

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sat	Nov 28	5:00 pm	T. William Fitzgerald
Sun	Nov 29	9:30 am	Francis J. Arena
		11:30 am	Alan Shaw
Mon	Nov 30	7:00 am	Patrick Grogan
Tues	Dec 1	9:00 am	Ray McCarthy
Sat	Dec 5	5:00 pm	Anthony Ghione
Sun	Dec 6	9:30 am	George Scimone
		11:30 am	Ray McCarthy

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, 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 Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.

Turkey Truck Update

Thanks to the generous support of you, the parish, and the Concord community, last weekend our youth collected approximately 230 turkeys for our annual Frozen Turkey Drive!! Thank you to our Service and Justice Committee for delivering our turkeys to Roxbury Family Shelter, and to Pat & Bill Tobin for driving and unloading the remaining 197 turkey to Crossroads Shelter in East Boston. Thank you also to all our youth, who stood out in the cold and collected our birds: Rory Barbarisi, Thomas Bruttomesso, Nathaniel Fisher, Connell Kelly, Will Thompson, Cameron Douglas, Kiera & Kaleigh Duggan, Adam French, Joe & Julia Jacobs, Jared Koval, Luke Newman, Maddy Castor, Will Easterday, Seamus Vahey, and Mickey & Joe Valle-Hoag. Finally, a huge thank you to our Team Leader Ray Bruttomesso, who made this event such a success, and to all our adult volunteers: Patty Bruttomesso, Ben Beckwith, Bill Duggan, Annmarie Galluzzo, Pam Gannon, Chris & Tom Jacobs, Doug Koval, and Chris Webber!



Baptism

Please welcome *Brynn Patricia Young*, daughter of Thomas and Janice Young, into our parish family. She will be baptized this weekend.

Service and Justice News

Food Collection

The Service and Justice Commission is now collecting food to donate to needy families for Christmas. We are in need of non-perishable items: tuna, soup, tomato products, peanut butter, pasta and canned pasta, and boxed rice entrees. Collection baskets will be placed at the entrances to the church. If *every* parishioner brought just one item, think of the difference we could make! Thank you in advance for remembering our brothers and sisters in need.

Concord Prison Outreach

It's time for the Holiday Gift Bags. This is a project which aims to provide gifts to the 1600 men at MCI Concord and the Northeastern Correctional Center. Detailed information regarding this project is available at the doors of the church. For more information contact: Joanne Mente at jlmente@aol.com or 978-369-4479.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Trees are now in the Gathering Space. Take a tag to help the needy! Gifts should be returned to the church by December 13th.

RCIA (Inquiry Program)

The RCIA (Inquiry Program) will have its regular session on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. COME AND SEE what we have to offer!

Faith Formation News

First Reconciliation/First Communion News

If your family has not already sent in your Register Book Information sheet or your dates for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please do not delay. Also, *please note that the January 23 First Reconciliation date and the May 2 and May 15 First Communion dates are FULL and no longer available.* Please contact Cheryl Bouchard at 978-369-0071 with any questions.

Retreat Ministry Appreciation

Thank you to the following high school and college-age parishioners who assisted with our recent Confirmation retreat: John Asadoorian, Linda Asadoorian, Patrick Bagley, Rory Barbarisi, Mike Callender, Patrick Cannon, Brendan Canty, Joseph Feeney, Kelly McManama, Mallory Mizia, and Will Thompson. Also thanks to the team from the Salt & Light Ministry of the Boston College Campus Ministry.

Confirmation Candidates: Thank You!

Special thanks go to our ninth grade Confirmation candidates who were able to replace the kneeler bumpers in the Church during their Day of Service on November 14th, as well as those youth who helped move furniture in Monument Hall. A grateful thanks also to those parents who assisted with the day by chaperoning and providing snacks for our volunteers!

