

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:00 AM Normand Goulet (Rem.),
By Pauline
- 5:15 PM John Joseph Souza
(Christmas Rem.),
By dad and family
David Michael DiPaolo (Rem.),
By cousin Diane

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory (Rem.)
Danny Franco (Ann.),
By Phil and Gina
- 10:00 AM Donald Rossi (Rem.),
By family
Bonnie Marie Bizier (2nd Ann.),
By family
- 11:30 AM Maria Giovanna Florio (1st Ann.),
By her brother

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM OPEN MASS INTENTION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM OPEN MASS INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 12:10 PM Catherine Izzo (Rem.),
By Rosemarie
Frank E. St. Angelo (61st Ann.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 9:00 AM Lucy Montecalvo (Birth.),
By family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 5:15 PM Ida & Omer Palardy (Ann.),
By daughter and family
Luigi & Rosa Treglia (Ann.),
By daughter, son and family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 8:00 AM Pauline Laliberte (Rem.)
By brother, Maurice
Marie-Therese Roesch (Rem.),
By Fred and Pat Veltri
- 10:00 AM John Ascioffa (14th Ann.),
By family
Frank & Margaret Colasanto (Rem.),
By family
- 11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Devine
and LaCroix families (Rem.),
By Carole



Sanctuary Lamp

Week of December 16 – December 22

“In Memory of”

Frank & Margaret Colasanto (Rem.),

By family

**The Second Sunday
of the Season of
Advent**

December 9, 2018

All flesh will see the salvation
of our God!

PASTOR’S COMMENTS

Borrowed from Paul Turner

Paving a Direct Route

Whenever a highway changes from two lanes to four, you can often see the improvements. The old highway follows the dips and curves of the landscape. The new highway better controls the landscape. It is straighter and more level. The engineers have figured out how to improve the road, and citizens have supported the additional expense.

People like straight highways. They are quicker, safer and more pleasant.

In the prophecy of Isaiah, a voice cries out, “In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!” John the Baptist quoted this passage to prepare people for the coming of Jesus.

Make a straight highway in the wasteland. Fill in the valleys and lower the mountains. Make a smooth, direct road in your spiritual life.

During Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ in our lives. In the past we formed habits as sturdy as two-lane roads. They get us where we want to go, but sometimes not by the most direct route.

We have only a few weeks till Christmas. It is time to move the roadblocks and detours that keep us from encountering Christ. Hardness of heart, stinginess of time, or unbending habits—Which of these need repair on your highway toward Christ?

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

TUESDAY	DECEMBER 18	9:00 AM
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 23	11:30 AM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Office Hours: 9am to 4pm.
Monday – Thursday
Phone : 232-9321
E-mail – srbccd@aol.com

Religious Education Classes

Day	Month	Grade	Time
Sun	Dec 9	9&10	6:30 – 7:45
Mon	Dec 10	7&8	6:30 - 7:45
Tue	Dec 11	1 thru 3	4:15 - 5:30
Wed	Dec 12	4 thru 6	4:15 - 5:30

Volunteer Opportunity

You are invited to serve as Christ did by joining fellow parishioners at Mary House meal kitchen, housed at St. Patrick's church and school in Providence. We will be sharing the love and compassion of Christ by serving meals and a friendly presence to those in need. Please contact Terry Novak if you are able to serve on any of the following dates. Terry will share specific information at that time. Email is preferred--terrynovak57@msn.com--but you may also call 331-7075. Many blessings come to those who serve!

- Tuesday, December 25 (10:30-2:30)
- Monday, December 31 (3:30-6:00)
- Monday, January 21 (3:30-6:00)
- Monday, February 25 (3:30-6:00)

"O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen."

St. Ignatius of Loyola

MR. ROB MANZO



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, ROSARY FOLLOWING 8:00 **AM**
 MASS IN THE UPPER CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, AAGROUP MEETING AT 7:00
AM IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

THURSDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 7:00
PM IN THE SACRISTY

FRIDAY, AA AT 8:00 **PM** IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY FRIDAY)

FRIDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 10:00 **PM**
 IN THE CHURCH HALL

DAILY READINGS

Sunday Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or Charon Souza (231-3962) or Eileen Morrison (349-3601)

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
 FOOD SHELF!**

The Food Shelf is in need of these items:

TUNA

PASTA/ JAR SAUCE

PEANUT BUTTER / JELLY

CANNED VEGETABLES

RAMEN NOODLES

CLEANING PRODUCTS

\$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Thank you for your generosity!



