

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

**5:15 PM Giovanni DiManna (Birth.),**  
*By family*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

**8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION**

**10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Poirier & Riccio families (Rem.),**  
*By Bill, Cecile and family*

**11:30 AM Ann Toomey (Month's Mind),**  
*By family*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

**NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

**NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

**9:00 AM John Bilobram (Ann.),**  
*By Ann and John*  
**Joseph D'Ercole (Birth.),**  
*By Lucille*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

**NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

**NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

**5:15 PM Hope Miga (22<sup>nd</sup> Ann.),**  
*By family*  
**Barbara Hodge (Month's Mind),**  
*By her sister*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

**8:00 AM Peter & Elena Amoriggi (Rem.),**  
*By the Melis Family*

**10:00 AM Albert J. Marchetti, Sr. (19<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**  
*By family*  
**Flora DeSimone (12<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**  
*By daughter and grandchildren*

**11:30 AM Norbert & Maria Franco and Lurdes Torres (Rem.),**  
*By sister and brother-in-law*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

SUNDAY	JANUARY 27	8:00 AM
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 2	5:15 PM
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 10	11:30 AM



**Feast of the Baptism  
of the Lord**

January 13, 2019

**Give comfort to my people,  
says your God!**

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS**

Borrowed from Paul Turner

**God's Grandeur**

Whenever we glimpse the glory of God, we experience briefly the happiness for which we hope. We can see that glory in the icy sparkle of a winter's day, in the birth of a child, in the excellence of athletes, or in the beauty of the arts. The glory of God can be revealed in many ways, and it always brings joy.

We only glimpse God's glory because its fullness remains hidden. As wonderful as this world is, the promised world of eternal life will be far greater. That hidden world opens to us in slits of time, in meteoric glints of space. We see God's glory in small signs, but they suffice to alert us to the grandeur of heaven.

Isaiah prophesied that the glory of God would be revealed in the reshaping of land and the witness of people. Deserts and wastelands would become paved paths, and all people would see it together. Exiles would return and God would appear with power.

The desert of Israel's longing became eternally transformed in the splash of Jordan's waters. There the glory of God was revealed as never before, at the baptism of Jesus.

As the Christmas season draws to its close, we reflect back on its joy. In the shimmering glow of a celebration that pushes back the enveloping darkness of nature's winter, we glimpse the glory of God.

**Fr. John**



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**  
**LOCAL WEEKDAY MASS**  
**SCHEDULE**

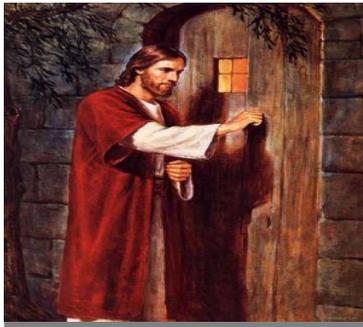
- St. Rocco's Church, Johnston –7:00 AM**
- Our Lady of Grace Church, Johnston –8:00 AM**
- Holy Cross Church, Prov.-9:00AM (Tues./Thurs.)**
- St. Thomas Church, Providence –7:30 AM**
- St. Philip Church, Greenville– 8:00 AM**



**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	Jan-13	9&10	6:30-7:45
Mon	Jan 14	7&8	6:30-7:45
Tue	Jan-15	1 thru 3	4:15-5:30
Wed	Jan-16	4 thru 6	4:15-5:30



"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son."

-----St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**ROB MANZO**

**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. Please contact Terry Novak if you are able to serve on any of the following dates. terrynovak57@msn.com--but you may also call 331-7075. Many blessings come to those who serve!

**Monday, January 21 (3:30-6:00)**  
**Monday, February 25 (3:30-6:00)**

**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** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday** Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday** Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday** Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday** Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday** Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17



**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:**

- TUNA**
- PASTA/ JAR SAUCE**
- PEANUT BUTTER / JELLY**
- CANNED VEGETABLES**
- RAMEN NOODLES**
- \$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**The Baptism of the Lord**



**Outreach, Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry**



St. Robert's knitting, crochet and fleece group will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, January 22 at 10 am at Brewed Awakenings, Atwood Avenue ( the one closest to Cranston). Please bring any items you've finished. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on future projects and ways to move forward with our charity. Our projects have included making prayer shawls, mini prayer cloths for those needing comfort, afghans, blankets scarfs, hats, mittens for the homeless, lap blankets for Cherry Hill Nursing Home, and children's blankets for Hasbro Hospital, cancer unit.

What a wonderful response we've gotten these past few months to our request for new and gently used items for the poor and homeless. All the facilities, the Providence Rescue Mission, Mc Caluey House, Mathewson Street Church and The veterans facility in Johnston have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you and keep up the good work. You are making a difference.

**THE SIGN OF PEACE**

**During this season of Colds and Flu we should be mindful of each other's well-being and during the Sign of Peace at Mass nod or smile at our neighbor rather than shaking hands.**

**Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark**

- ONE:** Don't miss the boat.
- TWO:** Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- THREE:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- FOUR:** Stay fit. When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- FIVE:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- SIX:** Build your future on high ground.
- SEVEN:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- EIGHT:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- NINE:** When you're stressed, float awhile.
- TEN:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- ELEVEN:** No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.

**INTERESTED IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION? WHAT IS IT?**

Spiritual direction encourages you to explore a closer relationship with God. In a busy life, many people find it difficult to notice God's action in their daily affairs. Yet, at the deepest level, all of us long for a more conscious experience of God's presence and love.

You might meet with a Spiritual Director to identify and trust your own experiences of God, integrate spirituality into your own life, discern and make difficult choices, etc.

To receive a brochure with more information, call or email: Sr. Shirley Agnew RSM  
401.335.5783  
sagnewrms@cox.net

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

Resentments are the blocks that hold us back from loving ourselves and others. Resentments do not punish the other person; they punish us. They become barriers to feeling good and enjoying life.

They present us from being in harmony with the world. Resentments are hardened chunks of anger. They loosen up and dissolve with forgiveness and letting go.

Letting go of resentments does not mean we allow the other person to do anything to us that he or she wants. It means we accept what happened in the past, and we set boundaries for the future. We can let go of resentments and still have boundaries!

We try to see the good in the person, or the good that ultimately evolved from whatever incident we feel resentful about. We try to see our part. Then we put the incident to rest. Praying for those we resent helps. Asking God to take our resentments from us helps too.

What better way to begin a new year than by cleaning the slate of the past, and entering this one free of resentments.

**Meditation for the Day**

**We are so made that we can only carry the weight of twenty-four hours, no more. If we weigh our self down with the years behind and the days ahead, our back breaks.**

**God has promised to help with the burdens of the day only. If we are foolish enough to gather again that burden of the past and carry it, then indeed we cannot expect God to help us bear it. So forget that which lies behind and breathe in the blessing of each new day.**

