

MASS INTENTIONS –2018

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

4:00pm Joyce Choate

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

7:30am Parishioners of St. Richard

10:00am Christmas Pageant

10:00am John Ducimo by Nutrition Staff
of Worcester Public School

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00am Communion Service
& Quiet Time

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00am Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00am Daily Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 (4th Sunday of Advent)

4:00pm Patrick Windward by family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 (4th Sunday of Advent)

7:30am Parishioners of St. Richard

10:00am Annette Gill by Parish Staff

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. RICHARD

The 10 week Grief Support Program will begin on January 16, 2019 from 6:00-7:30pm. The Program facilitator is Peggye Arcouette, MSW, LCSW, BC. If you are interested in participating contact her at: 508-735-6634 or email: arcopeg4@gmail.com
Deadline to register is January 2nd.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make
your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

CCD Assigned Classes Gr. 1.....9:30-10:45am

Pageant Practice (All participants-dress rehearsal
from 9:30-10:45am)

Giving Tree Final Weekend (Please return all gifts
in gift bags with tags attached)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am

Giving Tree Final Weekend (Please return all gifts
in gift bags with tags attached)

Christmas Pageant at 10:00am Mass (students
should arrive by 9:30am dressed in costume)

NO PreK-K Assigned Classes

CCD. Gr.9 (Includes Mass).....10:00am-Noon

Alpha Session 12 (Last Session).....6:00pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon

CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30pm-5:45pm
6:15pm-7:30pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30pm-5:45pm
6:15pm-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Yoga.....9:30-10:30am

Catechesis of Good Shepherd.....10:30am-Noon

Knights of Columbus.....7:30pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon

Nar-Anon.....7:15pm

AA Meeting.....8:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO CCD Assigned Classes Gr. 1 (Christmas Break)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am

NO PreK-K Assigned Classes (Christmas Break)

No CCD. Gr.9 (Christmas Break)



Dear Parishioners,

Because we are “People of the Book”, we tend to think that God’s self-revelation comes to us primarily through the words that are written in that Book.

Yet, the sayings of the prophets and the wisdom of the sages are merely a second layer of revelation. They are offered as an explanation of what God has DONE. The fundamental revelation of God is conveyed to us through the ACTIONS OF GOD:

Creation...Redemption...and Final Glorification.

God’s principal mode of self-revelation is through acts of salvation:

1. For the people of the Exodus, it was in deliverance from the dark slavery of Egypt. In this deliverance, they began to understand the nature of the hitherto unknown God. The God who saves with an outstretched arm and mighty hand.
2. This revelation was renewed in a later century, when God restored their ancestral homeland after they had been banished to Babylon.
3. Finally, in the celebration of Christmas, God so loved the world that He sent His Son, Jesus.

It is by reflecting on our own personal history that we begin to see God’s action in our lives, creating us, preserving us from many misfortunes, and endowing us with so many benefits. Slowly, we begin to glimpse this overwhelming benevolence in our regard. We begin to appreciate the truth of what Jesus told us about the Father. He is willing to risk everything to bring us home.

It is in God’s tender care for each of us, for every family and for our parish community, that we can celebrate the miracle of Christmas and invest our hope in the future.



Keep the Faith. Father S.

CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM at 1 State Street, New Haven, Connecticut will be showcasing the art and traditions of the Polish people from November 17, 2018 through February 3, 2019. “**Christmas in Poland**” features more than 100 items, some from the museum’s own collection. Highlights include: Szopki from Kraków, hand carved wooden Crèches and traditional Polish clothing. The museum is also featuring its annual Christmas Tree Festival. The museum is open daily from 10:00am-5:00pm with free admission and parking. For more information or to schedule a group visit, go to our website at: kofcmuseum.org or call 203-865-0400.

OPEN HOUSE AT VILLAGE GREEN PRESCHOOL

The Village Green Preschool will hold an Open House on Monday evening, January 7, 2019 from 7:00-8:00pm. Parents will have an opportunity to see the classroom, meet the teachers and learn about the program. Registration for September 2019 will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 and Friday, January 11, 2019 at 9:00am in Room 2 of the First Church. Registration on January 10th is limited to members of First Church and to siblings of current and former students. Registration on January 11th is open to the public. The Preschool offers 2 and 3 day programs for 3-4-5 year olds. For more information or to arrange a visit call the Director, Linda Greene at 978-422-8256 or 978-422-6293.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th

Masses: 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Tuesday, December 25th

Mass: 9:00am

