

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for Week 12/19 thru 12/27

Saturday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
7:30 am St. Mary: Antoinette Baker†
4:00 pm St. Mary: Simone Piette (2nd)†
 Jeanne D'Amour†
6:00 pm St Edward: For 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†

Monday St Peter Canisius Sg 2:8-14/Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
8:30 am St. Edward: Beverly Wilson†
5:15 pm St. Mary: Larry Belisle†, Arthur Belisle Jr†

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
8:00 am St. Mary: Beatrice Lussier†
11:00 am Meeting Place For Participants and Staff
6:00 pm St. Edward: Intentions of Barbara Bartley

Wednesday St. John of Kanty Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
8:00 am St. Mary: John† & Mary Pudvah†
 Alfred† & Mary Bergeron†
7:00 pm St. Benedict: Simonne† & Ernest Gratton†

Thursday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
8:30 am St Edward: Special Intention

Thursday Vigil of Christmas
 Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25/1:18-25
4:00 pm St Mary: Vigil For All Parishioners
6:00 pm St Edward: Vigil For All Parishioners
6:30 pm St Mary: (Children's Pageant) Midnight Mass
 Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 For All Parishioners
8:00 pm St Benedict Midnight Mass All Parishioners
10:00 pm St Edward Midnight Mass For All Parishioners

Pray For One Another

Prayers have been requested for the following people:

Pamela Anderson	Wendy Wooden	Lloyd Barry
Paul Bouffard	Cody Bussiere	Yves Brousseau
Peter Bouffard	Laurie Cheney	Michael Cole
Bernard Comtois	Paul Daigle	Angeline Davio
Fernand Forcier	Jennifer Gaudreau	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	Tom Graves	

"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."

Friday Christmas Day
8:30 am St Edward Mass at Dawn
 Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
10:00 am St Edward Mass During the Day Is 52:7-10;
 Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18/1:1-5, 9:14
 For All Parishioners
9:30 am St. Mary Sacred Concert
10:00 am St Mary Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Sr. Edmund of Jesus †
11:30 am St Benedict Mass During the Day Is 52:7-10;
 Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18/1:1-5, 9:14
 For All Parishioners
7:00 pm St Mary Mass During the Day Is 52:7-10;
 Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18/1:1-5, 9:14

Saturday St. Stephen Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
7:30 am St. Mary: Special Intention†
4:00 pm St. Mary: Sylvia Sheltra (1st) †
 Amie & Mildred Laframboise†
6:00 pm St Edward: Hervé Denis Gratton (43rd)

Sunday Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
8:30 am St Edward: Olive Brouillette†
10:00 am St. Mary: For All Parishioners
11:30 am St Benedict: For a Special Intention
1:00 pm Michaud Manor: Residents Past† & Present
7:00 pm St. Mary: Joe Fontaine†

We pray in a special way for the soul of **Fr. John Whalen** who entered into eternal life this past week.

♫ St. Mary's Choir Christmas concert at 9:30 a.m., a half hour before the 10:00 a.m. Mass. ♪

**Monday is the Feast of the Holy Innocents†:
 Remember to support Right to Life.**

St. Mary's 24-Hour Sanctuary Candles

Chapel: For the Youth of our Parish Family

Tabernacle Vigil Light: For all priests & sisters who have served St Mary Star of the Sea Church for the past 100 years.

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	\$205	\$1542	\$3661
Retirement/Religious	\$58	\$268	\$665
Immaculate Conception	\$24	\$223	\$362
Flowers	\$66		\$235

Masses on Television

NEK Ch 14 St Mary's: Thurs 10:15 am, Sun 11:30 am
Chancery Mass: Sat 3:00 pm, Mon 9:00 am
WCAX Ch 3 Chancery Mass: Sun 6:00 am

St. Mary's Giving Tree : Thank you to those who have taken an angel home and returned a gift. Your generosity is much appreciated by the children.

St Mary's Choir will have choir practice for Christmas Day Mass after Sunday Mass on December 20th at 11:00 am.

*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.

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.

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 all my relationships; with God, family, friends and others."

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Edward's has time to be filled on Mondays from 10-11am, 11- 12noon, 1- 2pm, 2- 3pm, and 3 -4 pm. Tuesday from 11 - 12 noon, 2- 3 pm and 3 - 4 pm. One of the most precious hours of the day is to pray or just sit quietly. Please call Cecile 766-2648. **No Eucharistic Adoration on Dec. 28th-29th.**

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.

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.



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

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*

The Youth Ministry poinsettia delivery to shut-ins and Catholic nursing home residents will take place this Sunday, December 20 from 1-3pm beginning at St. Mary's. We are looking forward to sharing Christmas joy with the elderly in our parish community. Call Ann for details 873-9302.

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 U.S. Census Bureau has begun its second round of Census applicant testing across the State of Vermont. The Census Bureau is **looking for qualified applicants** to fill hundreds of temporary positions beginning in the Spring of 2010. The jobs are temporary; some are full time and others part time. Census jobs offer flexible schedules and allow close-to-home employment. Field operations pay starts at \$13.50 per hour and varies by job. Potential applicants can call toll free 1-866-861-2010, and those interested in applying for these jobs can go to www.2010censusjobs.gov for job descriptions, qualifications and applications. FMI or take a test in Vermont, call 802-264-0860.

SAVE ON FEDERAL TAXES – Some Charitable IRA Rollover Set to Expire: Through December 31, 2009, the **Charitable IRA Rollover** permits taxpayers age 70½ and older to make tax-free charitable gifts totaling up to \$100,000 per year from traditional Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). The IRA rollover most benefits the nearly two-thirds of Americans who do not itemize deductions on their annual income tax returns so do not receive a tax benefit for their charitable contribution. Take advantage of the tax relief which is set to expire at the end of the year and give a gift to our parish, the Diocese through the Bishop's Fund, or to our Catholic Schools, by rolling your IRA over. For more information, contact your tax advisor or Rich Fischer, Directory of Development at 802-846-5847.

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)