

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

<b>SAT</b>	12/16	3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (St. E.) 4:00 PM Rebecca Lamont by Elizabeth Cote 4:30 PM Mass for the Parishioners
<b>SUN</b>	12/17	8:00 AM Special Intention by Deacon/ Mrs. Pete Gummere 8:30 AM Mass-No Intention (QP) 10:30 AM Jacqui Clark by the family (St. E.) 11:00 AM Dennis Olszowy by Laurie & Megan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anni.) 4:00 PM Advent Penance Service
<b>MON</b>	12/18	8:30 AM Mass-No Intention (St.E.) 2:15 PM Mass /Rehab 5:15 PM All Souls 5:45 PM Confessions after Mass
<b>TUE</b>	12/19	8:30 AM Helene Gaudreau by Fr. Bernie 5:15 PM Samuel & Jesus Lucido by M/M Pierre Berube
<b>WED</b>	12/20	8:30 AM All Souls 5:15 PM Celia Zabrosky by Romeo & Marion Martel
<b>THUR</b>	12/21	8:30 AM James & Gloria Carlton by the family 5:15 PM Intentions of Martin & Betsy Fortin by Marion & Isabelle Handy
<b>FRI</b>	12/22	8:30 AM Roland Heon by his estate 4:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:15 PM Gary Schoenemann by the family 5:45 PM Confessions after Mass
<b>SAT</b>	12/23	3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (St. E.) 4:00 PM Lucy Fortin by the family 4:30 PM Deacon Toborg by his wife Linda
<b>SUN</b>	12/24	8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners 8:30 AM Mass for all Souls (QP) 10:30 AM Donald Gerard Simard by Noella, Joe and Sally (St. E.) 11:00 AM Mary Greenan by her husband & family

*All Liturgies are held at St. John's unless otherwise indicated*

## POCKET CALENDARS

The 2018 Pocket Calendars are now available for those who are active in a Church Ministry. Please stop at the entrance of the Church and pick one up. It's a small token of our appreciation for all that parishioners do for the parish.

**TODAY, DECEMBER 17, IS THE 81<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY OF POPE FRANCIS. Kindly remember him in your prayers!**

## PARISH EVENTS

<b>SUN</b>	12/17	9:00 AM St. E. Rel. Ed 9:15 AM St. J. Rel. Ed 9:30 AM QP Rel. Ed.
<b>TUES</b>	12/19	5:00 PM Community Meal/St.J. Ch. Hall 5:00 PM Decorate the Church/St. J. 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul/St. E.
<b>WED</b>	12/20	5:30 PM Rosary/St. Leo's in Lunenburg 7:00 PM St. John's Choir Practice
<b>THUR</b>	12/21	6:00 PM Decorate the Church/St. J.
<b>SAT</b>	12/23	9:00 AM Decorate the Church/St. J. 5:30 PM NO K. of C. Bingo
<b>SUN</b>	12/24	9:00 AM No St. E. Rel. Ed 9:15 AM No St. J. Rel. Ed 9:30 AM No QP Rel. Ed.

Meetings are held at the Fr. Lively Ctr unless otherwise indicated

### Parish Contacts:

#### **Corpus Christi Prayer Chain**

Isabelle & Marion Handy 748-4033  
Joyce Dumas 748-3277  
Lynn Welch 467-3019

#### **Fr. Lively Center/Church Hall Rental**

Marie Hagan 748-8038

#### **Mt. Calvary Cemetery**

Les Blodgett 535-5305

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Joan King 467-3667

#### **St. Elizabeth Cemetery**

Tracy Charron 626-5180

#### **Ministry Schedule**

Susan Dugan 748-3336 St.J.  
Jean Fournier 626-3385 St. E.  
Ed Ledo 684-3306 Q.P.

#### **Music Ministry**

Pam Hurst-Brinkerhoff 748-1356 St.J.  
Jean McGregor 748-8891 St. J.  
Roger DeKett 626-9918 St. E.  
Marge Ste. Marie 535-8015 QP

#### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Please call Ann Lovett 748-1313 or Bob Gessner 626-5400 if you or someone you known needs help from Corpus Christi Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul email: [stvdepccc@gmail.com](mailto:stvdepccc@gmail.com)

#### **Secular Franciscans**

Anita Wellman 751-5318

#### **Adoration Chapel**

Linda Frechette 473-0261

#### **Knights of Columbus, St. Johnsbury Area**

Stan Baranowski 626-8723

#### **Lyndonville Area**

Jacob King 535-4413

## Financial Report

Fiscal Year: 7/1/17-6/30/18 Budget: \$295,000

**(\$6,000 Amount needed each week)**

Last week's Collection: \$ 4,762.52

Total to date: \$132,691.36

On-Line Giving: 12/13: \$24

Year to date: \$4,509

## Adoration Chapel at St. John's Church

Jesus waits for you. Call Linda Frechette for more info.: 473-0261.

