

Saturday	4pm	December 16	Charron & Rivard families: Michelle, Lisa Jill, Jordan
Sunday	8am	December 17	Ruth Ghidinelli: her children
Sunday	10am	December 17	Ernest & Helen Diette: Bones & Paula Masse & family
Sunday	5:30pm	December 17	Michelle McCrystal Provost: the Bennett family
Monday	7am	December 18	Joseph & Stephanie Garstka: their family
Tuesday	7am	December 19	Jean Sieron: her friend Gladys Boss
Wednesday	7am	December 20	David Rogers : Paula & Bones
Thursday	7am	December 21	Patricia & Rinaldo DeSantis: their family & friends
Friday	6pm	December 22	Diane Young: her son
Saturday	4pm	December 23	Ed Martel: Bev & Kevin
Sunday	9am	December 24	54 th Ann. Kathleen Deslauriers: Henry & Barbara Deslauriers & family
Sunday	4pm	December 24	All Saints Parishioners
Sunday	6pm	December 24	2 nd Ann. Joseph Saletnik: his wife & family
Monday	12am	December 25	All those who were baptized in our Church in 2017
Monday	10am	December 25	Louis Masse: his wife & family
Monday	12pm	December 25	All those who were married in 2017

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Coming Week

Dec. 23 at 4pm – Lector: Christine Bigda - EM: H Garceau, J Young, S Butcher, P Antaya

Dec. 24 at 9am – Lector: Nancy Talbot – EM : R Boivin, B Rolla, R Chartier

Christmas Mass schedules available in sacristy

Dec. 24th at 4pm, 6pm & Midnight -- Dec 25th at 10am & 12pm

Last Weekend's Parish Collection: \$ 3444 *Thank you*

God's Gift 2018 Calendars are at the entrances to the Church. Words of Big Thank You goes to the sponsor Charbonneau Funeral Home for that donation.

Bible Study: Follow Me - Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John Next meeting: Monday, December 18, 2017 from 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.(in Chapel)

Thank You to all who attended our Advent Communal Penance Service last week at St. Mary's Church. Special Thank You to our guest priests: Fr. Jack Sheaffer from St. Francis of Assisi in Belchertown; Fr. John J. Brennan from St. Patrick's in Monson, Fr. Richard Turner from St. Thomas the Apostle, Palmer; Fr. Stefan Niemczyk from Divine Mercy, Three Rivers; Fr. David Raymond from St. Patrick, South Hadley; Fr. Richard Bondi from Our Lady of the Hills, Haydenville and Fr. Piotr Pawlus from Most Holy Redeemer, Hadley who came to help Fr. Jeff and I with this special spiritual project. I hope that all CCD students who did not come for confession that day will search for another time that they can grow in their relations with Jesus.

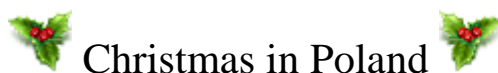
Dec 17th -3rd Annual muffin/beverage fundraiser sponsored by the 6th grade CCD from 8:30 - 11am in the Parish Hall

Christmas Giving Tree – Thank you to all the parishioners who participated for your generous donations.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the **St. Aloysius Catholic School Scholarship Fund**. A generous donor is matching every donation dollar for dollar up to the first \$20,000 raised- twice the amount pledged last year.

You can donate online at www.staloyiuscatholicsschool.com or mail checks to the school at PO Box 522 Gilbertville, MA 01031. Thank you!

Carols By Candlelight – Sunday, Dec. 17th at 7pm. Music of the Season, Proceeds benefit the Ware Fuel Bank



Christmas in Poland

Christmas Eve is a very important and busy day. It's now often the most important day over Christmas. Traditionally it was day of fasting and abstinence and meat is not normally allowed to be eaten in any form. Christmas Eve is known as Wigilia Traditionally, the house is also cleaned and everyone wore their best festive clothes. It's traditional that no food is eaten until the first star is seen in the sky! So children look at the night sky to spot the first star! On the table there are 12 dishes - they are meant to give you good luck for the next 12 months. Everyone has to eat or at least try some of each dish. For catholics the 12 dishes symbolize Jesus's 12 disciples. Some people in central Poland say that at midnight the animals can talk. One of the most important dishes is "barszcz" (beetroot soup) and it's obligatory to have it. If you really hate it, you can eat mushroom soup instead! There is also "kompot z suszu" that is drink made by boiling dried fruits and fresh apples. At the beginning of the meal, a large wafer biscuit called an „Oplatek" is passed around the table and everyone breaks a piece off and eats it. An extra empty place is normally left at the Christmas table for an unexpected visitor. The worst part about the Christmas Eve supper is that you can't open the presents before it has finished! The Christmas tree is also often bought in and decorated on Christmas Eve. It is decorated with a star on the top (to represent the Star of Bethlehem). Christmas Eve is finished by going to Church for a Midnight Mass service. A very popular film to watch in Poland over Christmas in 'Home Alone'!

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