



And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Luke 1:35

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

4th Sunday of Advent - Week of December 21, 2008

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading about Mary today, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Theme: God's Spirit comes to us in ways we least expect.

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say?

Question for Youth: Gabrielle's greeting to Mary was "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us - he loves us just as we are. What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in?

Question for Adults: Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

Mass Intentions

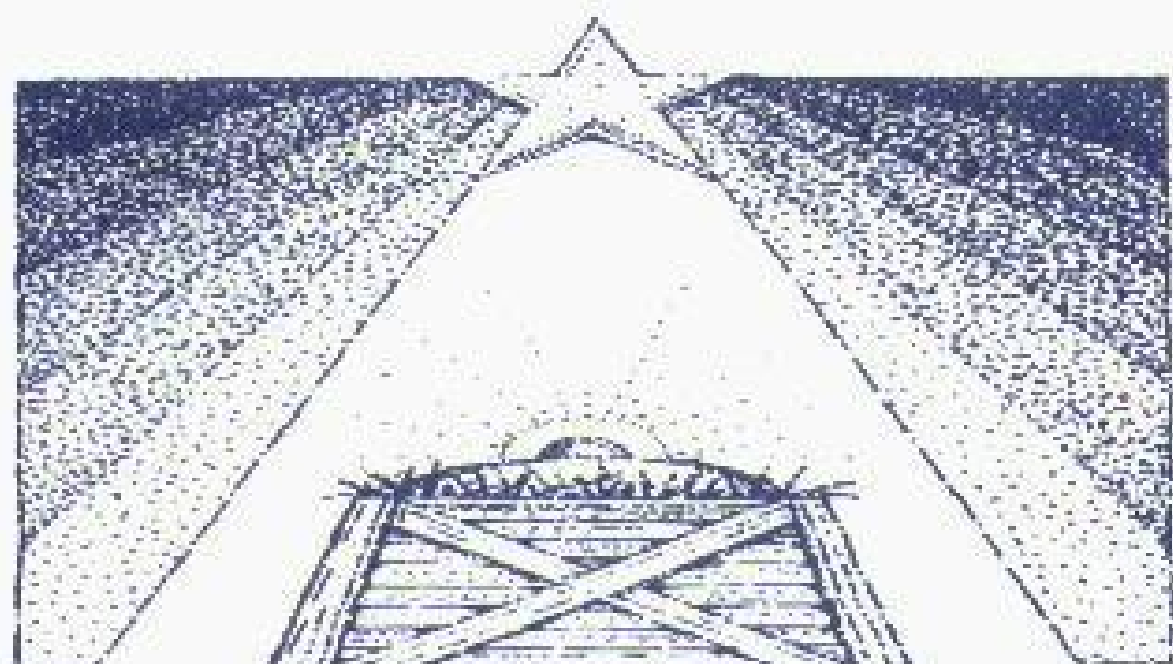
Saturday, 4:00 PM	December 20th – Fourth Sunday of Advent Dick Brennan <i>by Wife and Family</i> Carl Harte <i>by His Family</i> Ernestine Ruel <i>by Norman Ruel</i> Jim & Marianne Petriello <i>by Family</i>
Sunday, 7:30 AM	December 21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent Therese Mains <i>by Jim & Dot Locke</i> Bobbie Copithorne <i>by Her Husband, Jim</i> Donald Bolduc <i>by Patricia Grassie</i>
11:00 AM	G. St. Laurent <i>by His Family</i> George Brown <i>by His Wife & Family</i> John Galvin <i>by His Family</i>
Monday, 8:00 AM	December 22nd Weekday Richard Pecor <i>by His Family</i>
Tuesday 8:00 AM	December 23rd – John Kauty, priest Joseph McGonagle <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Collins</i>
Wednesday, 8:00 AM	December 24th - Vigil of Christmas Intentions of Our Parishioners
4:00 PM	Intentions of Our Parishioners
9:00 PM	Intentions of Our Parishioners
Thursday , 7:30 AM	December 25th – Christmas Day Intentions of Our Parishioners
Friday, 8:00 AM	December 26th – St. Stephen, First Martyr Fred Laffond <i>by Father Pierre</i>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	December 27th – John, Apostle & Evangelist Lorraine Gelinat <i>by Her Family</i> Lionel Dube <i>by His Family</i> Jack Abbott <i>by His Family</i>
Sunday, 7:30 AM	December 28th – Feast of the Holy Family Delory Family <i>by Rene & Dot Therrien</i> Bertha Barrett <i>by Jim & Theresa Locke</i> Janet Nadeau <i>by Pat Roese</i>
11:00 AM	Intentions of Our Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp
December 21-27, 2008
Joseph McGonagle by
Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Collins



NATIVITY COLLECTION

The Nativity collection of Fr. Charles DesRuisseaux, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Manchester, NH, is on display at America's Credit Union Museum through Sunday, January 11, 2009. The museum is located at the corner of Armory St. and Notre Dame Ave, Manchester, NH. and is open on Sundays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 AM to 12 noon and 1 PM to 4 PM.