Weekly Schedule

Evening Prayer Sun Nov 29 at 7:00 pm at the church

Rosary before and after daily Mass

Women's Scripture Study Mon Nov 30 at 10:00 am at Monument Hall

Moms & Tots Tues Dec 1 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

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

Youth Leadership Board Tues Dec 1 at 6:15 pm at Monument Hall

Youth Council Tues Dec 1 at 7:00 pm at Monument Hall

RCIA Tues Dec 1 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

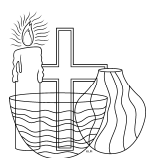
Circle of Friends Wed Dec 2 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Wed Dec 2 at 6:30 pm at the church

Bereavement Group Wed Dec 2 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Choir Rehearsal Wed Dec 2 at 7:30 pm at the church

Baptism Preparation Class Thur Dec 3 at 7:30 pm at the Parish Center

**Baptism Preparation Class**

Our next Baptism Preparation Class will be held on Thur Dec 3rd at 7:30 pm at the Parish Center. Babies and/or siblings are welcome to attend the class. For details or to register, please call the Parish Center at 978-369-7442.

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer for Advent begins this Sunday, Nov 29th, at 7:00 pm. This is a quiet time of sung prayer, candlelight, incense, and a brief reflection of the season. Treat yourself to the gift of this refreshing time on Sunday evenings.

Special Events Committee

Chair: Joanne Cormier 978-369-3085

Co-Chair: Bernadette Jaros 978-369-7687

“Christmas Fair” A big *thank you* to all who supported the Fair and made it such a success!

Boston Holiday Pops: set for Friday, December 11th. The bus will depart from the Parish Center in West Concord at 6:30 pm. Please arrive at 6:15 pm to pick up your tickets! We will return to the Parish Center parking lot at approximately 11:30 pm.

The next scheduled Special Events Committee meeting will be held at the home of Erin and Craig Logan, 19 Border Road, Concord at 7:00 pm; phone number is 978-369-2142. We will hold a brief meeting to be followed by our annual Holiday Social. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group will be meeting on Wed Dec 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Sr Rose Marie Lipke at 978-369-7442.

Can We Brighten Someone's Day?

Do you know anyone in Concord who is elderly or homebound and would enjoy participating in our annual tradition in which parish youth visit to sing a few Christmas carols and deliver homemade cookies? We will be visiting all over town on Sun, Dec 13, 1:00-3:00pm, and would love to include your friend or neighbor. Please contact Colleen Brennan (cbrennan531@yahoo.com) or 978-371-1916 if you know someone who might be interested. Thanks!

Youth News

Youth Council—Our next Youth Council Meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Monument Hall. Youth Council is our version of youth group. Our meetings always start with games, include planning of upcoming youth activities, and close with a short program. Our topic for December is *Being Church, Even at School*. Youth Council is a great casual way to get involved here at Holy Family. 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!

Christmas Cookie Baking—Sat & Sun, December 5th & 6th, youth and parents will bake several dozen Christmas cookies in the homes of volunteers. Sign up and join a few of your friends for a fun afternoon! The cookies will be delivered to elderly and homebound people in Concord the following weekend during our Christmas Caroling event. To host or join a party, please contact Audrey Cassidy at audrey@cassidyretirement.com or 978-369-4821.

Christmas Caroling and Cookie Delivery—Members of our Youth Group will be caroling to elderly and homebound members of Holy Family Parish on December 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM (starting at Monument Hall). All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us for this heart-warming holiday event. Instrumentalists are welcome and jingle bells are a plus! Youth are also welcome to bring friends who are not parish members.

We are also looking for parents who can help drive or supervise groups of 8-10 carolers. For more information or to sign up, please contact Colleen Brennan at cbrennan531@yahoo.com or 978-371-1916.

Lowell Devils Hockey Game—All Holy Family youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join us when we travel to Tsongas Area to watch the Lowell Devils take on the Albany River Rats on Friday, Dec 18th. The cost is \$12. To join us, please contact Ray Bruttomesso at 978 371-3082 or rbruttomesso@earthlink.net or. We are also looking for adult drivers and chaperones to join us for this event.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any item(s) in our Youth News, please contact our Youth Minister, Andrea Laux at youthmin55church@aol.com or 978-369-7442.