



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 14
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Jim Donahoe (12th Anniversary)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 15
7:30AM	Mass of Thanksgiving for Joseph Giovanni Lefils
9:00AM	Mary Tien Vu
11:00AM	Raymond Van Tassel, Jr.
MONDAY	DECEMBER 16
	Hugh and Edna McLaughlin and family
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 17
9:00AM	Fr. John Lizio (month's mind)
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 18
9:00AM	St. Mary's
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 19
9:00AM	St. Mary's
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 20
9:00AM	Mass of Thanksgiving for Claudette Lefils
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 21
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Allan McIntire
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 22
7:30AM	Mary Hoyt (10th Anniversary)
9:00AM	Parishioners of St. Bernadette
11:00AM	Birthday Blessings for Joseph & Marie Carole Perceval

COLLABORATIVE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Bernadette Parish
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am (Vietnamese), 11:00am
 Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 9:00am

St. Mary Parish
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am
 Daily Mass: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at 9:00am

Christmas Flower Envelopes . . .



can be found on the tables at the entrances to the church for anyone who would like to donate to our Christmas flower/wreath fund in memory of a loved one.

Drop in any collection basket, or send it to the Parish Office. Names will be published in a special Christmas flower booklet. Please send in your donations by Sunday, December 15th.

Collaborative Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
 4:00pm – St. Bernadette's
 4:00pm & 6:00pm – St. Mary's
 7:00pm – St. Bernadette (Vietnamese)

Christmas Day:
 9:00am – St. Bernadette (Vietnamese)
 10:00am – St. Mary
 11:00am – St. Bernadette (English)

Parish Support

Collections

4:00PM	\$ 999.00
7:30AM	\$ 909.00
9:00AM	\$1,726.00
11:00AM	\$ 756.00
	Total	\$4,390.00

Monthly Maintenance \$2,262.25

The Collaborative Annual Report is available on the Parish website. Please take the time to see the progress we are making.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER

12/15/19	Energy Needs
12/22/19	Parish Outreach
12/29/19	Catholic Schools Assistance

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The St. Bernadette/St. Mary Collaborative will be offering a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 29th, at 4:00pm at St. Mary Parish.

This service is for members of our Church Family and others who have suffered a loss of a family member or a friend and are, overall, not feeling a sense of joyful Christmas spirit.

This service is an opportunity to celebrate the miracle of the Savior's birth in a quiet, reflective way.

Fr. Phil will lead us in scripture, with words of comfort, support and inspiration. Felicia Hayes will provide poignant Christmas music. For more information, call 781-963-4141 ext. 19.

Pastor's Message

Reflections on the Third Sunday of Advent:

When we reach the third Sunday of Advent, we know that the coming of Jesus at Christmas is very near. One of the major challenges that we face is to focus on the ways that the Lord is coming into our lives. It would be easy to let these next two weeks or this Advent go by without any major changes in our lives. Each of us benefits from spiritual renewal if we are to truly celebrate the mystery of Christmas. Jesus invites us in this season of Advent to wholeness, holiness, and Christian joy. Notice how Jesus understood His mission in reference to the word of Isaiah the Prophet. Christian joy is a gift from God which we understand comes to full realization when we bring joy to others. How well are we using God's gifts and blessings to grow in holiness and to advance joy. Each day of Advent is a good time to reflect upon the quality of joy in our heart. Jesus is the model of whom we are called to follow and emulate. Jesus reveals by His actions that God wishes healing not sickness, forgiveness not a punishing attitude, and he wishes all people to rejoice in His goodness and love and be joy filled. If we think about it, we experience inner joy when we live the Our Father or the Prayer of St. Francis. John the Baptist is also a good example for each of us. By virtue of our receiving the Sacrament of Baptism we are children of God made in the image of Jesus. Our actions as baptized children of God must be similar to the actions and deeds of Jesus. There is also the Sacrament of Penance to help us focus on the true meaning of joy and how we let God into our lives.

In worship, we understand that all creation will be united in praise to the God who comes to save us. True worship helps us to make right relationship with God and others. True worship can lead to a greater awareness of so many situations around us and of how blessed we are. What are our hopes for the remaining time of Advent? Thank you for all that you continue to do for others.

Gaudette Sunday:

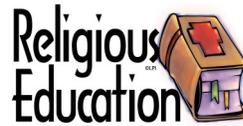
The third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudette Sunday which is a day of joy and exalting as the coming of the Lord is near. On this Sunday there is an option to wear the rose-colored vestments. The pink candle on the Advent wreath is lit today as well. Rose colored vestments may also be worn on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Annual New Year's Eve Vigil and Mass with Cardinal Sean

All are invited to begin the New Year in prayer with Cardinal Sean at the annual New Year's Eve Vigil and Mass on Tuesday, December 31st at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine Church, 1105 Boylston Street, Boston (at the corner of Ipswich Street).

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions begins at 10:30 pm. Rosary at 11:00 pm. Vigil Mass at 11:30 pm.

For more information, contact the Pro-Life Office at (508) 651.1900 or ProLifeOffice@rcab.org.



Classes will be held this Sunday, December 15th for grades 1-8. No classes next Sunday, December 22nd or the 29th.

No class for Confirmation (grades 9 and 10) on Sunday, December 22nd or 29th.

Annual Sock Drive



During Advent, we are asking for donations of new pairs of men's socks. Donation boxes are located in the church, chapel, and RE bldg.

These socks will be Christmas wrapped on Thursday evening, December 19th, at 7pm in the RE building and brought to the MainSpring Shelter in Brockton. Thank you for your participation.



ADVENT GIVING FOR THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

This year we are requesting that you donate gift cards in the decorated box labeled GIFT CARDS FOR THE NEEDY, which will be located in the back of the church.

Please donate whatever gift cards you can by Sunday, December 15th; so they will be able to purchase what they need for Christmas. If you prefer to donate cash, please put in an envelope and insert in the slot. We will use the cash to purchase certificates. Thank you.

December 28, 2019 – January 1, 2020 New Year Retreat—Listening to Silence Facilitator: Br. Matthias Bodnar, OSB

Suggested Offering: \$200

Your year will end, and your new year will begin in a monastic setting, guided by Br. Matthias along with his fellow monks. We will attempt to help you tap into the silence that guides our monastic existence in hopes that you will carry this very silence not only into your new year but into your entire year. Guidance in centered daily rhythms, healthy food nourishment & grounded meditation practices will be the focus of your experience during this retreat. If you are searching for new ways to tap into the Spirit to help guide you in the year of 2020, this retreat is just what you need.

For more information, or to apply for a retreat, please get in touch with Glastonbury Abbey's Retreat Coordinator by calling 781-749-2155 ext. 300 or emailing retreats@glastonburyabbey.org.

Be patient like a farmer waiting for spring.

~ James 5:7-10