

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Mass Intentions for Week 12/12 thru 12/20

Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:39-47

7:30 am St. Mary: Souls in Purgatory†

4:00 pm St. Mary: June Messier†

Laura Messier†

6:00 pm St Edward: Ron Gardner†

Sunday Gaudete Sunday Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

8:30 am St. Edward: Henry Fortin†

10:00 am St. Mary: In Honor of the Blessed Mother
Clement Chenier (11th)†

11:30 am St Benedict: All Parishioners

1:00 pm Michaud Manor: The Intentions of Bishop
Salvatore Matano

7:00 pm St. Mary: All Parishioners

Monday St. John of the Cross Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

8:30 am St. Edward: Lapsed Catholics

5:15 pm St. Mary: Joe Fontaine†

Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

8:00 am St. Mary: All Souls†

11:00 am NHCC: The Residents, Past† & Present

6:00 pm St. Edward: Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

8:00 am St. Mary: Regina Boisvert†

7:00 pm St. Benedict: Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Thursday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

8:30 am St. Edward: Youth of the Parish family

9:15 am Michaud Manor: Residents Past† & Present

5:15 pm St. Mary: Marion Puttnam†

Friday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:00 am St. Mary: Larry Belisle† & Arthur Belisle Jr†

6:00 pm St Edward: Those who yet have not come to
know the love of God

Saturday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

7:30 am St. Mary: Antoinette Baker†

4:00 pm St. Mary: Simonne Piette (2nd)†

Jeanne D'Amour†

6:00 pm St Edward: All Parishioners

Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

8:30 am St Edward: Olive Brouillette†

Roma Pelletier†

10:00 am St. Mary: Marie Anna Lamarche†(22nd)

Joe Fontaine†

11:30 am St Benedict: Damian Couture†(4th)

1:00 pm Michaud Manor: Residents Past† & Present

7:00 pm St. Mary: Leon Letourneau†

Pray For One Another

Prayers have been requested for the following people:

Pamela Anderson	Wendy Wooden	Lloyd Barry
Paul Bouffard	Cody Bussiere	Yves Brasseur
Peter Bouffard	Laurie Cheney	Michael Cole
Bernard Comtois	Paul Daigle	Angeline Davio
Fernand Forcier	Jennifer Gaudreau	Fr. John Whalen
Alain LeBlanc	Germaine Moeykens	Agathe Morin
Marielle Morin	Myrna Nadeau	Mario Paul
Jeannine Poulin	Peggy Poulin	Jean Riccio
Virginia Rice	Sydney Ring	Shirley Rivard
Theresa St.Onge	Jayne Corey	Penelope Tice
Christopher Ward	Dan Westlake	Trisha Westlake
Dan Bullis	Adrien Patenaude	Lori Beaudry
Kaye Young	Marshall Ellis	

“Lord, look upon all the above with Mercy. May Your Healing Hand rest upon them. May Your life-giving powers flow to the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to health of mind and body.”

Communion for the Homebound is only distributed by Official Eucharistic Ministers. If you wish someone to receive Communion at home, please come to the Sacristy after Mass or call the Rectory.

St. Mary's 24-Hour Sanctuary Candles

Chapel: Protection of the Unborn

Tabernacle Vigil Light: Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Offertory Needed</u>	<u>St. B</u>	<u>St. E</u>	<u>St. M</u>
To Meet Budget:	\$318	\$1,827	\$3,461
Offertory received	\$451	\$1468	\$3539
Repairs & Maintenance	\$35	\$93	\$266
Flowers			\$404

A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen



There will be no Parish Council Meeting at St. Mary's this month.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's will be Dec. 18-19 from 3:00 p.m. Friday to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. **Theme: *Being thankful for family and friends and also for those struggling to get by.*** New adorers are welcomed and encouraged. Contact Mike 334-8645 or Gerald 334-8095.

The youth have returned from Steubenville East and are on fire with God's Holy Spirit. Please pray for the following Youth's intention:
"I need help with the relationships in my life."

