

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

5:15 PM OPEN INTENTION

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

8:00 AM **Mary Ann Mercurio (Birth.),**  
*By family*

10:00 AM **Nicola, Teresa and Sergio Scarcella (Rem.),**  
*By family*

11:30 AM **Armando Muto and Ennis Jones (Rem.),**  
*By wife and family*

1:00 PM **Baptisms**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5**

9:00 AM **Hermine Asselin (Birth.),**  
*By Pauline*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6**

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7**

9:00 AM **Bob Wheeler (Birth.),**  
*By family*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

**NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**

9:00 AM **Robert D'Ercole (Rem.),**  
*By Lucille*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

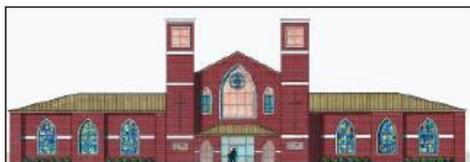
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

8:00 AM **Ralph and Alfred Lemoi (Rem.),**  
*By family*

10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

11:30 AM **Ann Narciso (Rem.),**  
*By the Anzelone family*  
**Louise Rainone (Month's Mind),**  
*By the SRB Parish Family*



**Catholic  
Cemeteries**



**Diocese of Providence**

*Pre-need arrangements ensure your wishes are met. Call now for information on our new mausoleum.*

Main Office: St. Ann's Office  
(401) 944-8383 (401) 942-3625

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 4, 2019

Lord, do not delay  
in your coming!

Borrowed from Paul Turner

**Wasted Work**

Nobody likes to waste time. If someone has not done the job and it costs us time and effort, we get angry. If a company promised to deliver by a certain date and it misses the deadline, we are furious. If somebody does the job wrong, and we have to redo it, we hate it. We hate to waste time.

But some of the hard work we do is also wasted. Work may feel valuable because it fills our time. It feels worthwhile if we do it faithfully. But not everything we do has value. Some of it keeps us from doing more important things. Workaholics spend less time with family. People concerned with their own lives may volunteer less for others. Our work and our lives are important, but sometimes not as important as we think.

Qoheleth says everything is vanity; everything is worthless. You spend your life gaining wisdom, knowledge and skill, but at the end of your life you give all your property to someone who has not worked for it. You work all day long. You spend your days in sorrow and grief and your nights without rest. The bleak descriptions by this Old Testament writer keep us humble about our work. We may not be as important as we thought.

Perhaps God gets frustrated with us too. Why do we waste our time? The time we spend with God is never wasted at all.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

(Call for additional Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

TUESDAY	AUGUST 13	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 14	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	AUGUST 20	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 21	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	AUGUST 27	9:00 AM

**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH  
JOHNSTON, RI**



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

**Religious Education Classes**

Day	Month	Grade	Time
Mon		9-10	6:30-7:45
Tues		1,2,3&4	4:15-5:30
Wed		5,6,7&8	4:15-5:30

This is the new schedule for CCD for September.

Grades 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are being moved to Monday nights same time 6:30-7:45

Grades 1,2,3,&4 are on Tuesday same time 4:15-5:30

Grades 5,6,7,&8 are on Wednesday from 4:15-5:30

Teachers are needed for our CCD program, no experience needed, just the Love for our Lord.  
God Bless

**Let God Retell Your Story**

Making progress in our relationship with God means letting God retell the story of our love and life together. God doesn't have to make a video or a mix tape to remind us; the tools we need are already available to us. The Bible tells the story of God's romance with the human race, and with each of us, over and over again. Our worship and regular participation in the sacraments also serve as reminders. And, most importantly, there is prayer. Making use of these other tools, we must prayerfully consider our past, remembering when God was there loving us, discovering those times that we failed to recognize God's loving presence,

and trying to account for those chapters in our story when God appeared to be absent.

Mr. Robert 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)

**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** Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

**Monday** Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

**Wednesday** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday** Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday** Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26



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 Large soup (18-20 Oz.)**

**Cereal**

**Jelly / Peanut Butter**

**Baked Beans**

**Tuna**

**Children are home for the summer:**

**Mac & Cheese, Ramen, individual applesauce or raisins, breakfast bars or other kids snack items**

**\$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 #29 Ticket # 0050**  
**\$40: Wilfred Courtemanche**  
**Captain: Wil Courtemanche**

Tickets are available at the Rectory Office or call  
 Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603

The Dinner/Dance will be held on Sunday, November 3rd at the Valley Country Club  
 All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!



**Community Outreach Clothing Drive**

The community shelters and the local Operation Stand Down facility in Johnston have requested CLEAN, used clothing for infants to adults. If you have summer or fall clothes you no longer want or have outgrown, please consider donating them.. You can bag them and drop them off at church. The poor rely on these shelters to provide clothing for their families.

