



# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts • Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

December 22, 2019

**Welcome!** To visitors to our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—*Welcome To All*. And, regardless of your status in the Church, your marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background or sexual orientation, please know that you are accepted and respected at Saint Mary-Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Please introduce yourself to the priest and register as a member of our Parish.

**Mission Statement** To make active disciples of Jesus Christ by creating a welcoming community rich in spirituality and by moving people to embrace their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.

**About Us** Saint Mary - Saint Catherine of Siena is an intentionally inclusive Roman Catholic Parish that welcomes all those who make up our diverse community in a way that reflects God's love. Nourished by the Gospel and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we build a vibrant Parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship. With gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed upon us, we respond to His call to stewardship and embrace our lives of service and compassion.

## WHAT IS IT ABOUT THESE DAYS?



Yes, there is the seasonal stress with many feeling there is too much to do and not enough time and resources to meet our needs and wants. Nevertheless, something can put a skip in our step in these days as we rush toward Christmas.

For me it happens when I am quiet enough to hear a beautiful piece of music or walk around the town at eventide enjoying the lights and decorations in homes and parks. There is an uplifting, a

sense of hope percolating, as we recall the mystery of the birth of Jesus Christ.

This is the season of Hope. More people are philanthropic, responding to the Globe Santa, the giving trees at the Parish, and countless other invitations to assist those in need. I just walked past the fire house on Winthrop St. and noticed the sign on the door promoting a toy drive for children in the town. And of course, the Salvation Army volunteers are ringing their bells all over the city.

Even in the most secular circles, the month of December running up to the 25<sup>th</sup> includes all kinds of holiday activities from parties and dinners to frenzied shopping for gifts both big and small and the mailing of tons of Christmas cards.

How is it that the birth of a child in a remote village stable 2000 years ago brings the world into such a state wherein acts of kindness, generosity, celebration, and gratitude become common. Moreover, everyone is more upbeat from the giddiness of children to the smiles of grandparents. It seems as if for this tiny window of time, Christmas Angels touch us and our attention is drawn to something bigger and so much more than ourselves.

Jesus Christ is born and the weary world rejoices. The generosity of God in sharing His Son with humankind brings a hope beyond measure. Every person, without exception, is included in God's plan to know Love, mercy, and salvation. We are the recipients – God acts first.

Therefore, it is for us to respond, and we do, each in his or her own way. For some in these days, pain, grief, and brokenness might be exasperated because of lost loved ones, setbacks, and disappointments. Yet for most, these days find us delighted to hear from old friends in lovely Christmas cards and intrigued to find a fitting gift for someone special. We look forward to the time off from work and the holiday meals and gatherings with family and friends.



## Remembrance Flowers

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday – St. Mary Church

4:00 p.m.

### Sunday – St. Mary Church

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Family Mass

6:00 p.m. (*in Chapel during Summer months*)

**Daily Mass** Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. at **St. Catherine of Siena Chapel** (entrance on Soley St. side of Church)

**Holidays** 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

**Reconciliation** 3:45 p.m. Saturday in Church or by appointment

**Baptism** Visit [stmarystcatherine.org/sacraments](http://stmarystcatherine.org/sacraments) for our schedule or call Sr. Nancy at (617) 242-4664. Preparation classes are held for Parents and Godparents on the preceding Friday of the monthly baptism at 7PM in the Parish Center.

### Pastor

Fr. James J. Ronan

### Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

### Business Manager

James Santosuoso

### Social Ministry Director

Thomas J. MacDonald

### Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation

Katy Fleming

### Director of Music

Matthew Arnold

### Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

*Staff emails are first initial with last name  
(example, "jsmith@stmarystcatherine.org")*

### Clergy In Residence

Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.P.

Fr. Britto Dhinakaran

### Visiting Clergy

Fr. Pat Universal

### Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

### Vice Chairs Pastoral Council

Brendon Sullivan

### Vice Chair Finance Council

Nancy Higgins

On Christmas Eve and morning, we go to Church and hear the story once again of Joseph and Mary seeking shelter. And finding none, they settle in a stable in the village of Bethlehem, David's City. There, in that humble place, the Son of God was born. He came out of Love, brought a message of Love, asks us to live in that Love, and to share that love with others. And we do, for a very little while.