**St. John's and St. Elizabeth's:** Both confirmation groups will meet on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm** for the Advent Penance Service. All students are expected to attend!



## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017**

4:00 PM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
4:30 PM ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH  
7:00 PM QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH  
9:00 PM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017**

10:30 AM ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH  
11:00 AM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES IS NOW UP AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE LOOK IT OVER AND DECIDE WHICH MASS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE.**

### **Caledonia Brass to play carols before 4 PM**

#### **Christmas Eve Mass.**

4 members of St. Johnsbury Town Band have agreed to play carols just before mass.

They are Sally Fishburn, trumpet; Gary Aubin, euphonium; Jim McGregor, trombone; and John Goodrich, tuba. They performed several times for the Victorian Christmas Day in town, and sounded wonderful. We thank them for adding to our Christmas celebration. (Pam Hurst and Jean McGregor, music ministry.)

### ***Annual Live Nativity Pageant at the Chapel of the Holy Family Experience the true spirit of Christmas!***

All are welcome! Simple and Beautiful!

Date: Saturday Dec 23

Time: 6PM (immediately after the 4:30 Mass at St. E's.)  
(1/2 hour production)

Location: Chapel Of the Holy Family, 1165 Darling Hill Road, Lyndonville

We are looking for "actors", children and young adults, who would like to participate. They should come to the rehearsal on Sunday Dec. 17 at 12:30 at the Chapel. We are also looking for singers. A light lunch will be served. Questions can be directed to Jim O'Reilly at [802-274-4090](tel:802-274-4090) or [jimoreilly72@gmail.com](mailto:jimoreilly72@gmail.com) or Misty Grassley at [mnrsoa123@gmail.com](mailto:mnrsoa123@gmail.com)

### **To Confirmation Students:**

Do you need to fulfill your liturgical volunteer hours? Here is a great opportunity! We are putting on a Live Nativity at the Chapel of the Holy Family in Lyndonville and could use help! Please contact Jim or Mary O'Reilly for more information (626-8314) More details in this bulletin.

The **Keep Us Warm Program** at the Food Shelf in St. J. is open T & Th. noon to 3:30. We send many thanks to those who have dropped off clean outerwear for our neighbors in need. The recipients are so appreciative. We continue to need outerwear donations especially Adult Large, Extra Large and children's winter coats, winter socks, boots and warm pajamas. Questions? Call Camille 748-5663.

## **ADVENT CONFESSIONS!**

As we near Christmas, we encourage you to make the most of these days by making extra room for Christ in your hearts by approaching Him in the Sacrament of His Mercy. Additional times for the Sacrament of Penance are offered this week!

**OUR ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE IS PLANNED FOR 4:00 PM THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT ST. JOHN'S.** Extra priests will be available to minister the grace of God's mercy to us! A Penance Service is a unique opportunity to come together in prayer and mutual support as we all strive to be truly repentant for our sins and seek the grace of God "to do better from now on!" Together we praise God for the mercy that He gives to us in Christ our Lord.

### **EXTRA TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS THIS COMING WEEK:**

**Monday, Dec. 18, after the 8:30 Mass at St. E.**

**Monday, Dec. 18, after the 5:15 Mass at St. J.**

**Friday, Dec. 22, after the 8:30 Mass at St. E.**

**Friday, Dec. 22, 4:30 to 5:00 and after the 5:15 Mass at St. John's**

**Saturday, Dec. 23, 3:00 to 3:30 pm and after the 4:00 pm Mass at St. John's**

**Saturday, Dec. 23, 3:30 to 4:00 pm and after the 4:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth's.**

**Sunday, Dec. 24, 7:45 to 8:15 am at Queen of Peace**

**IF YOU MISSED OUR "LISTENING SESSION" IN PREPARATION FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OD 2018, YOU CAN STILL OFFER YOUR THOUGHTS THROUGH THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** Log onto [www.VermontCatholic.org](http://www.VermontCatholic.org) and click on "Synod." You will find instructions on how you can offer your thoughts. You may also put your thoughts in writing and mail them to: Diocesan Synod, 55 Joy Drive, So. Burlington, VT 05403.

Bishop Coyne is asking for your input on following questions: :

- 1. As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well?**
- 2. What are we doing that we should be doing better?**
- 3. What are we not doing that we should be doing?**

**WE SHARE - ON-LINE GIVING:** We happy to say that so far 24 families are taking advantage of this on-line option for making their weekly contributions. (Our fees will be reduced once we have 25 regular users for this service!) So, we continue to encourage you to avail yourselves of this option by going to our parish website and logging on the link that is provided. We particularly ask those who are away for weeks or months through the winter to continue supporting us this way. Our website address is [www.nekcatholic.com](http://www.nekcatholic.com).