

**Third Sunday of Advent**

- 4:00 p.m. **Saturday, December 16, 2017**  
**Bob & Jane Viviano**  
**By the family**
- 8:00 a.m. **Sunday, December 17, 2017**  
**Pamela Hagen**  
**By Jean & Eddie Robinson**
- 10:00 a.m. **Eileen Mare Ponte**  
**By the family**
- 8:30 a.m. **Monday December 18, 2017**  
**Joseph & Blanche Tremblay**  
**By Vivianne Marcotte**
- 8:30 a.m. **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**  
**Joseph Silva**  
**By the family**
- 8:30 a.m. **Wednesday, December 20, 2017**  
**Paul & Suzanne Tremblay**  
**By Vivianne Marcotte**
- 8:30 a.m. **Thursday, December 14, 2017**  
**No morning Mass.**
- 8:30 a.m. **Friday, December 15, 2017**  
**Walter Thomas Dubay**  
**By the family**
- 4:00 p.m. **Saturday, December 23, 2017**  
**Steve Heguy & Rose Corliss**  
**By Lucy Heguy**
- 8:00 a.m. **Sunday, December 24, 2017**  
**For all our Parishioners and Guests**
- 10:00 a.m. **For all our Parishioners and Guests**
- 4:00 p.m. **For all our Parishioners and Guests**  
7:30 p.m. **For all our Parishioners and Guests**  
**Monday December 25, 2017**
- 8:00 a.m. **For all our Parishioners and Guests**  
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**December 17, 2017 Annual Giving Tree project**

**Week 3 – this weekend – December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

At Mass help us to fill the Christmas Tree with bills - \$ 1 - \$ 5 - \$ 10 or more. This money will go into our Needy Fund to help with the high fuel costs this winter. Whatever you can afford will be most appreciated.

**Food for the Needy:**

Our regular monthly collection of food for the needy for Christmas will take place this weekend December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. You may place your food items in front of the blessed Mother statue in the church. Monetary donations may be placed in the boxes on the walls at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your continued support

**Coffee and Donuts:**

Did you know that serving *Coffee & Donuts* @ St. Theresa Parish after the 8am & 10am Sunday Masses is a wonderful Ministry???? Our parish Mission Statement is put into tangible, delicious action by the *Coffee & Donuts* crew. Come be a part of this Ministry of Hospitality and bring your whole family if you wish!!! Sign up in the Parish Center soon because a new schedule is being set for the New Year. Questions? Call Judy Lavery @ 603-964-2167 or 603-580-2199

**Last Week's Receipts**

Envelopes (198)	\$ 4506.00
Loose	<u>857.00</u>
<b>Total offertory</b>	<b>5363.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>1059.00</b>
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	<b>2987.00</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>400.00</b>
Christmas Flowers	\$ 375.00
Fr. Moe Donation	475.00

**Christmas Flowers: It is not too late !!!**

to get your envelopes in so we can pray for your intentions.

Please be sure to write the names of your beloved deceased clearly so that we may remember those names at all the masses during this Christmas season.

**The Diocese of Manchester** has recently announced that it is allowing priests to suspend the distribution of wine during Communion as a precaution because of the recent flu outbreak. The Eucharist will be offered in the form of holy bread only. No precious blood until further notice.



## YOUTH & FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 18-19 / WASHINGTON, D.C.

The March for Life began in Washington, D.C., as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on the somber anniversary of Roe v. Wade every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

Families with children of any age, as well as middle and high school youth are invited to join us as we travel down to Washington, D.C. to peacefully pray for a world where every human life is valued and protected. St. Theresa Parish is partnering with our neighboring Catholic parishes to present this opportunity. Please visit <https://goo.gl/nGF6pb> for more information or to register.

Please contact Keith Adams – [keithadamsYM@gmail.com](mailto:keithadamsYM@gmail.com) or (603) 964-9878 – with any questions.



*for all the hats, socks, and gloves!*

**The Advent Hat, Gloves and Socks Drive has been a generous success again this year. Large bags of new needed items will go to St. Vincent de Paul, Cross Roads House, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and some needy area teens.**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Grades 1-5 9:00AM to 9:50AM

Grades 6-8 5:00PM to 7:15PM

Be Sealed and Be Sent 5:00PM to 7:15PM

Parent Forum 5PM to 7:15PM

Please patronize the ads on the back cover of the bulletin. These ads help to defray the cost of our bulletins. Thank you!



**Dear Parents & Parishioners,**

**In the midst of all the Christmas activities, listed below and taken from the Magnificat, December 2017, p. 107 by Pope Benedict XVI, is a real contrast to the commercialized season our world promotes.**

**"Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the Birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who though he was rich he made himself poor for us (2Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it, and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the angel's words: Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes (Lk:2: 12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas."**

**Cross Roads Shelter supper service is available as an opportunity for high school youth who wish to join this ministry. Please contact [mrshoeingstp@gmail.com](mailto:mrshoeingstp@gmail.com) if you wish to be added to the list.**

**There are openings for Dec.17, 5-7pm, and for Jan.21, 5-7pm.**

**Blessings,  
Anne, Gary & Keith**