Outreach, Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry

What a wonderful response we have gotten from our St. Robert's parish. Since this is an ongoing ministry, please continue to be generous. The poor and homeless need winter coats, hats, white socks, blankets and other winter clothing. Please bring clean items to church and leave them in the vestry.

If you or a friend are in need of a comforting touch, Please call Carolyn at 231-5864 and she will leave the item requested with your name on it in the vestry.

We recently started our lap blanket ministry for the residents at Cherry Hill Nursing Home. If you'd like to knit, crochet or work with fleece, please consider making a lap blanket. The sizes needed are 36 x 36, 35 x 40. Fleece blankets should be double sided for warmth. These too, can be left at the vestry. Please add your name and address so that we can thank you.

St. Rocco Church, 927 Atwood Avenue, Johnston RI 02919, will host ***A Journey Through the Nativity*** on **Sunday, December 30th at 3 P.M.** The music ministry, under the direction of Christopher A. Caramello, will present a concert of Advent and Christmas music in the languages of English, Italian, and Latin. The event will feature the parish choir and soloists accompanied by a brass and string ensemble. Admission is free and a reception will follow. For further information please call 401-692-5270 or write to musicaasanrocco@gmail.com.

"Man, you don't mess around when you're hungry!"

Have you heard about the little boy who loved going to church? He enjoyed the music, the stained glass windows, the homily and the fellowship. The only part about going to church that the little boy didn't like, were those long personal prayers which the pastor added to the intercessory prayers! Then on Christmas, the little boy's parents invited the pastor home for lunch... and would you believe it, his mom asked the minister to pray the prayer of thanksgiving before the meal. "Oh, no," thought the little boy, "We will never get to eat. I am starving and he will pray forever." But to his surprise, the pastor's prayer was brief and to the point. He said, "Oh Lord, bless this home. Bless this food, and use us in your service, in Jesus name. Amen." The little boy was so astonished by the pastor's short prayer that he couldn't help himself. He looked at the pastor and blurted out what he was thinking: "Man, you don't mess around when you're hungry!"

Well, I don't want to "mess around" on this Sunday morning before Christmas because I know that whether we realize it or not... we are hungry. We are all hungry for God. We are all hungry for our Savior. We are all hungry for Christmas... because, you see, this is precisely what Christmas is all about. We need a Savior, we are starved for a Savior, and a Savior is given in Jesus, and the name "Jesus" means literally "The Lord is Salvation," or "Yahweh Saves," or "Savior." Jesus came at Christmas to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He came to save us from our sins.



Unwrapped gifts should be placed in the lobby by December 16th. Please put the amount on the card when giving a Gift Certificate.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS TRULY APPRECIATED BY THOSE IN NEED!

Please join us for the 6th Annual Nativity Lighting at the Rhode Island Statehouse (in the Rotunda area) on Wednesday, December 19th from 3 to 4 pm! We'll light our beautiful Nativity Scene, celebrating the coming birth of Christ who is the Light of the World! We'll sing holy Christmas carols and eat delicious Christmas cookies donated by Buono's Bakery! This event is presented by the Joy to the World Nativity Committee, and is sponsored by The Thomas More Society, **Relevant Radio and The Rhode Island Catholic!** The event is free!

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



Christmas Season
Schedule **2018**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

***4:30 PM** – OUR YOUTH CHOIR WILL SING AT THIS MASS

***10:30 PM** – OUR ADULT CHOIR WILL SING AT THIS MASS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 PM

LITURGY AT 10:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

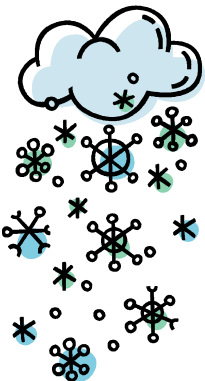
MASS WILL BE OFFERED AT **10:00 AM** ONLY

TUESDAY - JANUARY 1 –NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

MASS WILL BE AT **10:00 AM**

Let us Keep Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus then, and truly welcome
Him into our homes as Savior this Christmas!

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FROM
DECEMBER 26, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2019



Weekday Masses are scheduled for **WEDNESDAYS**
ONLY at 9 AM but will be cancelled whenever school is
cancelled in Johnston due to storms.