

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

5:15 PM Claire Tumminelli (Ann.),  
*By family*  
 Louis & Bessie Acciaro and Donna  
 Acciaro Meith (Rem.),  
*By family*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

8:00 AM Christopher & James Shepard  
 (Birth./Christmas Rem.),  
*By family*  
 Ann Toomey (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.), *By family*  
 10:00 AM Laurie Parrillo (Birth.),  
*By mom and family*  
 Marie Colaluca (Ann.),  
*By family*  
 11:30 AM Deceased Members of the DiSanto Family  
 (Rem.), *By family*  
 Ernest and Katherine Oliver (Rem.),  
*By family*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

9:00 AM Paul and Anna Kelley (Rem.),  
*By Wini and Marie*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve**

4:40 PM Richard DePonte and Mary & Mickey  
 Russo (Rem.) *By family*  
 10:30 PM Corine Holtmann (Rem.),  
*By family*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day**

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Nero Family  
 (Rem.), *By Bill Nero and family*  
 Albert Cournoyer (26<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
*By Claire and Lillian*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

9:00 AM NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

9:00 AM Maria Genevieve Franco (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
*By sister, Emily*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

5:15 PM Ann Narciso (Rem.),  
*By Isaura Reis*  
 Robert H. Desmet, Bobby 'Bo' Desmet and  
 Ronnie Copolla (Rem.),  
*By Doris*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

8:00 AM George Schurr (11<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
*By family*  
 Lucy Sclama (Ann.),  
*By family*  
 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lanzi & Rapone  
 Families (Rem.),  
*By Edyie and Buddy*  
 11:30 AM Vincent, Mickey & Michael Langella and  
 Rose Pingitore (Rem.),  
*By family*

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

December 22, 2019

Let the King of Glory enter!  
 Borrowed from Paul Turner

**Exchanging Gifts**

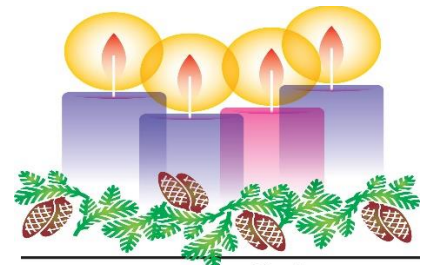
Christmas presents are gathering under trees. The opening of gifts opens hearts as well. Gifts are given in love, and they promote love in return. We love all year round, not just on Christmas Day. We may not give wrapped gifts every day of the year, but we love every day. We say it, show it, and feel it.

At Christmas we will celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the human race. It is not Christmas every day, but God is good to us every day, showing love in many and marvelous ways.

A Christmas gift of love prompts a response—a hug, a kiss, a note of thanks, or a favor in return. The greatest Christmas gift also prompts a response—a desire to live in ways that please Christ.

St. Paul calls himself an apostle “set apart for the gospel of God,” the gospel promised through the prophets in the Scriptures, the gospel about God’s Son, “descended from David according to the flesh.” Throughout Advent, we have heard prophecies foretelling the birth of Jesus. They help us experience the full wonder of Christmas Day: that God took on flesh and was born into a human family descended from David. That is the gospel, the good news. So great was that gospel, that Paul became its apostle.

And so did we. In all we say and do, we tell others how much the Christian faith means to us. It is the natural response to the greatest gift of all.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent***Sanctuary Lamp**

Week of December 15 – December 21

“In Memory of”

Christopher Lautieri (Rem.),

*By Betty and Gene*



Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization  
Phone: 232-9321 E-mail: srbccd@gmail.com

Faith Formation classes will resume  
January 6th, 7th and 8th, 2020

Monday 12/23/2019 No classes  
Tuesday 12/24/2019 No classes  
Wednesday 12/25/2019 No classes

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

#### OUTREACH and EVANGELIZATION

God has delivered unto us his Son, his light, to illuminate us with his light, to be with us. That is the gift we receive when celebrating Christmas. It is an occasion to remember that God loved the world to such an extent that He gave us his only Son. What better gift can a father make? Let us not exchange God's gift for material gifts.