- Fr. Ronan

## GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

I am very happy to announce that parishioners have contributed \$86,659.00 to this year's Grand Annual Collection. Now that we have surpassed \$80,000, a generous member of the Parish will match every dollar contributed (up to \$10,000). Our hope is that parishioners yet to contribute will do so, I am very hopeful we will reach or surpass our needed goal of \$100,000. With the completion of a successful collection, we are set to have a balanced operating budget for the year: a wonderful achievement!

- Fr. Ronan



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 21/22, 2019**

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"



## Our Stewardship Prayer by the Welcoming Committee

Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**The Church is handicap-accessible on Soley Street.  
The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

**Parish Center  
& Eucharistic Chapel**  
46 Winthrop Street **617-242-4664**

Warren and Soley Street

**Social Ministry Office**  
49 Vine Street **617-580-8305**

**Saint Mary Church**  
55 Warren Street

**Good Shepherd School**  
20 Winthrop Street **617-242-8800**

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El Washington Post, hace unos años filmó la reacción de los viajeros que pasaban por una estación de metro. Un hombre tocaba su violín. Todos tenían mucha prisa y no se detenían a escuchar sus piezas de música clásica. Unos pocos hicieron una breve pausa y echaron unos céntimos en la caja del violín. Aparentemente se trataba de un día más y de un músico más. Pero no era un músico más. El violinista, Joshua Bell, es uno de los mejores violinistas del mundo y además tocaba su millonario Stradivarius.

Tres días antes había llenado el Symphony Hall de Boston y los asistentes a su concierto habían pagado cien dólares por su butaca y habían escuchado las mismas obras que tocaba en una estación de metro. Sólo una persona reconoció al virtuoso violinista. Esta se colocó a unos metros del maestro mientras se preguntaba: ¿cómo puede ser que la gente no se pare a escuchar al maestro y sea más generosa con sus propinas? La pregunta del periódico era muy sencilla: ¿acaso no hemos sido educados para reconocer la belleza fuera de los contextos donde suponemos que se puede encontrar?

Hoy, nosotros estamos reunidos en un contexto litúrgico, en un ámbito donde Dios habla, donde teóricamente tenemos la certeza de que Jesús es el que tenía que venir, donde todas las preguntas sobran. ¿Pero sólo aquí se ven los gestos de Dios, los gestos de Jesús, que responden a la pregunta de Juan y de todos los que como Juan dudan de su presencia salvadora? ¿Hemos sido catequizados nosotros para reconocer la presencia de Dios en los acontecimientos de la vida y en las acciones de tantos hombres buenos, creyentes o no, que reflejan la chispa de amor que ha puesto en nuestros corazones? ¿Eres tú el que tenía que venir o tenemos que esperar a otro? Si la respuesta sólo la podemos escuchar en la Iglesia y en los sermones de los curas todos hemos fracasado estrepitosamente.

Advento, por más veces que pronunciamos esta palabra en la iglesia, no es ni será un tiempo popular. Los hombres de nuestro tiempo esperan poco o nada de la Iglesia. Esperar es lo más aburrido del mundo. La espera agota la paciencia, implica soledad y los hombres lo quieren todo y ya. Lo importante no es esperar, es celebrar, celebrar lo grandioso y lo banal con la manada, aquí y ahora.

Juan Bautista, el predicador de la música clásica de los profetas, vocero del arrepentimiento, del hacha, del fuego y del juicio inminente tuvo su auditorio fuera del templo. La gente sencilla y los profesionales de la religión acudieron en masa a escuchar su música dramática y hasta el mismo Jesús fue oyente de su predicación furibunda y como uno de tantos se sumergió en las aguas del Jordán para ser bautizado. ¿Fue Juan, el hombre más grande nacido de mujer, el único que reconoció a Jesús como el mejor violinista del mundo, el lleno del Espíritu, el que vino a traer otro fuego, el único que vino a señalarlo a las gentes despistadas y a los profesionales de la religión?

Siempre me ha llamado la atención que Juan, el hombre más grande nacido de mujer, no fuera uno de los doce discípulos de Jesús. Jesús llamó a doce hombres, ¿por qué no invitó a Juan a sumarse a la nueva predicación, a la nueva hoja de ruta? Juan cerró el AT, tuvo su grupo y sus seguidores y se enfrentó valientemente a Herodes, al que Jesús no le dijo ni palabra. La pregunta clave de ayer y de hoy es siempre la misma: ¿Jesús, eres tú la palabra pronunciada por Dios? ¿Jesús, eres tú el Mesías anunciado, eres tú verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre? Jesús, ¿por qué no respondiste con un Sí o un No como dicen los evangelios? Jesús nos responde: anunciad lo que estáis viendo y oyendo. Jesús es mucho más que un libro o una teología. Jesús es el que hace los gestos que manifiestan el amor de Dios por todos los hombres. Unos saben leerlos y otros no. Jesús es el violinista en la estación de metro tocando la música de Dios. Los que lo ven y lo escuchan gozan y se alegran y lo reconocen como el enviado por Dios.

