

SANCTUARY LAMP- For the week of December 4th – 10th the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for special intention Sarah Ghaney. The Sanctuary Lamp in the St. Thomas of Villanova shrine will burn for the repose of the soul of Jim Noseworthy. 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.

HOPE - Join us for inspiring stories of Hope – Tuesdays in Advent, 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.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST?

A vocation discernment group, led by Fr. James Fleming, meets regularly on the last Sunday of every month. Single Catholic men, 18 years and older, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend. To register or find out more, please contact Fr. James Fleming at 754-1195 or vocations@rcsj.org

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: This is a season filled with generosity and caring. In that spirit, we are collecting money for our local food bank, to ensure that everyone can have a Merry Christmas. This year the need is greater than ever. Our Giving Tree is near the church entrance. Please take an envelope and place your donation inside. The envelopes can be dropped into the collection. Some envelopes have a suggested donation of the cost of a turkey. However, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. All donations need to be returned on or before December 18.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE – December 6th – 11th INTENTION

Tues. - Dec. 6 (Saint Nicholas) - 10 am - Agnes Ebbs – Trixie Sullivan
Wed. - Dec. 7 (Saint Ambrose) - 10 am - Jamie & Marilyn Doyle- William & Marion Moore- Harold Hansford

(Adoration following Mass)

Thurs.- Dec. 8 (Immaculate Conception) 7 pm - Helen English-Suzanne Kennedy- Madeline English
Fri. - Dec. 9 (Saint Juan Diego) - 10 am - Krista Dillon – Spec. Int. David Roche
Sat. - Dec. 10 - 4 pm - James & Leonard Whalen & family- Patrick & Annie McCarthy – Valerie Careen
Sun. - Dec. 11 - 9:30 am - All Parishioners
11:00 am -

CONFESSIONS - 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 26 & 27

	# of envs.	Amount	Loose	Total
Sunday offering	98	\$1,563.00	\$363.25	\$1,926.25
Dues	19	\$ 1,440.00		\$1,440.00
Maintenance off	6	\$ 55.00		\$ 55.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	10	\$ 190.00		\$ 190.00
Fall Fair env.	1	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
Christmas off. env.	3	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00
	137			\$3,646.25

Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.

REMINDER CHEQUE WRITING - When writing a cheque to the parish please continue to write to **St. Thomas of Villanova Parish**, the banking information will not change until January 2023. Thank you.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is scheduled for March 25, 2023 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 200 Military Rd, St. John's Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](http://MarriagePreparationRegistration-RomanCatholicArchdioceseofStJohns.org).

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm, 8:30 pm & 11:00 pm
Christmas Day - 10:00 am

MINISTRIES:

Saturday, December 10 - 4:00PM

1st R - Josh Chapados
2nd R & IP - Cheryl Donovan-White
Usher - Mary Ryan – Barbara Wakeham-Murphy
EM - Tessa Crosbie
S - Rita Locke

Sunday, December 11 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Brendan Murphy
Usher - Ray Rossiter
EM - Doreen Dray
S - Carol Gallop

Sunday, December 18 - 11:00 AM

Lector - Richard Fahey
Usher - Sheila Trenholm
EM - Marguerite Greene
S - Myrna Power

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022



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
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Parish Council Chair – Dave Locke
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