Christmas Blessings From Father Pierre and Parish Staff

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

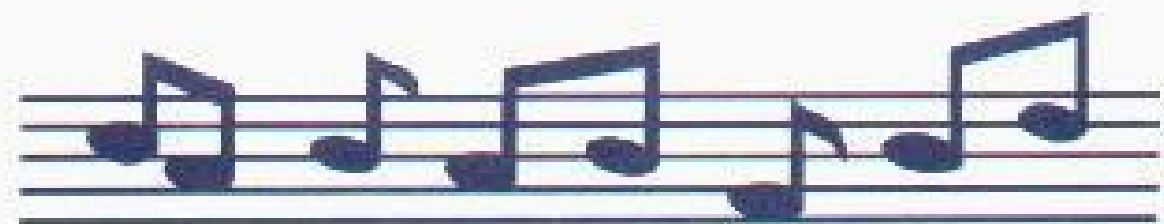
St. Thomas More is a Catholic college located within the diocese of Manchester. They wish seniors a Merry Christmas and good luck with upcoming college applications. Thomas More is accepting applications for Fall 2009. Apply before February 1, 2009 at www.thomasmorecollege.edu to waive the \$25 application fee.



Stewardship/Sacrificial Giving –

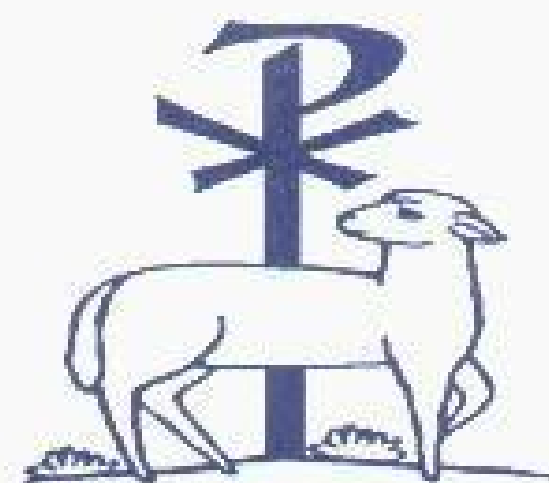
Envelopes	\$4,435.50
Children	\$0.00
Loose Collection	\$1,108.00
Total Collection	\$5,543.50
Parish Tithe – 6% of Actual Collection	\$333.00
Parish Use	\$5,210.50

Thank you for your generosity!



“Gifts of Hope”

This hour long presentation of music and poetry is being offered at First Church Congregational on Saturday, January 3rd at 7:00 PM. Leslie Alan Coates has a BA in theater and an MFA in theater music. This event is free with a “love offering” so that he may take additional courses at the Andover Newton Theological School.



INTERCESSORS OF THE LAMB

Do you feel called to a deeper relationship with the Lord? Do you desire to pray for others? The Lord may be calling you to become an “Intercessor of the Lamb.” Our goal is to develop and foster a deeper interior life in the heart of God’s people so that they might become within themselves “a house of prayer,” as God is within Himself. Our personal relationship with Jesus is the root and power of all effective intercession. A new group, “Heart to Heart Listening,” will meet on Monday, January 12, 2009 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at St. Peter’s in Farmington. For more information, call Ursula at 767-6343 or Marianne at 332-9442.



CHRISTMAS HOCKEY & HOOPS FESTIVAL

St. Thomas Aquinas High School alumni are invited to attend the first Alumni Christmas Hockey and Hoops Festival at the Whittemore Center at UNH in Durham on Tuesday, December 23 at 1:00 PM. Participants can watch or play in men’s and women’s ice hockey and basketball games, and family ice skating. A reception with refreshments will follow the games. Registrations are now being accepted for this free event. For more information, please visit our website: www.stalux.org/alumni/events.