El Papa Francisco se ha convertido en estos pocos meses en el mejor predicador del evangelio. Sus gestos de amor y compasión por los enfermos, los desfigurados y maltratados, los niños y los pobres señalan y apuntan a Jesús mejor que cualquier sermón. Un cristiano es lo que hace, lo que dice se lo lleva el viento. Lo que hace, la compasión y el amor a los hermanos son el ver y el oír del evangelio eterno, el único que los hombres de todos los tiempos pueden leer y creer.



### Prayer before Christmas Dinner

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving, and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

**Prayer for those who have lost a loved one:** God of compassion, there is such a hole in my heart! Today should be a day of joy, but I feel only the emptiness and loss of someone so beloved. While the world celebrates around me, I remember Christmas celebrations of the past and I long to have my loved one with me. I bring my sorrows to you, Lord, like some odd gift of the magi and dump them at your feet. In my blind tears I wonder if anyone can possibly understand the depth of my sadness. Yes, you can. You sent your son to be with us in our deepest sorrows and I know that even though I might not feel it at this minute, you are here with me, grieving with me, caring for me in my sadness and loving me. Dearest lord, help me to turn to the one I miss so much today and speak. Help me heal the loss of our parting and help me not to regret the things I didn't say. Sorrow tears at my heart, but today I ask that my loss soften my heart and make me more compassionate with everyone I meet. [onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/secondweek.html](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/secondweek.html)

### A Christmas Blessing for All of Our Parishioners and Visitors, and Their Loved Ones

May there be harmony in all your relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts and hostile feelings be dissolved. May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day. May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence. May the hope of this Sacred Season settle in your soul. May it be a foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land. May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened with you. May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted. May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment. May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains. May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind and spirit. May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day. May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world. - Joyce Rupp

## Remembering Loved Ones in Prayer this Christmas

**Abate Family**  
**Mary & Bob Alix**  
**Rose Ann Annaratone**  
**Louis James Annaratone**  
**Edward Annaratone**  
**Stephen Barker**  
**George Barker**  
**Mary E. & Michael T. Bird**  
**Robert Birmingham**  
**Blake Family**  
**Lina Bolanos MD**  
**Bernadette Bourgoin**  
**Louis Bourgoin**  
**Edward & Ann Boyle**  
**Boyle Family**  
**Meaghan Brady**  
**Robert Brady**  
**Breslin-Taber Family**  
**Kathleen & Thomas Broderick**  
**John, & Loretta Brophy**  
**John Brophy, Jr.**  
**Marion Burr**  
**Burton Family**  
**The Butler Family**  
**Frank & Nora Butler**  
**Paul & Laura Calia**  
**Rev. James B. Canniff**  
**Daniel Carr, Sr.**  
**Ginevra & Assunta Caranfa**  
**Elizabeth Chase**  
**Chisholm Family**  
**Minnie Citro**  
**Tranquillino Citro**  
**Vincent Citro**  
**Mary Coffey**  
**Considine Family**  
**Joseph Coote**  
**Katherine Cullen**  
**Dacey Family**  
**Jeffrey Deeley**  
**Mary & Michael Deeley**  
**Ruth & Jack Delaney**  
**Devlin Family**  
**Richard Dickinson**  
**Joseph & Lillian DiFrummolo**  
**Patricia Dillon**  
**Doherty Family**  
**Dolan Family**  
**John J. Donahue**  
**Donnelly Family**  
**Kathleen Dooher**  
**Joyce & Sean Driscoll**  
**Duane Family**  
**Daniel Duarte**

