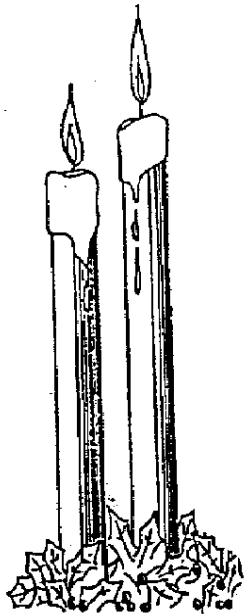


BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 9, 2012
CHURCH VIGIL LAMP BURNS FOR FREDERIC LAMOUREUX
CENTER VIGIL LAMP BURNS FOR SARAH RODRIGUES
ST. DOMINIC'S CANDLE BURNS IN MEMORY OF JUDY CABRAL

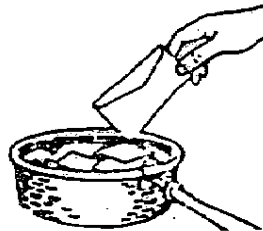
MASS INTENTIONS



Sat. Dec. 8,	8:00AM	Mary Paiva (Anni.) Fr. Ralph Tetrault
	4:00PM	Guilherme Oliveira, Walter, Mary, Ted Bielawski, Frances Migliori
Sun. Dec. 9,	7:00AM	Ben Barandes, Dot Sullivan & John Fennessey
	9:00AM	Jason Archambault (4th Anni.), Roger Michaud, Julie & Manual Arruda (Birth.)
	11:00AM	John A. DeSano, Sr. , All Parishioners and Benefactors
Mon. Dec. 10,	8:00AM	Manuel Barboza (Birth.)
Tue. Dec. 11,	8:00AM	Antonio & Adelina Oliveira
Wed. Dec. 12,	8:00AM	Manuel Sousa Jr.
Thur. Dec. 13,	8:00AM	Jose Sousa Arruda
Fri. Dec. 14,	8:00AM	Fr. Roger McMullen for health and healing
Sat. Dec. 15,	4:00PM	Winifred Medeiros (Birth.) Joseph Moitozo
Sun. Dec. 16,	7:00AM	Ben Barandes, Ronald Manchester
	9:00AM	Dorothy King & Ann Botelho
	11:00AM	Guilherme Oliveira, Frederic Lamoureux

BUDGET REPORT:

Budget	\$2,905.00
Candles	96.00
Month. Build.&Main.	1,580.00



BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

210 Envelopes	2,397.00
Loose Donations	508.00
Total	2,905.00

OUR SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection is for the Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers. Many Years ago they were there for us is Schools, Nursing Homes and many Parish Programs. Now in their time of need let us be there for them. Please be as generous as you can.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS: If you wish to help defray the cost of flowers by remembering family and friends in our Christmas Flower Memorials pick up an envelope at the entrance of the building (print names clearly on it) and drop them into weekly collection basket.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday December 12 at 7PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th 7PM.

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY: will be holding their Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19 at the Country Inn in Warren, RI at 6:00 PM.

CCD SCHEDULE: **Sunday Dec. 9 Grades 3-4 9:30 - 11AM**
 Saturday Dec. 15 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 10- 12 Noon
 Sunday Dec. 16 Grades 1-2 9:30 - 11AM

FAITHWAYS: **Saturday Dec. 8 Grades 6,7,8 9 - 12 noon**

CONFIRMATION CLASS Next Class December 17 at 6-7:30.

MASSES FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH: We are scheduling Masses for these months at this time. Remember there is no charge for weekend Masses and there may be more than one intention at those Masses. There is a \$5.00 offering for weekday Masses.

GIVING TREE: The St. Vincent de Paul Society and our Youth Council, will sponsor a Christmas Giving Tree for the poor and needy. If you wish to participate, take an angel tag from the tree & returned wrapped gifts with the tag on it by Dec.16. Thank you.



YOUTH COUNCIL BAKE SALE: will be held after all Masses on December 7 & 8th. Please stop in and pick out something for the holidays. **Faithway students are reminded** that they get an extra credit hour for each item they bring to the bake sale.

