

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:15 PM Giuseppe Paris (Birth.),
By family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Rocco Tella (Rem.),
By family

Anthony DiChiaro (Ann.),
By wife and family

11:30 AM Robert Trottier (Rem.),
By Phyllis and Jackie

Michael Luzzi (Month's Mind),
By Thomas and Donna Riese

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM John and Isabel Kelley (Rem.),
By Wini and Marie

Roger Riccio, Jr. (Rem.),
By Bill, Cecile and family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM Mary Costa (Birth.),
By daughter, Doris

Edmund Delmonico (Ann.),
By family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:10 PM David Wheeler (Birth.),
By family

Joyce St. Angelo Capece & Anthony Capece (Rem.),

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM Lena Riccio (Rem.),
By Bill, Cecile and family

Peter Nardone (Rem.),
By family

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:15 PM Raymond Mahoney (Ann.),
By Pat

Joseph Barone III (Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM John and Josephine Tutalo (Rem.),
By family

Louis Paolino (Ann.),
By family

10:00 AM Thomas Macchio, Sr. (1st Ann.),
By family

Anita Aspary (Rem.),
By family

11:30 AM Doris Kelley (Ann.),
By family

Frank & Marguerite Macari (Rem.),
By family

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

**O Lord, I trust
in your merciful love!**
Borrowed from Paul Turner

Adam and Adam

Adam and Jesus would seem to have nothing in common. Adam was created by God. Jesus was the eternal, uncreated Word of God. Adam was given paradise to live in, but he disobeyed God. Jesus was given a sinful world to live in, but he obeyed the Father. Adam is remembered as the firstborn of sinful humanity. Jesus is remembered as the firstborn from the dead. They seem to have nothing in common.

But Paul sees parallels in a short passage from his first letter to the Corinthians. He even refers to Jesus as "the last Adam" and "the second man." Paul writes, "The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. ... The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven."

Paul says that we Christians have inherited a little of each. Born human, we bear the image of the earthly Adam, the first one. But as Christians, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Adam, the last one.

We are not simple creatures. We are inheriting a bit of divinity. It matters how we treat one another. We should not treat human beings as if they were disposable. There is something heavenly about us—even if on some days we behave rather earthly.

Adam and Jesus have something in common. They give us hope for eternal life, and they influence our daily lives.

MASS INTENTIONS

(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)
The following dates and times are available

MONDAY	MARCH 11	12:10 PM
SUNDAY	MARCH 24	10:00 AM
SUNDAY	MARCH 31	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	Feb-24	9&10	6:30-7:45
Mon	Feb- 25	7&8	6:30-7:45
Tue	Feb-26	1 thru 3	4:15-5:30
Wed	Feb-27	4 thru 6	4:15-5:30

"However great our efforts, we cannot change ourselves. Only God can get to the bottom of our defects, and our limitations in the field of love; only he has sufficient mastery over our hearts for that. If we realize that we will save ourselves a great deal of discouragement and fruitless struggle. We do not have to become saints by our own power; we have to learn how to let God make us into saints. That does not mean, of course, that we don't have to make any effort . . . We should fight, not to attain holiness as a result of our own efforts, but to let God act in us without our putting up any resistance against him; we should fight to open ourselves as fully as possible to his grace, which sanctifies us."

---- Fr. Jacques Philippe, p. 14-5

MR. ROB MANZO

I Cannot Pray The Lord's Prayer
 I cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I."
 I cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "my."
 Nor can I pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for another,
 And when I ask for daily bread, I must include my brother.
 For others are included in each and every plea,
 From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say "me."

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 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Monday Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
First Friday Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
First Saturday Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16



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:
 BAKED BEANS
 PASTA/ JAR SAUCE
 JELLY
 CANNED GREEN BEANS
 CANNED CORN
 REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS
\$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
Thank you for your generosity!



40-WEEK CLUB 2019



OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week # 6 Ticket # 0186

\$40: Rosemarie Messoro

Captain: Carmino DeRobbio

Tickets are still available at the Rectory Office or call

Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603

All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!



Community Outreach Ministry

Our community outreach ministry has been very successful thanks to the generosity of you, our St.

