes John the Baptist, quoting the great prophet Isaiah, "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." That is our job too – prepare the way of the Lord. We welcome and prepare the way by being joyful and faithful, ready to tell others about Jesus, the Messiah that we await in Advent.



**Photos with Santa** - Sunday, December 11. Please join us for Photos with Santa immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. Bring your own camera and record a wonderful holiday memory. Come enjoy the Advent season with this special event and spend time with your parish family.

**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.

**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 at either parish.**

**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



**May God's blessings be upon all of our families during this holy season of Advent.**

### CLASS SCHEDULE

- Grade 6 December 5 @ 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- Grade 7 December 5 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Grades 2-5 December 10 @ 9:05- 10:20 a.m.  
Indian Head School
- Confirmation Preparation**
- Grade 9 December 4 -- 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.

### WREATH SALES -- Thank you

We are truly grateful to the many parishioners who purchased wreaths last weekend. Your generous support helps to fund Faith Formation programming.

### GRADE ONE -- DECEMBER 11

Attendance at the 9:00 AM Mass for students and parents. Please bring your child's completed work if you have not already submitted it.

### 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.

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Presider's Mass Schedule for December 10th & 11th		
	OLOL	SJTW
<b>Saturday</b>		
4:00 PM	Fr. Griffith	Fr. Hobson/Dcn Booker
		Anointing Mass
<b>Sunday</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Lee/Dcn Booker	
9:00 AM		Fr. Schatzel/Dcn Winn
10:30 AM	Fr. Hobson/Dcn Winn	
12:00 NOON		Fr. Lee