

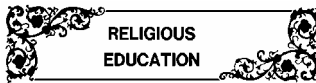


**December 14 – December 20**

- Mon. 7:00 a.m. Rosa Mele by Tom and Lucy Bellantuoni
- Tues. 7:00 a.m. Mary (McGuire) O’Connell by her husband
- Wed. 7:00 a.m. Frank and Betty Feccia by the family
- Fri 7:00 a.m. The Fitzgerald Family by the family
- Sat. 4:00 p.m. Mario Pedroli, Sr. by the family
- Sun. 7:30 a.m. For All Our Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Rei and James & Jan Neuding by the Niro family
- 10:30 a.m. Pasqua and Donato DiLorenzo by the family



**Ljubica Cecchi  
Al Tolman**



**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, Grade 2 Communion Retreat will be held in the Chapel from 8:30 to noon.

**SHARE IN THE CARE  
RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS**

Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating cost of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today’s collection.

**IMPORTANT!**

**BULLETIN NOTICE**

Bulletins for Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> are to be sent to our publisher on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. All notices are to be in the office no later than Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.**

**Legacy of Faith  
A Gift of Love and Appreciation**

With the Christmas holiday approaching are you looking for a special gift for the proverbial “person or family who has everything”? Please consider a donation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish **LEGACY OF FAITH** Campaign in honor of that person or family with your holiday wishes for God’s blessings. Every donation will assist our parish in the next phase of restoration of our church’s worship space. Cards to acknowledge this gift or even in remembrance of a deceased loved one are available at the rectory.

The Legacy Campaign total raised to date is **\$366,661.88**. **466** families pledged/contributed **\$338,172.00** and an additional **\$28,489.86** has been given in memory of friends and loved ones or from the estates of deceased parishioners.

**FOOD for the NEEDY**

Our Daily Bread Food Collection for the month of **December** will be **soap**. Baskets are provided at all entrances to the church. We wish to thank all the members of our parish family who support the Daily Bread Food Pantry through their volunteer activity, financial donations, and prayers.



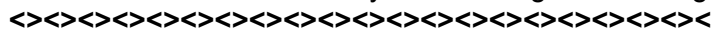
An envelope for Christmas flowers is in your December packet. Please return it at this time. If you are donating in memory of a loved one, please write their name(s) on the envelope. **Thank you!**

**OUR GIFTS TO YOU**

**This weekend**, beautifully decorated boxes will be displayed on the steps of the sanctuary. These boxes will contain special items and readings that can be shared with family and friends. Titles include: Touch of Cheer, Using the Word Christmas You're Like a Snowflake, Signs of an Angel, Christian Survival, Volunteers, Meaning of the Candy Cane, Santa's Prayer on Christmas Eve and The Meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas. We ask that **one family member** take a gift from one of the boxes.

**OUTREACH COMMISSION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Outreach Commission through the Human Services Fund will sponsor the distribution of turkeys and hams to needy families for Christmas. Monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. You may send your donation to the rectory or put it in an envelope marked "Holiday Donation" and place it in the collection baskets at Mass. We thank you for caring and sharing.



The Outreach Commission of the Parish Pastoral Council is sponsoring a **PRO-LIFE GIVING TREE** to assist in providing for the needs of infants whose mothers have **CHOSEN LIFE**. The Pro-Life Tree will be set up in the Chapel this weekend until January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We graciously ask that you take a "tag," purchase a gift and return the **unwrapped gift** to the tree with the tag attached. You may also bring it to the rectory. This is the perfect time for all of us to show love and concern for those who have **CHOSEN LIFE** and need our support. We sincerely thank you for your generosity. **May God Bless You!!**



**GIFTS ON THE FIREPLACE**

Gift requests for the needy were hung from the fireplaces located at all entrances to the church. Anyone who took a tag is asked to please return the **UNWRAPPED GIFT** to the Heirloom Tree or bring it to the rectory this week. Providing a Christmas bag or wrap with the gift would be appreciated.



The rosary is prayed each weekday morning after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us.

**REMINDER!**

**ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**The Ecumenical Christmas Concert** featuring combined choral groups from area Milford Churches and choruses will be held in the upper Church this **Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.** All parishioners are encouraged to take time during this Advent season to join us in song and prayer.



**Parish Council**

The **Evangelization Team** of the Parish Pastoral Council would like to encourage all parishioners to read the Bible and the Catechism. Brochures are available at the CD stand with new readings every day throughout the year. Join us on the spiritual experience. The readings for this week are:

<u>Scripture</u>		<u>Catechism</u>	
Tob 12-14	Prv 30.1-17	Philemon	1499-1505
Jdt 1-3	Prv 30.18-33	Lk 1.1-25	1506-1513
Jdt 4-6	Prv 31.1-15	Lk 1.26-56	1514-1519
Jdt 7-8	Prv 31.16-31	Lk 1.57-80	1520-1525
Jdt 9-11	Eccl 1	Lk 2.1-35	1526-1532
Jdt 12-14	Eccl 2	Lk 2.36-52	1533-1538
Jdt 15-16	Eccl 3	Lk 3.1-14	1539-1547

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 8 – 10, January 29 – 31, and February 12 – 14. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).

**Parish Support:...(12/06/09).....\$ 13,598.50**  
**Average Wkly. Expenses for (Nov.).....\$ 7,218.38**  
**Thank You for your continued support each week.**



**MORTGAGE:**

**As of August 31, 2007**

**Total amt borrowed at 7% interest.....\$747,570.91**  
**Outstanding Bal. as of Nov. 30, 2009....\$244,530.46**

*THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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*DECEMBER 13, 2009*

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**Comments:**

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