Natural Family Planning

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish is hosting a course in Natural Family Planning (NFP). It is a natural, chemical free, and non-intrusive method of planning pregnancy. For those who are having difficulty conceiving, NFP maybe very helpful. When used properly, it has a very high success rate in assisting parents to space the birth of their children. This NFP course will be taught in three parts for three Sundays, one per month – January 11, February 8 and March 8 – from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Sacred Heart School library. If you are interested, please call Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish at 926-2206.

WELCOME

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MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15am Terry Pierce by the family and
Jason Tilford by Bette Flynn

December 24 5:45pm The Kling Family

December 25 9:15am St. Peter Parishioners

December 28 Holy Family Sunday

9:15am Patrick Arquin by Sally Sublette and
Dominic Sinibaldi by Margie Beaudoin and family

Mass intentions are not available until Feb. 2009. Donation, \$10.
Sanctuary Candle, Donation \$5. The candle burns the month of
December for Dominic Sinibaldi (25 yrs) and for Dominic Jr. (23
yrs) by Margie Beaudoin and family.

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec. 21

Eucharistic Ministers

Curtis, Dawn, O'Hare, Frank, Volunteer

Lector Ken Dickie

Servers Shaw, Katey, Moore, Clara

Ushers Diane Ficco, volunteers



Christmas Eve 5:45pm

Eucharistic Ministers needed

Lector Amy Brown

Christmas Day 9:15am

Eucharistic Ministers needed

Lector Bob Knowlton

Servers Bridgette and Brooke Bonar

Ushers needed



December 28 Feast of the Holy Family

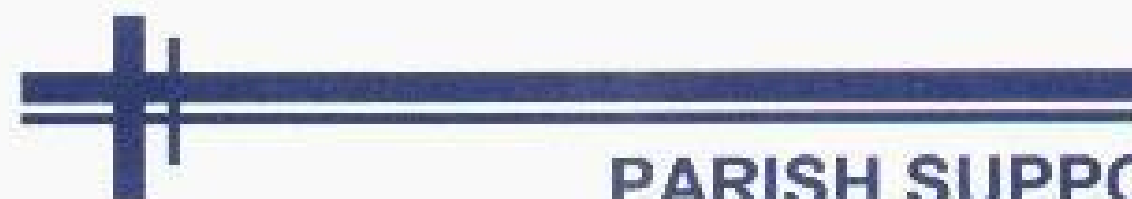
Eucharistic Ministers

M. Beaudoin, D. Curtis, K. Dickie

Lector D. Ficco

Servers A. and E. Moffett

Ushers U. Leitner, F. O'Hare, volunteers



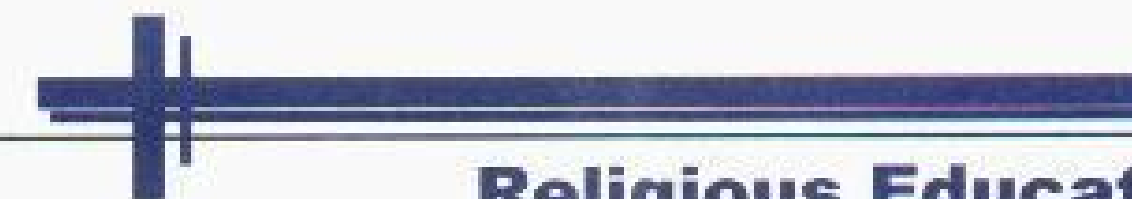
PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKEND OF: December 1, 2008

Offertory: \$1504 TOTAL: \$1504

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100 Club Gene Gelinias, Bev O'Neil, Capt.



Religious Education

As we continue through this holiday season, please be aware of the Religious Education schedule. We thank the parents who are allowing their children to participate in the Christmas pageant. See you in 2009! January 6th, 6:30pm



COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Christmas giving tree will be helping approximately 35-40 families, assisting each family with a Wal-Mart gift card and a Christmas dinner box (family of 4-5). Many toys have been provided by Hasbro through Sr. Madonna's order. Many thanks to each of you who so generously helped by buying gifts or donating money. It has made many families right here in Farmington have a happier Christmas. May you and your families' Christmas be blessed for the good you have done for other families.



What a joy it is to work with you here at St. Peter's. We truly exemplify our mission statement—a *welcoming community...a consistent outreach to those in need... we strive always to become like*

Jesus Christ

A blessed Christmas to "you all" and a new year filled with joy.