

SANCTUARY LAMP- For the week of November 27th – December 3rd, the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for special intention Sarah Ghaney. If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a deceased relative or friend or for a special intention, contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per week.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK - Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, aging and in need of our prayers, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through their faith. **We Pray for** – Ed Broderick, Bertha Noseworthy, Glen Bursey, Sophia Ribble, Gerry Perry, Elizabeth (Libby) Hayden, David Roche, Colby Chipman, Emily Kenny, Clement Walsh & Wayne Fitzpatrick.

THE ADVENT WREATH: The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas Season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice. The first candle symbolizes hope; it is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle”. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming of Messiah. The second candle, also purple represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the “Shepard’s Candle”, it is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. The fourth candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This is called the “Angel’s Candle” which symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth”, Good Will Toward Men. “The white candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ. The color is white for purity.

HOPE - Join us for four inspiring stories of Hope – Tuesdays in Advent, November 29th, December 6th, 13th & 20th – 7:00 pm at **St. Teresa’s Church – 120 Mundy Pond Road.** Storytellers – **Sue Cummings** – worked 20 years in mental health & addictions, **Lucille Brennan** – Registered Social Worker at The Gathering Place, **Sr. Margie Taylor, RSM, Gerry Phelan** – Prison Chaplain.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Please help us beautify our Church for the Christmas Season, please pick up an envelope at the back of the church and make a donation for flowers. You can make your donation in memory of a loved one; include their name on the envelope. You may drop your envelope in the collection or to the parish office. (Deadline Dec.11th) Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CWL will be collecting NEW toques, mittens, gloves, socks and scarves for the Salvation Army, Long Pond Corp., CBS. Any parishioner interested in helping may do so by dropping the items in a box at the entrance of the church. Deadline for this project is **December 4th, 2022.** Thank you in advance.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - Celebrating 55 years as the International Development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada – join the movement! Be a part of the 11,000 members across Canada supporting our neighbors in the global south and working for ecological justice in the face of climate change here at home. You can also enroll as a member on our website, www.devpo.org. New members are invited to a webinar on December 3rd; you will also be entered in a draw for a trip to Montreal in March to meet our Solidarity Visitors from Cambodia and Honduras!

<u>MASS SCHEDULE –</u>	November 29 – December 4	INTENTION
Tues. - Nov. 29	- 10 am -	Genevieve Dunn – Marion Lewis
Wed. - Nov. 30 (Saint Andrew)	- 10 am -	Anne Bennett – Thomas Lawlor
		(Adoration following Mass)
	- 7pm	Mass of Remembrance
Thurs.- Dec. 1	- 10 am -	Matthew Prim – Florence Curran
Fri. - Dec. 2	- 10 am -	Special Intentions – Judy Moakler - SFH
Sat. - Dec. 3	- 4 pm -	Jim Tobin – Gerry & Angela Kelly
Sun. - Dec. 4	- 9:30 am	All Parishioners
	11:00 am	Joseph Foley
	Saturdays	- 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
	Sundays	- 8:45 am – 9:15 am
	Wednesdays	- 10:30 – 11:00 am
		or by appointment

PARISH COLLECTIONS - November 19 & 20

	# of envs.	Amount	Loose	Total
Sunday offering	113	\$2,238.00	\$398.90	\$2,636.90
Dues	10	\$ 255.00		\$ 255.00
Food bank	1	\$ 5.00		\$ 5.00
Maintenance off	5	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00
Students to Priesthood 2		\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
World Mission	1	\$ 5.00		\$ 5.00
Archdiocesan Assessment 2		\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00
	134			\$3,001.90

Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

WINTER COATS FOR THE NEEDY – Holy Spirit Council Knights of Columbus are seeking your help in providing the needy with winter Coats. If you have a good and clean winter coat (of any size) that you no longer need and would like to donate to a great cause, please feel free to drop off at Kelligrews Dental Clinic (615 CBS Highway) or St. Thomas of Villanova Church during weekend Masses. Winter books, scarves, mittens & gloves & hats accepted as well. Items donated will be delivered to the CBS/Paradise Food Bank.

INVITATION TO MINISTRY - As we build the new consolidated parish, and begin to resume pre-pandemic activities, we would like to invite those interested in ministering to complete a Ministry Check Form, found at the entrance to the church. This can be deposited in the collection box. Also, interested parishioners can contact the parish office at villanovaparish@nl.rogers.com 834-9481, or speak to an usher or Fr. Fleming.

MINISTRIES:

Remembrance Mass – November 30 - 7:00 PM

Cross Bearer - Peter Jardine
Lector - Pat Burton
Usher - Jim Woodrow & Joe Santos
EM - Carol Barron
S - Steve Dray

Saturday, December 3 - 4:00 PM

1st R - Cheryl Donovan-White
2nd R & IP - Cyril Fitzgerald
Usher - Jim Woodrow – Dave Kenney
EM - Daisy Carroll
S - Rita Bruce

Sunday, December 4 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Jennifer Hutchings
Usher - Paul Kelly
EM - Carol Barron
S - Steve Dray

December 4 - 11:00 AM

Lector - Cyril Morrissey
Usher - Ed Philpott
EM - Paul Cahill
S - Myrna Power

OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish office will be closed Friday, **December 2nd**



WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD'S PARISH
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MISSION STATEMENT

Enlightened by God's Spirit working among us, we go devoutly and boldly with grace-filled hands into all the world to "Proclaim the Gospel to all Creation." (Mark 16:15)

Parish Priest – Fr. James Fleming
Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Hutchings
Finance Council Chair – Steve Dray
Parish Council Chair – Dave Locke
Liturgy Committee Chair – Monika Behr