St. Mary's Giving Tree If you have taken an angel home, please return your unwrapped gift **no later than December 14th**. Please be sure the angel is attached for identification and distribution. Your generosity is much appreciated by the children.

St. Edward's Giving Tree

The St. Edward's Giving Tree is decorated with its traditional angel ornaments. The tree honors residents in area nursing homes by bringing them Christmas cheer. Each ornament has a number representative of a resident with their wishes listed on the ornament. Please take an ornament, wrap the gift and attach the ornament to the package. All gifts need to be back under the tree by Dec. 20th. Thank you for your charity and love this Christmas season.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

St. Mary Star of the Sea has poinsettia envelopes in the pews for donations towards Christmas decorations of flower pots or wreaths in memory of loved ones.

St. Benedict Labre will collect for Christmas decorations after Mass at the door.

***Please help us to identify military members of our parish family who are being deployed overseas. We would like to add their names to our prayer intentions. Please call the rectory.**

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Edward's has a slot to fill on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call Cecile 766-2648.

Michaud Memorial Manor invites you to our Christmas party being held Wed. Dec. 23 at 1:00. Mark Shelton will be entertaining; light refreshments will be provided. *Michaud Memorial Manor would like to thank Judy Roberge, Rejeanne Leblanc, Val Lyon-DeSena and James Gormley for the time they spend volunteering!*

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery Bookstore & Gift Shop on Rte 100 in Westfield carries an outstanding selection of Catholic books and gifts. Open daily 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of the hour of Holy Mass from 10:00-11:00 a.m. For gift info, 744-6525.

RALLY FOR LIFE: Montpelier, Saturday, January 16, 2010. Event begins at 10:45 behind Montpelier City Hall, with a short walk to the steps of the State House. Speakers will address pro-life participants in the House Chambers. Light lunch will be served. Featured Guest Speaker, Wesley J. Smith, an attorney for the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide and special consultant for Center for Bioethics and Culture, author of the book, Forced Exit: Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide, and the New Duty to Die.

The officers of **Catholic Family Life, Newport Chapter #34** would like to thank everyone who donated money to our 2-week collection campaign to raise funds to offset the cost of the new and refurbished radiators for St. Mary's Star of the Sea. As a result of everyone's generosity, \$2,421 was raised and therefore, Catholic Family Life will match \$500, giving us a total of \$2,921. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Catholic Family Life, Newport Chapter #34 is pleased to announce that Maya Boudreau, daughter of Marc and Enita Boudreau of Newport, is this year's recipient of Vermont's State Academic Achievement Scholarship for \$1,000. Scholarships are awarded by Saint Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation and are awarded based on the basis of financial need, academic standing and volunteer effort. Maya attends Lyndon State College in Lyndonville and will be presented with a check and plaque in the very near future. Congratulations, Maya!.

Blue Army gathers at Christ the King. The Burlington Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will gather **Tuesday, Dec 15 at Christ the King Church, 136 Locust St., Burlington.** Rosary at 4:45 pm and Mass at 5:15 followed by dinner and short business meeting at a local restaurant. All are welcome; bring a friend. Call Clairette 878-3214 for information and carpool help.

St. Michael's College Scholarship: St. Michael's College in Winooski is accepting nominations for their "**Parish Scholarship Program**" for students entering college in the Fall of 2010. Each parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington may select **one** of its parishioners to receive a tuition scholarship of up to \$11,000 over four years (up to \$2,750 per year) at St. Michael's College. Nominees must be a first-year applicant for admission to Saint Michael's College; Deadline Feb 1st. For more information, call St. Mary's rectory.

Ongoing monthly meetings:

- 1st Tues. 6:30 pm St. Edward Parish Council
- 1st Wed. 7:30 pm St. Benedict Parish Council
- 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm Ultreya (St. M)
- 1st Thurs. 7:00 pm Daughters of Isabella (St. M)
- 2nd Tues. 6:30 pm St. Edward Altar Society (St. E)
- 2nd Wed. 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (St. M)
- 3rd Tues. 6:00 pm St. Mary Parish Council
- 4th Tues. 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (St. E)



*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths." Lk 3:46*