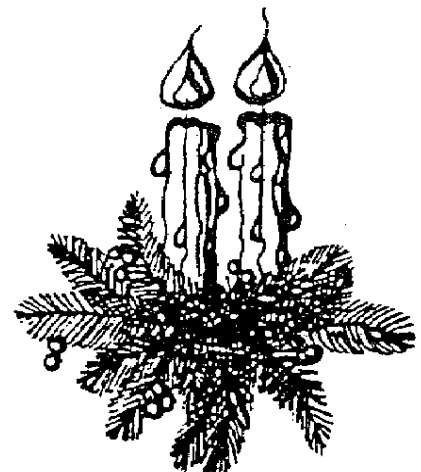
ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL NOTICE: St. Anne's Hospital is looking for a couple of people who have had personal or family experience with the hospital to join their Patient Family Advisory Council. The group meets for a few hours every other month to discuss improving patient care. If you are interested in getting more information please contact Robert Dumais at 774-565-2001.

JANUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE for Scholarships to Catholic High Schools. The Knights are having another CALENDAR RAFFLE. Tickets are available from Fr. Joe or any of the knights. The Requirements and Applications for The Knights of Columbus #3669 Scholarships for Catholic High School students are available for those who wish to apply. Speak to our pastor for applications. See application for details.

COATS FOR KIDS: Very soon the cold will be upon us and the Knights will be providing coats for needy kids in the greater Fall River area. If you can provide a new, or clean used coat, or if you would like to make a donation to help us buy new coats please speak to our pastor or one of our knights.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Lord God, during this second week of Advent open our hearts to the wonders You revealed in our own time. Help us to see our hand at work each day of our lives. May we know when others encourage us in our daily frustrations, that it is YOU speaking through them. May we rejoice in our accomplishments and the good things we do. For it is You, Lord, who make all things turn out for the best. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, for He is the Messiah You promised for endless ages. Amen.





"The 12 Days of Christmas"

Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829 were prohibited by law to practice their faith either in public or private. It was illegal to be Catholic until Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England in 1829.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the basics of their faith. In short, it was a coded-message, a memory aid. Since the song sounded like rhyming nonsense, young Catholics could sing the song without fear of imprisonment. The authorities would not know that it was a religious song.

"The 12 Days of Christmas" is in a sense an allegory. Each of the items in the song represents something significant to the teachings of the Catholic faith. The hidden meaning of each gift was designed to help Catholic children learn their faith. The better acquainted one is with the Bible, the more these interpretations have significance.

The song goes, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..." The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, but it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. i.e. the Church.

1st Day: The partridge in a pear tree is Christ Jesus upon the Cross. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge because she would feign injury to decoy a predator away from her nestlings. She was even willing to die for them. The tree is the symbol of the fall of the human race through the sin of Adam and Eve. It is also the symbol of its redemption by Jesus Christ on the tree of the Cross.

2nd Day: The "two turtle doves" refers to the Old and New Testaments.

3rd Day: The "three French hens" stand for faith, hope and love—the three gifts of the Spirit that abide (1 Corinthians 13).

4th Day: The "four calling birds" refers to the four evangelists who wrote the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—which sing the song of salvation through Jesus Christ.

5th Day: The "five golden rings" represents the first five books of the Bible, also called the Jewish Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

6th Day: The "six geese a-laying" is the six days of creation.

7th Day: The "seven swans a-swimming" refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

8th Day: The "eight maids a milking" reminded children of the eight beatitudes listed in the Sermon on the Mount.

9th Day: The "nine ladies dancing" were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

10th Day: The "ten lords a-leaping" represents the Ten Commandments

11th Day: The "eleven pipers piping" refers to the eleven faithful apostles.

12th Day: The "twelve drummers drumming" were the twelve points of belief expressed in the Apostles' Creed: belief in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, made man, crucified, died and arose on the third day, that he sits at the right hand of the father and will come again, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting.

So the next time you hear "the Twelve Days of Christmas" consider how this otherwise non-religious sounding song had its origins in keeping alive the teaching of the Catholic faith.

THE Children's Bulletin

A CHRISTMAS CROSS-WORD

ACROSS

1. A feeding trough; where Mary laid Jesus
2. A newborn
3. Shines at night
4. Not there but _____
5. What you do with ears
6. Creatures in a stable

WORDS TO USE

- ANGELS
- ANIMALS
- BABY
- BETHLEHEM
- HEAR
- HERE
- MANGER
- MARY
- SHEPHERDS
- STAR
- WISEMEN

DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
2. Town Jesus was born in
3. Men who watch over sheep
4. Appeared from heaven to tell that Jesus was born
5. Three of these came to worship, bringing gifts

