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Dear Friends,

'Twas but a month ago that I sent out the last newsletter. Life has been busy, especially getting ready for Open House. Before the year ends I want to send out the retreat schedule for next year and express my gratitude to all who have helped to keep the Retreat Center going.

As I started to write this newsletter, I received the news that one of our priests, Fr. William Heffron has died. He had been ill for some time and was residing at Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven. Brother Jim Rukavina was with him when he went to his eternal reward. Some of you know him as he was Provincial and served at St. Joseph's in Fairhaven.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Open house was a huge success. Every inch of the first floor was lit and decorated. The theme tree, "gratitude", in the entrance was decorated with brown ornaments with the word "Thank you" printed in 80 different languages. Someone said to me: "we don't know all those languages, but God does...and they are all on the one tree...".

The number of guests was up and many people had never been to our home before. Thank you to all who worked to make the day special for everyone: decorating, baking, hospitality, music, etc. Everyone was delighted by the singers from St. Patrick's Church, Wareham and Our Lady of Assumption Church, New Bedford. The beautiful voices of these wonderful carolers filled the whole house for hours.

Facebook: We are now on facebook. I am still not very good at maneuvering around the site. We are called "Wareham SSCC". Friend us, follow us, like us... whatever. If you took pictures at Open House I'd like to see them.

Congratulations to the winners of the Support Team raffle:

December: Thomas and Barbara Geagan, Janine Destremps and Eileen Sullivan.

The **Support Team Raffle and Donations** is ongoing and will continue through 2018 and beyond. It is never too late to sign up. There is a flyer attached for your convenience. Please try to get some of your friends to join the "Team".

Mass Intentions

We are fortunate to have Mass celebrated here Monday through Friday. Weekend Masses

depend on the groups who are on retreat. If you want Masses said for your loved ones or have prayer requests, please fill out the attached form.

Retreats:

You will find the schedule of retreats for 2018 on the attached sheet. This is the same format we have been using over the years. It includes the retreats sponsored by the center, recovery and Peggy Patenaude's retreats.

Besides these we have college/university, parish and other group retreats. In the Youth Center we will have a number of High School and Confirmation groups. There are a few openings if you have a group that is looking for a space.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



This is a photo of a painting by Stan given to the retreat center by his friend Trish Dubois. Something about it really moves me... It is so Stan. I offer it to you as my Christmas card this year.

No quantity of "toys" can replace love.

That is why Jesus was born... to be the Love of God on earth...

Receive the love... Spread the message...

That is what Christmas is all about... not only for a day, but forever.

Sr. Claire

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