**Shirley Dube**  
**The Emery Family**  
**Evers Family**  
**Charles Farmer**  
**Farmer Family**  
**The Feeney Family**  
**Richard Field, MD**  
**John Fitzpatrick**  
**John W. Foley**  
**Sharon Gallagher**  
**William & Beatrice Grazado**  
**Hammons Family**  
**Joe & Eileen Hanson**  
**Pat Hanson**  
**Jean & Richard Hapanowicz**  
**Arthur Harrington**  
**George Harrington**  
**Harrington Family**  
**Maureen Harrington**  
**Harty - Poulin Family**  
**Hennessy Family**  
**John Hooley**  
**Katherine & Bill Howard**  
**Arthur J. Hurley**  
**Joseph F. Jansen**  
**Mary Johnson**  
**Judy**  
**William & Catherine Keane**  
**Gene Keegan**  
**Keigney Family**  
**Carl & Laura Kelly**  
**Michael Kerr**  
**Raymond Kessler**  
**Bill King**  
**Louise & Thomas Kraman**  
**Walter Landergan, Jr.**  
**John Landrigan**  
**Anne Latino**  
**Joseph Latino**  
**David Latta Jr**  
**Fabio Laudadio**  
**LeCam Family**  
**Lombard Family**  
**Guy Maccarone & Family**  
**Clara Mahoney**  
**Mr. & Mrs. J. Mainey**  
**Francis J. Mainey**  
**Frank & Rose Manganelli**  
**Martin & Mary Mannion**  
**Joseph Mari**  
**Maria Martin**

**Anthony Maruca**  
**Laura Masiel**  
**Mauet Family**  
**McDougall Family**  
**Tom & Mary McGee**  
**Nana McGonagle**  
**Mary McGowan**  
**McGuiness Family**  
**Billy McKillop**  
**McKillop Family**  
**Mr. & Mrs. James McMahon**  
**William & Winifred McMamara**  
**John W. McNamara**  
**Bette McNiff**  
**Patricia Rossetti Megna**  
**William & Maryon Melvin**  
**Joyce Miller**  
**The Mills Family**  
**Thomas & Michelle Moles**  
**Irene Moore**  
**John R. Moore**  
**John S. Moore**  
**Michael D. Moore**  
**Muldoon Family**  
**Wyllis Mueller**  
**John, Joe & Anna Mulrennan**  
**Ralph & Alice Mulvaney**  
**Catherine & Michael Murphy**  
**Joseph M. Murphy**  
**Leo & Annie Nolan**  
**Eileen O'Kane**  
**Jess O'Neill**  
**Kate Pacheco**  
**Raymond Panetta**  
**Robert Panetta**  
**Doreen Pelletier**  
**Joseph & Elizabeth Pelosi**  
**Philip & Theresa Pollack**  
**Anthony Puccino**  
**Reffi Family**  
**Mary Anne Regan**  
**Thomas J. Regan and Family**  
**Robert Richard Ridings**  
**Ridings Family**  
**Ring Family**  
**Ralph, Elana & Mark Rizzo**  
**Marta Rogersol**  
**James Ronan**

**Capt. John Rooney**  
**Patricia Rooney**  
**Helen Rosetti**  
**Mary Rosetti**  
**Agnes & Bill Smith**  
**Donald Ryan**  
**Patrick & Mary Ryan And Family**  
**Ellie "Cis" & Michael Santosuosso**  
**Fred & Gertrude Santosuosso**  
**Sarah Antonetta & Domenic Screni, Sr.**  
**Schiavone Family**  
**Henry F. Shackford**  
**Wanda Sheehan**  
**John & Mary Sheehan**  
**Paul & Evelyn Sheehan**  
**JoAnn Sheehan**  
**Gertrude Shipman**  
**Russell Shipman**  
**Sisters of St. Joseph Prison Ministry**  
**Sean Smith**  
**Edward & Carol Ann Smore**  
**Peter & Anna Smore**  
**Michael Sorrentino**  
**William & Helen Struzenski**  
**Dorothy A. Sullivan**  
**Sullivan Family**  
**Elizabeth Toland**  
**George Toland**  
**Minnie Tranquillino**  
**Robert Upton**  
**Charles Upton**  
**John Upton**  
**Herbert Upton**  
**Joseph & Emily Upton**  
**Verna Family**  
**Alfred & Mary Voboril**  
**Edward & Margaret Walsh**  
**George Walsh**  
**John & Mary Walsh**  
**William & Mildred Walsh**  
**Francis Webber**  
**Sue Ellen Whelan**  
**John Butler Woods**  
**John J. Woods III**  
**Rose Woods**  
**Vernon Young**  
**Paul & Margaret Yorganjian**  
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## BAPTISMS - December 15



Emily Lynn Corning



Christian Gabriel Oliveira



Parker Monroe Pruitt

**GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGING  
THAT GOD GIVES US ALL, WE EACH  
WILLINGLY OFFER OUR UNIQUE  
GIFTS TO ONE ANOTHER AND ALL  
CREATION IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS  
CHRIST.**

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parish.

