

ST. ANTHONY PARISH 2025 ADVENT MISSION

"As We Await the Blessed Hope

...and the Coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ"

November 30-December 2 at 6:30 pm*

Sunday, November 30: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham

PILGRIM SONGS

Mary Ellen Mahon and Mary Jane Silvia

A second and more penetrating look at the deep spiritual meaning behind Christmas Carols, both familiar and less known. Did you know that the *Twelve Days of Christmas* is a musical catechism? This will be an opportunity to prayerfully listen to and sing together these wonderful carols. A complementary wine and cheese reception will follow.



Monday, December 1: St. Hyacinth Church, Westbrook

MAKING ROOM IN THE
"INN" OF OUR HEARTS



Jared des Rosiers, Esq., and
The Most Rev. James Ruggieri, Bishop of Portland

In his recent apostolic exhortation (October 2025), *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo XIV who spent more than two decades as a missionary and bishop in Peru, wrote: "Our prosperity can make us blind to the needs of others and even make us think that our happiness and fulfillment depend on ourselves alone, apart from others. In such cases, the poor can act as silent teachers for us, making us conscious of our presumption and instilling within us a rightful spirit of humility." Local author Jared des Rosiers reads his beautiful story, "*A Letter to Joseph of Arimathea: The Innkeeper's Story*." Then, based on his own personal experiences in serving the homeless and needy as the pastor-driver of the parish food truck in Providence, Rhode Island, Bishop Ruggieri will provide some practical suggestions to us on how we can make room for others, especially those most marginalized, in the "Inn" of our hearts. *Complementary Pizza Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Church Hall.

Tuesday, December 2: St. Anne Church, Gorham

A Spiritual "Re-Run"



Fr. Lou Phillips

Another look at familiar segments from some of our most beloved Christmas episodes of *The Twilight Zone*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, *The Waltons*, *Dragnet*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* that will consider how these perennial favorites offer more than warm fuzzy Christmas feelings, but a possible encounter with our Lord and Savior. A Christmas dessert reception will follow.