

**Entrance Hymn: BB # 506 Christ Be Our Light**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Lord let us see your kindness,**  
**and grant us your salvation.**

**Offertory Hymn: BB # 71 Come Lord Jesus**

**Recessional Hymn: BB # Advent of Our King**

**We encourage everyone to join in the singing of all hymns at Mass and to remain in your seats until the final hymn is completed**



**Saturday, December 6**

4:00 PM Giuseppe Petti & Guiliano DiStefano

**Sunday, December 7**

7:30 AM Darryl Furtado

9:00 AM Joseph Comeau

10:30 AM Mary E. Campeau

**Monday, December 8**

9:00 AM Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Wednesday, December 10**

9:00 AM Dorothy & Mario Zoccolante & Norma Wylie

**Friday, December 12**

9:00 PM Ralph Schaller

**Saturday, December 13**

4:00 PM William Gallerani

**Sunday, December 14**

9:00 AM Esther M. & Thomas L. Conley

10:30 AM Fannie T. Belsito

12:00 PM Geary & Zoccolante Families

**This week we also celebrate the following Saints**

**Monday**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday**

Memorial of St. Juan Diego, Hermit

**Thursday**

Memorial of St. Damasus I pope

**Friday**

Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Saturday,**

Memorial of St. Lucy, virgin and martyr

Your Prayers are requested for all the deceased of our parish who now sleep in Christ.

Please remember all those who have no one to pray for them and for all the intentions listed in the Prayer Intentions Book. Our prayers are also requested for all of our loved ones who are ill, especially **Billy Jolly, John Nelson, Peter Kelly, Ann Flaherty, Cindy Gaudreau, James Casey, Marcella Mosher, Nathan, Mary Enos, James Blackmore, Barbara Kadish, Dan Wilson, Raymond Pool, Marilyn Barry, Jennifer Kelly, Elsa Dias, "Little Eddie"**.

Last week's offertory collection was \$6,533.00.

This week's second collection will be for Christmas Flowers. Next week's second collection will be for the Retired Religious.



We would like to extend a warm thank you to two of our religious educators who were omitted from the Religious Education Month bulletin notice two weeks ago. Colleen Beatson and Emily Wisniewski are two of our new fifth grade teachers at St. Peters. Thank you for all of your efforts this year.

Tonight (Sunday evening) December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is the next Mass for the students enrolled in the Confirmation program. **All grade 10 students are required to attend.**

If you would like to get involved with religious education, please consider volunteering in the office or substitute teaching. If you are interested in helping out, please call Karen LeBlanc at 508-746-8268.

**St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset** invites you to the following programs. For more information and to register, visit our website, [www.csjretreatcenter.org](http://www.csjretreatcenter.org) or call 781-383-6024/6029.

**Weekend Retreat**

Dec 12-14, "A Quiet Advent Weekend".

Dec 29-January 1, 2009, Year End Retreat

**Morning of Prayer**

Thursday, December 11, 9:00-12:30, "Contemplating Jesus in the Infancy Narratives".

Thursday, December 18, 9:00-11:45. "God's Word Waiting To Be Born In Us".

**Day of Prayer**

Saturday, December 27, 9:00-3:30, "Seeing Out of the Love That Holds You".

·Sunday, December 28, 9:00-3:30, "Chaos to Grace: For Women Who Celebrate Recovery".

Thanks to all who not only attended the Bible Study of John's Gospel with Celia Sirois, but also those who brought in goodies for our break time. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.



**Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be Monday at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope the week has been a good one for you. Here we are in the month of December already! It is hard to believe that the new year will begin in less than a month. However, the remaining days, as we are all aware, lead up to and focus on Christmas. It will be for many, due to the current economic situation, different than it has in past years. It behooves us to stop and ponder the spirit of the season ( I wish it could be as low key as Thanksgiving where the focus is not on "Spend! Buy! Spend!" as it is due to the

misplaced commercialistic thrust of the Christmas season.) We are now in our second week of the Advent season that reminds us that we are to prepare our hearts in order to allow the presence of Jesus to bring His gifts to life in our lives. As is part of the tradition here in our parish, the "Giving Tree" program is once again underway. There are trees with names on the "ornaments" near the piano in the church, also at the main entrance to the Church, as well as the foyer entrance to the Parish Center. You may return the gifts that you donate either to the church or to Terry in the office at the Parish Center. Please remember to attach the "ornament" to the gift so that it can be appropriately channeled to the correct people. This effort has shown the generosity of our parishioners as they reach out to help others as a manifestation of kindness and love in imitation of Jesus' outreach to the less fortunate. We thank you for helping to bring a smile to a young person during this holy day season. We are grateful for the involvement of Denise Noyes and our religious education students who made the hundreds of "ornaments" that adorned the trees. While speaking of gratitude, we extend a gracious "merci beaucoup" to all those who provided food, as well as those who prepared and served it, at our parish soup kitchen on Thanksgiving Day. I know that it enabled people to have a great meal and share a food and conversation with others, rather than having to eat alone, or not having a meal to eat at all.