Robert's parishioners. We will continue collecting clean, gently used coats, hoodies, winter clothing and new socks through March.

Knitting, Crochet, Fleece Ministry

We plan on continuing this ministry for the foreseeable future but would like parishioners to make suggestions about other outreach programs they'd like implemented. Call Carolyn at 231-5864 or email cfhansen5@gmail.com with ideas.

Mother of Hope Camp, a Catholic Charity fund agency of the Diocese of Providence located in Chepachet, RI, is seeking seasonal applicants (who have completed high school and are age 18+) for SUMMER DAY CAMP COUNSELORS and a **SOCIAL MEDIA COUNSELOR** for the 2019 summer season as well as **PER DIEM TRAINED FACILITATORS FOR THE OUTDOOR TEAM-BUILDING/LEADERSHIP COURSE** during the spring through fall. To apply, please visit <https://www.motherofhopecamp.com/working-at-moh-camp>. For additional information, please call Mother of Hope Camp's Director, Michelle Losardo, at 401-568-3580

**PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!!
BE A PART OF "THE LIVING GOSPEL"
PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 13 AND APRIL 14, 2019**



**IS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLING YOU?
BE NOT AFRAID!!**

Answer the Spirit's Call!!!

For more information call Vin DiMonte 213-8040

Hunger for God, Longing for Community~ The Future of the Church, Part 3, a Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham on Wednesday, March 13 from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. (Coffee and pastry at 9:30) Pre-registration is required. \$25 fee can be paid on arrival. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

Narragansett Bay Symphony Community Orchestra Concert An afternoon concert featuring the world premiere of BELL: The Gates of Niflheim, LANCEN: Double Bass Concerto (Joe Bentley, double bass), BRAHMS: Symphony no. 3 in F Major, op. 90 with the incomparable Narragansett Bay Symphony Community Orchestra, Sunday, March 3 at 3:00pm at McVinney, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence. More information at nabsco.org.

52nd Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

All adults are invited to be refreshed in your faith, enjoy fellowship with other Catholics, and be equipped to discuss your Catholic Faith with others. Topics include Marriage and Family Life, Missionary Discipleship, Sharing the Faith with Children and Teens, and more. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 AM celebrated by The Most Rev. Robert E. Evans. The schedule runs from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and includes inspirational general sessions, informative workshops with 25 speakers, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets and view the full schedule and list of speakers and exhibitors at www.discovercatholicfaith.org/convocation. For more information contact the Office of Faith Formation at 401.278.4646.



Special thanks to Lesa Volpe and all of the

volunteers who helped to make Fr. John's retirement celebration so beautiful. It was a wonderful turnout and an awesome tribute to him.

A few words from Father John

Many thanks to all who planned, attended and helped to celebrate my retirement Mass and gathering in the parish hall last Sunday.

I was deeply moved by so many expressions of kindness and love shown by old and new parishioners of this truly Christ centered community.

When I came here in June of 1991, I introduced myself by quoting Pope John 23rd when he was asked what the secret of his ministry was.

He said: "it is the crucifix that is opposite my bed. it is there so that I can see it in my first waking moments and before I go to sleep...look at the cross as I see it...the open arms of Christ have been the program of my ministry. those open arms say that Jesus died for all, for all; no one is ever excluded from his love or from his forgiveness."

Pope John's words, as well as those of Pope Francis, remind us that Christ's welcoming and forgiving love should be at the center of everything we do as God's people.

With simple humanity, humility and humor "good Pope John" strove to reflect God's love as the model and pattern of ministry.

Humanity helps us to deal with each other with patience and compassion. Humility teaches us to keep our focus on Jesus, simple and uncluttered. And humor reminds us never to take ourselves too seriously; but rather to be able to laugh at ourselves in the occasional messiness of life.

In my many happy years here at St. Robert Bellarmine I hope that we have together tried to learn some of these important lessons in word and deed.

May the warmth and hospitality of our parish family continue to grow in loving service to all God's children as we strive to 'Keep Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus!!

With a truly grateful heart,
Fr. John

P.S. Special thanks to Fr. Richard for his gracious and brotherly support to me in this past month and a half. Thank you, my friend.