



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
MONDAY	DECEMBER 23
	Ed, Dot, and Buddy Scahill
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 24
9:00AM	Special Intention
4:00PM	Nativity of the Lord
7:00PM	Nativity of the Lord (Vietnamese)
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 25
9:00AM	Nativity of the Lord (Vietnamese)
11:00AM	Nativity of the Lord
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 26
9:00AM	St. Mary's
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 27
9:00AM	Mass of Thanksgiving for Raphael Lefils
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 28
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Ralph Vinciguerra (15th Anniversary)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 29
7:30AM	Special Intention for Valerie Carrington
9:00AM	Parishioners of St. Bernadette
11:00AM	Ernie and Ida Pugsley

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

Collaborative Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

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

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

New Year's Eve:
 4:00pm - St. Mary's
 7:00pm - St. Bernadette's (Vietnamese)

New Year's Day:
 9:00am - St. Bernadette's (Vietnamese)
 10:00am - St. Mary's
 11:00am - St. Bernadette's

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.

Parish Support

Collections

4:00PM	\$ 1,109.00
7:30AM	\$ 762.00
9:00AM	\$1,820.50
11:00AM	\$ 1,299.50
	Total	\$4,991.00

Energy Needs \$2,098.05

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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER

12/22/19	Parish Outreach
12/29/19	Catholic Schools Assistance



Please remember the soul of
Patricia Spring
 May she rest in eternal peace.

Pastor's Message

Reflections on the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

The readings today are about God breaking into the world to save us. All of Advent has prepared us for the last days of Advent. The birth of Jesus is drawing quite near. The Christ child would be different from all others. God is with us; God save us. The promises of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus. Please notice the great models of faith we have in Mary and Joseph, who are both models of lived faith for all people and all times. How blessed all of us are because of Joseph's and Mary's desire to do the will of God. God has set Mary apart to be the Mother of Jesus. Pope St. John Paul II spoke of Mary as the first tabernacle of Jesus.

What does it mean to let God dwell within our hearts? This is a wonderful time to reach out to loved ones and friends we might not usually see or speak to and others with the loving message of peace and reconciliation that Jesus makes all things new, and He is our greatest hope. The meaning of Christmas cannot be for just a day or a short period of time in our lives. Christmas is the invitation to find and bring out the best in people because that is what Jesus wishes to do with all. This is truly a time to rejoice.

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Special Christmas Collection

Whether they are working to enrich our parishes or seeing to the needs of the broader communities in which they serve, priests have dedicated their lives to helping all of God's children. Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to support our priests through the special collection benefiting the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust, which offers preventive health and wellness programs, offers one-on-one support and advocacy to priests with health concerns, and operates Regina Cleri, a state-of-the-art facility where senior priests live in community.

Please support our priests, who, through their ministry, create stronger communities for all, by giving generously to this year's Christmas collection.

This special collection is a primary source of funding to care for our priests. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Funds from this special collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust — an independently-managed trust with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.

Religious Education



No classes next Sunday, December 22nd or on Sunday, the 29th.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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.

Christmas Message from Fr. Phil ~

We live in a world that is not unlike the world that Jesus was born into. It seems each day we hear of crime, violence, and upheaval. Clearly there is sin and darkness in the world. There are also extraordinary acts of goodness and kindness we never hear about. There are many angels among us bringing us the message of love and salvation in action, in word, and in song.

Each Advent, as we did a few weeks ago, we experience the beginning of our journey and the new Church year. There would be no resurrection without the birth of the Christ child. The Son of God, the face of God's mercy, the long-awaited Saviour is with us. We focus on the hope this brings to a waiting and troubled world. Christmas is such a time to be hopeful, positive, and uplifting as we have much to be grateful for in life. Christmas is the time of the year for spiritual awe as God brings forth unconditional love for all in a most special way, the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. Each day, God is here and shows His love for us, but Christmas is so special. Mary and Joseph shared the blessings of their child with the whole world. Their example, their love for the Christ, and their desire to do God's will, even with great personal sacrifice, speaks volumes to all. God invites us to share this message of Christmas love and wonder with others. It is Jesus who brings not only peace and fulfillment of promises and salvation but also light, faith, knowledge, and the Spirit of God to a world so in need of this. Jesus heals us and saves us if we desire this. Jesus' wish is that each of us experience peace and love. Jesus is all about welcome and hospitality. How do we help others to be welcomed and experience hospitality?

As we celebrate His birth and prepare for His second coming, we are reminded of the history of all that has gone on and is going on in the world. When we count our blessings and share who we are with others, good things happen, and we can make a difference. We have seen that the birth of Jesus is an invitation to each of us to bring Him to others, particularly those most in need.

The times this past year you have been asked to help, you have so nicely. Thank you for all of your kindnesses and the ways you share God's blessings with others. My prayer is that this Christmas season and the coming year will be a year of blessings that brings all closer to God.

Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts and in the masses that I celebrate on Christmas day. Merry Christmas!

God bless you,

Fr. Phil McGaugh

