

1st Sunday of Advent**December 3, 2017**

Saturday	4pm	December 2	Donald Demers: his wife Barbara
Sunday	8am	December 3	The Vadnais Family: the family
Sunday	10am	December 3	Dot Flamand: Ed & Claire Provencal
Sunday	5:30pm	December 3	Ellen Deslauriers
Monday	7am	December 4	Robbie O'Reilly: Jim & Celeste Talarico
Tuesday	7am	December 5	All Bishops, Priests & Deacons from Diocese of Springfield
Wednesday	7am	December 6	Leo Allard
Thursday	5:30 pm	December 7	Estelle Butcher: her family
Friday	7am	December 8	Helen Lavallee: Sue Finocchio
Friday	6pm	December 8	Michelle McCrystal Provost: Mrs. L.
Saturday	4pm	December 9	Ann Boivin: her Son
Sunday	8am	December 10	Marc LaCoste: his family
Sunday	10am	December 10	Francis Bouchard: Fran & Bonnie Anair
Sunday	5:30pm	December 10	Kayleigh Roach & Nevaeh Lord: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Messier

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Coming Week - Dec. 9th & 10th**Saturday 4pm**

Lector: Nancy Talbot
E.M: H Garceau, J Cascio
S Butcher, P Antaya

Sunday 8am

Miranda Lacoste
R. Boivin, B Rolla
A Humpel

Sunday 10am

John Desmond
C. Kobis, J Lussier
D. Kenyon, S. Rutherford

Sunday 5:30

Dan Flynn

Last Weekend's Parish Collection: \$4098 *Thank you*

The [season of Advent](#): The word "advent" comes from the Latin term "adventus" which means "arrival" or "coming," particularly the arrival of something or someone of great significance. On the branches of the wreath are [four candles](#): On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This is called the "Prophecy Candle" and recalls the prophets, particularly [Isaiah](#), who foretold the [birth of Jesus Christ](#). It represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah. On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle, called the "[Bethlehem](#) Candle," is lit. This candle represents [love](#) and symbolizes Christ's [manger](#). On the third Sunday of Advent, the pink (or rose) candle is lit. This Sunday is called [Gaudete Sunday](#). Gaudete is a Latin word meaning "rejoice." The change from purple to pink signifies the transition in season from repentance to celebration. The pink candle is called the "Shepherds Candle" and represents joy. The last purple candle is called the "[Angels Candle](#)," It is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent and represents peace.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – December 8th: Holy Day of Obligation

Assisted Listening System was installed next to the sacristy. After use please wipe & return to the charger. This system is funded by a former parishioner who moved out of town about 40 years ago, but wishes the parish & parishioners well.

2017 Advent Communal Penance Service – Sunday Dec. 10, 2017, 2pm at St Mary's Church

The Advent Communal Penance Service is for both All Saints & St. Mary's parishioners. Confession will be heard by Father Piotr & Father Jeff & guest priests. If you cannot make this date, there will be a special confession on Sunday, Dec. 17th @ 2pm in All Saints Church by local priests only.

Ware Catholic Youth Senior Group is Sponsoring a Holiday Breakfast to benefit the Ware Christmas for Kids Campaign. Dec. 10th, 8:30 – 11am, at St. Mary's Church Hall. Tickets available the weekend of Dec 2nd & 3rd after all Masses

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #183, NEWS - Christmas Pageant play on December 5, starting at 6PM.

Christmas Giving Tree –Unwrapped gifts should be placed back under the tree with the gift tag attached by Dec. 10th

Christmas Flowers –*Envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church for those wishing to donate for Christmas flowers. Envelopes must be received by Sunday, Dec. 17th. A list of remembrances will be published for Christmas.*

'Tis Almost the Season – Preparing for Christmas can be as joyful now as it was then. Don't let this be just another Advent where you get distracted & busy. Sign up at Dynamiccatholic.com/advent.

Fundraiser to benefit the Ware Senior Center – Mexicali Fresh Mex Grill on Dec. 6th. All day, dine in or take out 10% of proceeds will be donated to the Ware Senior Center.

3rd Annual muffin/beverage fundraiser sponsored by the 6th Grade CCD Fundraiser: Sunday Dec. 17th from 8:30 – 11am in the Parish Hall. Proceeds will be donated to a parishioner/family or local organization. Please join us to support our CCD students.

The Nativity Story: Will be shown on Sunday, December 3, 2017: Snow Date: Sunday, December 17, 2017 Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall 59 South Street, Ware, MA 01082 Light refreshments will be served!

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