If you are in The Dollar Store, pick up a TRAVEL/TRIAL size personal hygiene item such as a deodorant, toothpaste, sun screen, shaving cream, etc.and leave it in the vestry. We want to collect these trial size items for a future project. Also, if you travel and collect these trial size moisturizers, hand cream, etc but don't use them, drop them off too.

**Knitters, Crocheters, Sewers**

To those who have already donated prayer shawls, blankets, hats, gloves and scarves, thank you. Please continue making them so that we can build up an inventory for the colder months. The last batch of lap blankets were delivered to Cortland Place. The residents were thrilled to receive them. Our elderly residents feel the cold more so when the air conditioning is on! As always drop off your handcrafted items at church. If you have any questions, need patterns, dimensions or would like a prayer shawl, please call Carolyn 231-5864

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Discover how much your marriage matters to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



**25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and Over**

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 1:00pm, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence.** Married couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and Over wedding anniversary in **2019** will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend can register for this event through their parish before **August 13th.**

**2019 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

*"Support the Work of the Church"*

**Thank you for your support of the 2019 Catholic Charity Appeal. Our Parish raised \$65,577 for this worthwhile mission.**

A collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

Catholic Youth Ministry and the Office of Vocations would like to invite Catholic Families to join us for a night at the PawSox on August 16th. We've reserved the right field tent area for a pre-game bbq and tickets to the game for \$31 per person. We'd love to get many families from around the diocese to attend. Please contact Fr. Brian Morris ([rev.brian.morris@gmail.com](mailto:rev.brian.morris@gmail.com)) for more information.

## **CANONICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF A GODPARENT AND CHRISTIAN WITNESS**

The significance of a Godparent at the Sacrament of Baptism requires that the parent(s) consider very seriously the faith and religious practice of the person proposed for this role. The sources for accessing the qualifications for the role of Godparent are *The Code of Canon Law* (1983) and *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1994). The following guidelines are provided to answer the usual questions that arise when parents or candidates are discerning a person for these roles.

### **GODPARENT FOR BAPTISM**

- The canonical guidelines for selecting a Godparent (*patrinus*) are found in the Code of Canon Law #'s 872-874. A person to be baptized needs only one Godparent. If the tradition of having two is desired, the person or their parent(s) may choose a man and a woman. Two Godparents of the same sex are not permitted.
- The mother or the father may not be a Godparent. The role of Godparent is to assist the parent(s) in the training of the faith. The roles are distinct and not to be mixed. Grandparents are permitted to serve as Godparents.
- A Godparent is a Catholic in good standing, that is, living the Gospel message in their daily personal lives. They should practice the faith regularly. They are to be at least sixteen years of age, have the proper aptitude and intention to assume this role, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- According to the Church's guidelines, Catholics married or remarried outside the Church are not permitted to be Godparents.
- Any Catholic who is not living according to the doctrinal and moral teaching of the Church should not be asked by the parent(s) to serve in this important role as Godparent.

### **CHRISTIAN WITNESS FOR BAPTISM**

- Any Catholic, who has abandoned the faith, even if they now are active members in another Christian Church or community, may not serve as a Godparent or as a Christian Witness. They have separated themselves from the Church and cannot serve even as a witness.
- A Christian Witness is a validly baptized non-Catholic who practices their faith in Christ in a visible and sincere manner.

### **GODPARENT/SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION**

- The Code of Canon Law (1983) uses *patrinus* for the role of Godparent for Baptism and Confirmation (c.892-893). Accordingly, the requirements to be a Godparent for Confirmation are exactly the same for the Sacrament of Baptism. The following guidelines, therefore, are presented for this sacrament:
- Parents may not serve as a Godparent for Confirmation. The ideal is that the Godparent at Baptism also serves this role at the Sacrament of Confirmation. Any Catholic, including a Grandparent of the one to be Confirmed, may be named provided they fulfill all the requirements listed for a Godparent for Baptism.
- Godparents must be at least sixteen years of age, practicing the Catholic faith, and fully initiated in the Catholic Church.
- Non-Catholics, former Catholics, and members of Churches not in union with Rome may not serve as Godparents for Confirmation. Members of the Orthodox Churches, because of the lack of unity among the Churches, may not serve as a Godparent for Confirmation. A Christian Witness is never permitted at the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Pastors and directors of religious education should recommend a Godparent in situations where a qualified Godparent is needed.

**Please know that you are encouraged  
to discuss any questions or uncertainties with Fr. Richard.**