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December 26—January 1



Mon.	7:00 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Anthony & Eleanor Mussulli by the family
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Peter Frascotti, Jr. by his sister
Fri.	7:00 a.m.	Antoinette (Netta) Iannitelli by her husband
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Deceased members of Santo & Maria Calagione by the family
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Michael J. DeLuca by his son Michael
	10:00 a.m.	Saverio Fulginiti by the family



**Helen Saulen**  
**Guido Valanzola**  
**Leonard Mainville**  
**Helen Ducharme**



**Tuesday, January 3,** there will be a Grade 2 Teachers' Meeting in the CCD office at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 4th,** there will be a Grade 2 Parents' Meeting in the Bell Tower Room at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 7th,** there will be a **MANDATORY** Communion Retreat for all Grade 2 students in the Chapel Room from 9-11:15 a.m. Parents are asked to return at 11:15 a.m. for a parent/child activity, followed by a Communion service in the lower church.

**Sunday, January 8th,** the Year 2 Confirmation class "Holiness is Possible" will be held from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel Room for all 10th grade students.



**DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY**

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry collection items for the month of **December** are **Instant Oatmeal, Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Tea.** If you wish to donate please bring the items to Mass and place them in the baskets provided at each entrance. 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.

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



**SERVICE MUSIC**  
**December 24 2016**  
**Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.**

**Entrance:** O Little Town of Bethlehem (214)  
**Preparation:** Lo. How a Rose E'er Blooming (220)  
**Communion:** Silent Night (224)  
**Recessional:** It Came upon a Midnight Clear (215)

**Christmas Midnight Mass**

**Entrance:** Once in Royal David's City (228)  
**Preparation:** Silent Night (224)  
**Communion:** God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (210)  
**Recessional:** Angels We Have Heard on High (211)

**Christmas Day 8:00 am. and 10 a.m.**

**Entrance:** O Come, All Ye Faith (208)  
**Preparation:** Of the Father's Love Begotten (221)  
**Communion:** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (222)  
**Recessional:** Joy to the World (209)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



If you know how to knit or crochet please consider joining us for our monthly gatherings. If you know of anyone who is ill, going to have surgery, depressed, in a nursing home or has lost a loved one please contact the rectory and a prayer shawl will be prepared for them. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the **first Wednesday** of each month (no July or August) in the Bell Tower Room and anyone wishing to join may contact **Mary Maffia at (508) 473-8041** or **Barbara Iwanow at (508) 478-3397.** We have been asked to make blankets for our troops who are in wheel chairs. If you knit or crochet and would like to help our troops you do not need to attend our gatherings each month, you may make a blanket at home and bring it to the rectory.

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.” As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are **January 20-22, 2017** in Duxbury, MA and **March 17-19, 2017** in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).



**LET’S ALL PITCH IN, PLEASE:** We request that you try to take a moment to tidy up the Church before you leave. Simply return the Missalettes to their racks and take home the Parish Bulletin or return it to the entrances. We are appreciative of your doing this so that we can be ready for those who come to the next Mass. Thank you !!!



### A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Almighty God, Creator of all things, we place our request for world peace into your hands. Continue to be our refuge and our strength as we undertake this challenge. We pray for people of all nations. Fill their hearts with the desire to ensure justice and equality for all. We ask that You watch over those exposed to the horrors of war. Let your compassion shine on all who dwell in these war-torn areas. Guide our daily path to the way of peace. Let us all, in some way, be an instrument of Your peace. Heavenly Father, let peace reign throughout the world. Bless with Your divine protection our servicemen and women. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Bring them safely home to their loved ones. Let Your heavenly wisdom direct our world leaders to seek peace. Through their actions, may harmony and justice be secured. **Amen.**



The Milford Catholic Elementary School Community wishes you a very Merry Christmas.\*May the blessing of the Christ Child be yours.\*

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

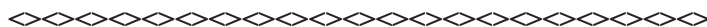


### Brown Bag Dinner

On the last Saturday of each month volunteers from our Parish prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need in our community. The meal is served at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Pine Street from 6 to 7 p.m. There are many ways you can be a part of our ministry, **1:** spread the word that we serve the dinner on the last Saturday of the month from **6 to 7 p.m.** at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Pine St (across from Morin’s Studio) - **all are welcome: 2:** monetary donations or gift cards to grocery stores can be placed in the lunch boxes found at all the entrances to the church, **3:** donations of nonperishable items **4:** volunteer help. Please let others know that the dinner is free to anyone in need, no questions asked. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer or donate please contact Lisa and Brian Blackwell at [lnblackwell@gmail.com](mailto:lnblackwell@gmail.com).



The **Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Hopedale** would like to extend an invitation to parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Milford to visit their Twice Blessed Thrift Shop or visit their website at [www.shchopedale.org](http://www.shchopedale.org) to check out some of the specialty items in inventory. Hours of operation are Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Because there is such a need to help others, the items are priced in a way to help those less fortunate. Please stop by and check it out.



### LEAVING MESSAGES ON THE VOICE MAIL

When leaving names and telephone numbers on the **RECTORY VOICE MAIL**, you should speak slowly and distinctly. Many times we are unable to properly get the names and telephone numbers of the callers because they speak so quickly. One should keep in mind that the secretary or pastor has to write down those items in order to call back. **Thank you!!!**

<b>Parish Financials</b>	
<b>Parish Support:.....12/18/16.....</b>	<b>\$10,000.50</b>
<b>Average Wkly. Expenses (Nov).....</b>	<b>\$ 8,948.22</b>
<b>Thank you for your continued support each week</b>	

**DECEMBER 25, 2016**

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**THIS OUT!**

**CURSILLO WEEKEND**

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2017 dates are: Men's **February 9-12th** & **June 22-25th** ; Women's **May 18-21st** & **October 12-15th**. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Galgano at [angels3cma@gmail.com](mailto:angels3cma@gmail.com). or call (508)-847-7005 or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or [joanlaracy@yahoo.com](mailto:joanlaracy@yahoo.com).

**IMPORTANT!**

**ARE YOU REGISTERED**

Being a registered parish member is a help for such things as baptisms, weddings and religious education of children. It also assures that you are receiving the latest news about parish activities and programs. Registering in our parish is easy. Simply contact the rectory at (508) 634-5435 and ask for a registration form. The form takes less than 5 minutes to fill out, When finished please return it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Forms may also be found at the entrances of the church.

*Sing Praise* 

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHOIR**

The **ADULT CHOIR** under the direction of Robert Blake meets every **Thursday at 7:30 p.m.** in the Chapel of the Holy Spouses , Mary and Joseph. If you love to sing and are willing to make a commitment to this enriching ministry, please join at this time. We are especially in need of tenors, and basses. **Many ordinary voices can make a beautiful sound. No auditions are needed. For more information you may contact the rectory at**

**We encourage all Altar Servers, Lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist to kindly get a replacement if you find that you are unable to fulfill your scheduled weekend obligation.**