

SANCTUARY LAMP- For the week of December 18th – 24th the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Carol Dalton. The Sanctuary Lamp in the St. Thomas of Villanova shrine 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 Hayden, David Roche, Colby Chipman, Emily Kenny, Clement Walsh, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Mugford & Marie Lundrigan.

POPE FRANCIS has called on everyone to "renew our closeness to the battered Ukrainian people" and to persevere in "prayer for these our brothers and sisters who are suffering so much." The Pope's words came just before he gave his final blessing at the Wednesday General Audience. Recalling the immense suffering the people of Ukraine are experiencing, the Pope emphasized that we must keep them in our hearts and thoughts, especially as we draw near to celebrations for Christmas, and intensify our spiritual preparation. "Toned-down Christmas": The Pope suggested we celebrate "a more humble Christmas" and gift exchange, and send what we have saved to help Ukrainians who desperately need assistance now due to the extreme cold, illness, lack of doctors & medical facilities, and hunger. "Let us not forget... Christmas, yes. At peace with the Lord, yes.... But with the people of Ukraine in our hearts. And let us offer concrete signs of help for them."

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 834-9481 or vocations@rcsj.org

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2023 Church envelopes for the New Year have been placed on the table in the Crying Room for pick-up. The New Year will be a new beginning for St. Edward's Parish. We welcome ALL to attend. The New Year will also bring a new process for the traditional offertory envelopes. **This year, the envelopes will not have name labels. You can take any box of envelopes you wish. We only ask that on the first couple of envelopes you put your full name (no initial, please), address, telephone number and email address. The name and address are required for income tax receipts. Please print clearly.** We will then associate the number with your name for the remainder of the year. Next year, we will endeavor to provide you with the same envelope number. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you, everyone.

<u>MASS SCHEDULE –</u>	December 20 - 25	INTENTION
Tues. - Dec. 20	-	10 am Morrissey & Dunn family – Raymond & Mary Walsh
Wed. - Dec. 21	-	10 am - Agnes Ebbs – James & Louisa Robere
Thurs. - Dec. 22	-	10 am - Harold & Evelyn LaFosse – Alice Butler
Fri. - Dec. 23	-	10 am - Kay Hookey – Bernice Nugent
Christmas Eve - Dec. 24	-	6 pm - Pius Skinner & Jarvis Family – Charles Stacey
	-	8:30 pm - Nora & George Hutchings – Trevor, Joan & Hollis Metcalfe – Annie, Matthew & George Mercer
	-	11:00 pm - Holy Souls
Christmas Day – Dec. 25	-	10 am - All Parishioners

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays - **3:00 pm – 3:45 pm**
 Sundays – **8:45 am – 9:15 am**
 Wednesdays - **10:30 – 11:00 am**
or by appointment

<u>PARISH COLLECTIONS:</u>		December 10 & 11		
	# of envs.	Amount	Loose	Total
Sunday offering	102	\$2,288.00	\$223.25	\$2,511.25
Dues	4	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Food bank	41	\$1,045.00	\$130.00	\$1,175.00
Maintenance off.	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Christmas env.	4	\$ 110.00		\$ 110.00
Fall Fair env.	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Poinsettias	13	\$ 395.00		\$ 395.00
Mission env.	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Arch. Assessment	2	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
Students to Priesthood	2	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Needs of Can. Church	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
<u>Total</u>	172	\$4,148.00	\$353.25	\$4,501.25

Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.

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.

MINISTRIES:

Christmas Eve - 6:00 PM
1st R - Gennie Murphy
2nd R & IP - Gerry Phelan
Usher - Jim Woodrow & Jerry Hynes
EM - Pat Burton
Sacristan - Rita Locke & Carol Gollop

Christmas Eve - 8:30 PM
1st R - Maureen Porter
2nd R & IP - Jennifer Hutchings
Usher - Dave Kenny & Barbara Wakeham-Murphy
EM - Daisy Carroll
Sacristan - Myrna Power

Christmas Eve - 11:00 PM
1st R - Tessa Crosbie
2nd R & IP - Trudy Strowbridge
Usher - Len Furlong & Paul Kelly
EM - Marguerite Greene
Sacristan - Rita Bruce

Christmas Day - 10:00 AM
Lector - Carol Barron
Usher - Gary Penney
EM - Doreen Dray
Sacristan - Steve Dray

OFFICE CLOSED - The Parish office will be closed **Monday, December 19th**, it will reopen Tuesday, December 20th @ 8:30 am.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 DECEMBER 18, 2022**



WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD'S PARISH
 Worshipping at St. Thomas of Villanova Church
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm, 8:30 pm & 11:00 pm
Christmas Day - 10:00 am
(Mary, Mother of God) New Year's Eve - 4:00 pm
New Year's Day - 9:30 am & 11:00 am

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