

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun Jan 3 9:30 am *Hank Wilayto*
 Sat Jan 9 5:00 pm *Brian Kane*
 Sun Jan 10 11:30 am *Helen Howshan*

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for...

Philip, Kay, Carmen, Sally, Francesca, Frank, Ellen, Julie Uncle Gene, Joe, Ginny, Matt Davis, Kim, Gina, Luis C., Bill, Natalie, Gerry, Hope, Pearl, Denise, Kathy, Lynn, Jim W., Sheila, Christian G., Ciara M., Andrew, Jacqueline R., Petro Acevecro, Billy, Eddie H., Bobby J., Joanne, Jim K., Peter Marks, Tom W., Timar, Christine, Sean, John, Tony, Pearl, Joan, Travis L., Joe P., Eduardo, Catherine S., Ted, M.J. Ann, Peg, Don, Gail, Mary, Paul, Ed, Bobby, Wayne Dodge, Matt Berry, Lenny, Debbie, Rachel, the Killilea family, Bill, Liz, Brad, Jeanne, Deb Christian, and the residents, patients, and staff of area nursing homes and Emerson Hospital.

If there is someone who is sick and whose name you would like in the bulletin so that our parish may hold them in prayer, please contact the Parish Center. We will leave a name on the list until you call and tell us otherwise or until our periodic clearing of the list. Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.

Music and Choir News

Complete Your Holiday Season in Joy: Special Music for Epiphany

Please join us on Sunday, January 3rd in the church immediately after Evening Prayer for a 40-minute concert of carols, chants, and contemporary songs which celebrate Epiphany and Mary, Mother of God (whose feast day was January 1st). Cantor Ellen Oak (mezzo), baritone Marc DeMille, and keyboardist Debra LeBrun will be performing. Freewill offering accepted; proceeds will benefit KIVA (an organization providing micro-loans to indigent entrepreneurs). Please come, enjoy some beauty, and support a worthwhile cause.

Want to Sing in the Intergenerational Choir Concert?

Youth and adults who would like to participate in this choral opportunity should contact James Barkovic, our Director of Music, *as soon as possible* at 978-486-4377 or kapellmeister3rJRB@aol.com. Youth Rehearsals begin on Jan 3rd; adult rehearsals on Jan 7th.

Youth News

Youth Council—The next Youth Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 5th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Monument Hall. Any youth (Grades 6-12) interested in being Christian leaders at Holy Family and in the local community are invited to join the Youth Council!

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group is a support offered to all those who are grieving the ‘loss’ of a loved one. It provides an opportunity to deal with the many emotions and feelings that are an issue at this time. Through discussion one is able to feel much-needed support. The group meets every other week. The next meeting is January 6th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center in West Concord. If you have any questions, please contact Sr Rose Marie Lipke at 978-369-7442 (who will be in the office after Jan 5th).

Special Events Committee

Chair: Joanne Cormier 978-369-3085
Co-Chair: Bernadette Jaros 978-369-7687

A spectacular “Boston Holiday Pops” event was enjoyed by some 49 people from Holy Family! We heard the gifted voices of the Tanglewood Choir, a reading of “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” and of course the Symphony Orchestra conducted by Keith Lockhart.

Feb 13th: **Save the date! Mardi Gras Pot-luck Supper scheduled:** a Mardi Gras Pot Luck will be held at Monument Hall. All ages are invited for an evening of tasty food, special activities for children, and a Mardi Gras Grand Parade! Detailed information will be announced soon.

The next scheduled Special Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday January 14th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!

Remember Rosie’s Place

Something Small to Help Those in Need

Rosie’s Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women, provides both emergency short-term housing and more permanent supportive home situations. They need toiletries on a continuing basis: **shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap**. From their newsletter: “To many of us, these essentials are often taken for granted, but for our guests they mean so much”. Both full size and travel sizes are appreciated. If you do travel, please bring in your unused toiletry items and/or buy an extra item when you are shopping. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Hirschler at 978-369-5717, or juliehirschler@comcast.net.