If you are new to Saint Mary -Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, please visit our website for events and resources.

You may also register on line at:  
[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

## The Copley Singers Concert December 15

The concert raised \$2,145.00 in donations for the Harvest on Vine Emergency Food Pantry. A big thanks to the Copley Singers and to those who donated!



Heartfelt gratitude to our parishioner, Anne Connor, who once again adorned our sanctuary with a beautiful Advent Wreath



## Playspace Is Returning!

Playspace will return for the 2020 season! Playspace is a group for children ages six months to 2.9 and is open to the entire Charlestown community, based out of the Parish Center on 46 Winthrop Street. Playspace runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The program is scheduled from January 7 to March 31, 2020. (Closed for February school vacation.) The space is filled with educational toys, including centers for active play, building, trains, dramatic play, art, reading, and more. There is also an area dedicated to infant play for younger children. Moms, dads, grandparents, nannies, sitters, au pairs, and other caregivers must come with their children. Please note that this is not a drop-off or babysitting service. The adults responsible for the children are expected to stay and play an active role in monitoring the behavior of their children during their stay. For more information, contact the Parish Center at 617-242-4664.



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve,**  
Tuesday, December 24, there will be a carol sing - a - long at 4:30 pm. All are invited to attend. The Christmas Eve Mass is at 5:00 pm.

**Christmas Day,**  
Wednesday, December 25th, Masses will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. There will be no 6:00 pm Mass.



Please pray for those serving in our Armed Forces and their families:

Ralph Rizzo, Jr. (Marines)  
Joseph Upton, Jr. (Marines)  
Kenneth (Army)  
Jackie Walsh (Army)

If you have a loved one serving in the military, please contact the Parish at 617-242-4664.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY 12/21**  
**4:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY 12/22**  
**8:00 AM + CHRISTINE & JIM O'DONNELL &  
FR. CHARLES CROWLEY**  
**10:30 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**  
**6:00 PM**

• **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

**MONDAY 12/23**  
**8:00 AM**

**TUESDAY 12/24**  
**4:30 PM CAROLS**  
**5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

**WEDNESDAY - 12/25**  
**8:00 AM CHRISTMAS MASS**  
**10:30 AM CHRISTMAS MASS**

**THURSDAY 12/26**  
**8:00 AM**

**FRIDAY 12/27**  
**8:00 AM**

**5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**SATURDAY 12/28**  
**4:00 PM JESSIE O'NEIL**

**SUNDAY 12/22**  
**8:00 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS**  
**10:30 AM ELIZABETH & JOSEPH PELOSI**  
**6:00 PM**



**Sanctuary Lamp in St Mary Church**  
Is lit for  
Christine Ryan

**The Sanctuary Lamp  
in  
The Chapel**  
Is lit for  
Mary Coffey & Patrick Curry



*Resquiescat  
in Pace*  
Gene Keegan

#### **UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

December 25: Christmas Clergy Benefit

January 01: Solemnity of Mary

#### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>SAT 12/14</b>	<b>4:00 PM -</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>SUN 12/15</b>	<b>8:00 AM -</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>SUN 12/15</b>	<b>10:30 AM -</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>SUN 12/15</b>	<b>6:00 PM -</b>	<b>112</b>

**TOTAL: 442**

<b>SUN 12/15</b>	<b>COPLEY SINGERS CONCERT</b>	<b>420</b>
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#### **Weekend of 12/15/2019**

Parishioners contributed:

\$ 5,197.55

To the Weekly Collection

And \$ 2,237.00

to the Parish

Christmas Collection

***Thank you for your continued support***

#### **Flowers cont.**

*Deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Intentions of unnamed parishioners  
Our Troops and Families  
Our Grandparents*



#### **CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT COLLECTION - DECEMBER 25th**

Whether they are working to enrich our parishes or seeing to the needs of the broader communities in which they serve, priests have dedicated their lives to helping all of God's children. Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to support our priests through the special collection benefitting the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which offers preventive health and wellness programs, offers one-on-one support and advocacy to priests with health concerns, and operates Regina Cleri, a state-of-the-art facility where senior priests live in community.

Please support our priests, who through their ministry create stronger communities for all, by giving generously to this year's Christmas collection.

This special collection is a primary source of funding to care for our priests. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Funds from this special collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust – an independently managed trust with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.



#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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Matthew Roberto

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Anna Noonan