Today, December 7<sup>th</sup>, has been referred to as a "day that will go down in infamy". It is one of those touchstone moments of history for those who are old enough to remember what they were doing on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 when Pearl Harbor was attacked. As we find ourselves once again embroiled in a war during this season where we will hear the words "peace on earth" sung, let us pray that one day it will become a reality and that our loved ones be kept out of "harm's way" until they safely return home to their loved ones,

December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It *is a holyday of obligation* since Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception is patroness of the United States of

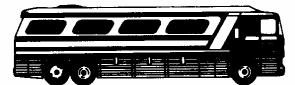
America. Pope Clement XI established this feast for the entire Church in 1708. In addition to being Patroness of the USA as the Immaculate Conception, Mary is also the patroness of Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Masses for the holyday will be on Monday at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Towards the end of the week is a major feast of Mary for the people of Mexico. Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast "recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac from 9-12 December 1531 to the native convert, Juan Diego (9 Dec.) ..."



Juan Diego was a member of the Chichimeca people. He was declared a saint by Pope John Paul II on July 31, 2002. Guadalupe is the Spanish word for the Aztec word, *Tecoatlaxope*, which translated means "shw will crush the serpent of stone." Pope Pius XII declared her Patroness of the Americas. Saturday, on the calendar of saints is the feast day of the martyr, St. Lucy. It is believed that she died probably in Sicily around 304 AD during the reign of the Roman Emperor, Diocletian. She is the patroness of those who are afflicted with diseases of the eye. She is "...associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandanavia. She is the patroness of Syracuse (Sicily-Siragusa) as well as all Sicily.

Please remember in your prayers B. Joseph Webb for whom we prayed a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, December 3. Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, a funeral Mass was prayed for the repose of the soul of Katherine Stokes. December 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday, a funeral Mass was prayed for Blair Belsito. Please also pray for their families as well. It is difficult to lose someone that we love. The impact of their loss is more poignantly felt when it occurs around the time of two "family" holidays as people gather for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The parish trip to the Boston Pops is this Friday evening, December 12. We will gather and leave from the church parking lot at 6:00 PM to go to Symphony Hall. The concert begins at 8:00 PM. This builds in a little time in case of traffic complications (as we did last year). ETA back at the church parking lot should be sometime between 11:15 PM and 11:30 (give or take a few minutes). The trip has been sold out for a couple of weeks – and there is a waiting list in the event that someone has to cancel before the 12<sup>th</sup>.



Several people in our parish have, or will, celebrate milestones. Steve Donegan celebrated his birthday that fell on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Likewise, Jim LeBlanc (Lina's husband, Jim) observed December 1<sup>st</sup> as his birthday. Suzanne Calvino's birthday falls on today, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is Emma Cate Rapose's eleventh birthday. Amanda Brisbois' celebrates her milestone of birth on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, as she marks her eighteenth birthday. She, along with Stephanie Feeny, teach a religious education class of younger students at the Parish Center. We are grateful to the both of them for their time and dedication to passing on our faith tradition to our younger parishioners. December 13<sup>th</sup> is Jim LeBlanc's birthday (Jim's son and the husband of Karen LeBlanc).

May the Lord's blessings smile kindly upon you and your loved ones in the coming week. Your brother in faith, Fr. Ken.



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(2008 by Ken LeBlanc)

Baptist – Blemish – Broad – Cities – Comfort – Desert – Dissolved  
– Elements – End – Ewes – Feeds – Fire – Flock – Herald –  
Highway – Hill – Honey – Jerusalem – Judah – Locusts – Loosen –  
Messenger – Mountain – Plain – Prepare – Proclaim –  
Recompense – Repentance – Roar – Rugged – Sandals – Service –  
Shepherd – Stoop – Tenderly – Thief – Valley – Wasteland.

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### Thoughts for the Week

“Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.”  
(Henry Ward Beecher: 1813-1887)

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“Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven.”  
(Henry Ward Beecher: 1813-1887)

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“God pardons like a mother  
who kisses the offense into everlasting forgetfulness.”  
(Henry Ward Beecher: 1813-1887)

**DECEMBER 7, 2008**

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Please remember our service men and women serving in the armed forces.

**CH. Lt. Col. Timothy A. Butler US Air force**  
**Lance Corp. Ryan Coady USMC**  
**Thomas Conley 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Air Force**  
**Capt. Jeremy Delbos USMC**  
**First Lt. U.S.M.C. Adam Drexler**  
**Corporal Michael V. Farina USMC**  
**Lt. Troy Perry Glendye USCG**  
**Pvt. Kyle Hellpap**  
**Spec. William Kirby**  
**Sgt. James Lansmore**  
**Sgt. Amy Liddell National Guard**  
**Lt. David Maccaferri Helicopter Pilot USCG**  
**AST3 Steven Maccaferri Rescue Swimmer USCG**  
**Corporal William Mueller USMC**  
**Lt. Peter Curtis McGrath USMC**  
**Airman First Class Trevor Nadile**  
**Spec. Christopher Vigliotte, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Spec. Ops**  
**PFC David Wylie US Army**  
**SFC Joseph Wylie Spec. Forces**  
**Capt. Michelle Wylie 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne**  
**CPL Jonathan F. Yule, USMC**



#### **St. Vincent De Paul**

On Monday November 24<sup>th</sup> SVDP food pantry distributed 86 complete boxed Turkey dinners. The number increased from last year of 70. The numbers reflect the difficult times people are experiencing. Thank you to the many volunteers who did an outstanding job! Also thanks go to the ladies at the Pine Hills who baked pies, cookies and breads for our Thanksgiving offering. The winter outreach program was a great success! The hats, scarves, gloves, and socks made our clients very happy and grateful. Again, our parish always is very generous in remembering the less fortunate.



#### **Breakfast with St. Nicholas**

The St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the St. Peter's Women's League and the Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> after The 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Tickets will be available after Christmas. Tickets will also be sold at the door.