Giving Tree Thank You

The Service and Justice Commission would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to all those Holy Family parishioners who participated in this year’s Giving Tree. On behalf of all those who received gifts this Christmas season, your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we express our best wishes for a peaceful and blessed New Year.



Weekly Schedule

Evening Prayer Sun Jan 3 at 7:00 pm at the church

Rosary before and after daily Mass

Women's Scripture Study Mon Jan 4 at 10:00 am at Monument Hall

Parish Pastoral Council Mon Jan 4 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Moms & Tots Tues Jan 5 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the church

Youth Leadership Council Tues Jan 5 at 6:15 at Monument Hall

Youth Council Tues Jan 5 at 7:00 pm at Monument Hall

RCIA Tues Jan 5 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Circle of Friends Wed Jan 6 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

Bereavement Group Wed Jan 6 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Thur Jan 7 at 6:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

Adult Choir Rehearsal Thur Jan 7 at 7:30 pm at West Concord Union Church



Baptism

Please welcome *Lillian Nataya Simcoe*, daughter of Robert and Patricia Simcoe, into our parish family. She will be baptized this weekend.

Faith Formation News

First Reconciliation Retreat

A Parent/Child Reconciliation Retreat will be held at Monument Hall on Saturday, January 9 from 9- 11:30 am. Through prayer, a video, small group discussion, and instruction by Fr Fleming, all will grow in their understanding and appreciation of this sacrament of healing and mercy. This Retreat is a very important part of the preparation for all children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time beginning later in January.

Join Us at the Faith Festival!

Join us for our upcoming Faith Festival *The Domestic Church*. Our Director of Faith Formation, David Thorp, will be leading the adult session on how to live out in our families what we do together as a parish family. Breakout groups with age appropriate activities for children will be offered as we examine the topic in a more practical, hands-on way. Session times are:

Sunday, Jan 10th at 4:30 pm

Monday, Jan 11th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan 12th at 9:30 am

Sunday, Jan 24th at 4:30 pm

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Our annual Christmas Tree Pickup to support our Summer Service Trip will be Saturday, January 9, 2010. Again this year the Concord Police will **NOT** be collecting Christmas trees. CCYIS (Concord Catholic Youth in Service) will be joining forces with the town of Concord Boy Scouts to pick up Christmas trees.

Last year we collected approximately 350 trees and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

We are opening this to a Parish wide event and asking for everyone to help! We hope you consider joining us for this great opportunity to serve our community, while fundraising to serve the poor and needy this summer!

You can support this effort in a few different ways:

1. Please consider volunteering to assist with the tree collection by driving a truck or trailer, driving a follow car with youth workers, as a youth worker, tracking paperwork, or feeding volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Anne Standish at TreePickUpVolunteers@gmail.com or 978-371-3127.
2. Use our service to collect your Christmas tree. To arrange to have your tree picked up, please either e-mail TreePickUp09@gmail.com or call 978-369-2911 Ext. 4, with your name, address, phone number and e-mail. *The deadline to request a tree pickup is Wednesday, January 6th at 5:00 PM.* Encourage your neighbors to use our service, too!
3. Then put your tree at the end of your driveway by 8:00 AM on the morning of the pickup with a \$15-25 donation attached securely to the tree in a plastic bag. Make checks payable to Holy Family Parish.

All proceeds from the tree pickup support the Concord Catholic Youth in Service Summer Service Trip and the many Boy Scouts activities throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your support!

Community News

Vatican II Lecture and Discussion Series Set

St Irene Parish, located at 187 East St in Carlisle, is pleased to announce a new adult monthly six-part lecture series beginning on Thursday, January 7th. The first session is entitled "*The Nature of the Church*", and will be led by theologian and popular author Timothy Muldoon, PhD. For more information, please call Ernest Carabillo at 978-371-2166.



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