There's no need to go out and buy. What better gift than to enjoy the presence of Jesus and let Christ's light shine on all the moments of our lives? During these Christmas celebrations, let us set aside a moment to receive this wonderful gift and share it with our children and all the family.

*Jesus, That in remembering your birth this Christmas let us guide our thoughts towards the reason for this celebration. Let us feel joy in your presence and thank the Father for such a beautiful gift. Let us always bear in mind the reason why you came to the world. Amen*

*Sadlier Religion*

Peace, Dina

## 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** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**Monday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Wednesday** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Thursday** Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or  
Charon Souza (231-3962)



**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
FOOD SHELF!**

The Food Shelf is in need of  
**Jelly**

**Canned Vegetables**

**Baked Beans**

**Ramen Noodles**

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

**Thank you for your generosity!**



Special thanks to all that supported our 40 Week Club Dinner/Dance this year. \$6,389.00 was raised for our Food Shelf. Thanks to Ann Toolan, Judy D'Itri, Pat Higgins and all of the dedicated captains for their hard work!



### Community Outreach Ministry

Our outreach ministry has been successful this year because of your generosity. **Lap**

**blankets** were donated to Cherry Hill Nursing Home, Courtland Place, Greenville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Hebert Nursing Home. **Baby blankets** went to Hasbro Children's Hospital Cancer unit. **Prayer shawls** were donated to Roger Williams Hospital Cancer unit, Johnston Dialysis Place, and to parishioners.

**Hats, gloves/mittens, scarfs and socks** went to William Debate School, RI Foster Care, Providence Rescue Mission. All the **white socks** we collected were given to Wounded Warriors in Johnston, The Providence Rescue Mission and St. Mathewson St. Church. The **Blessing bags with**

**personal hygiene items** were distributed to Mathewson St Church and The Providence Rescue Mission. **Soma** donated **Undergarments** which were given to Mathewson St Church and The Providence Rescue Mission. **Professional Clothes & Shoes** were donated to Dorcas International and Wounded Warriors in Johnston. **Warm hats, coats, scarfs, gloves, hoodies , blankets** went to McCauley House, Providence Rescue and Mathewson St. Church. All **children's Clothing** was donated to Providence Rescue Mission & McCauley House which distributed them to the poor in the community. When any items were marked for a specific charity, we honored those wishes.

Since the need for warm clothing is great, we will continue to collect them during the winter months. We have distributed all of our prayer shawls, lap blankets, hats, scarfs and gloves so please continue making them. All the hand crafted items we have received have been beautifully made. We continue to count on your support of this ministry. With grateful hearts, Carolyn & Marge

The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support program at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, lower level on **Tuesday evenings 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**, from **November 19, 2019 through January 21, 2020**, except for the weeks of Christmas and New year's. This support group provides a peaceful place to share and learn about grief with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith. It is most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. There is no cost to attend! For registration/information, contact: Peter A Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

**Bone Builders** is an innovative program designed to promote bone health and overall well being for both men and women. Classes are operating on a donation of \$2 per class.

Classes are held in the church basement on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:30. All are welcome!!

You are invited to to serve as Christ did by joining fellow parishioners at MaryHouse 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. Email is preferred--[terrinnovak57@msn.com](mailto:terrinnovak57@msn.com)--but you may also call 331-7075. (Volunteers must be at least 14 years old)

- December 30 (3:30-6:00 p.m.)
- January 20 (MLK Day; 3:30-6:00 p.m.)
- February 24 (3:30-6:00 p.m.)

**St. Gabriel's Call at St. Patrick's:** A special workshop consisting of an overview of the diocesan outreach ministry for women during and beyond pregnancy will be offered on **Saturday, January 4, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's, 244 Smith Street, Providence. The agenda will include how you can help mom and baby and enrich their lives by mentoring, providing material needs, parenting and cooking skills. This workshop will be offered in English and Spanish. For more information and to RSVP please call 278-2518 or 421-7070.

### Grateful for God's Providence St. Robert Bellarmine CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

A few weeks ago we participated in the **Grateful for God's Providence** Commitment Weekend and we are making progress toward reaching our goal. To the all families who made their commitment, we want to extend a special "Thank You!" for joining the other members of our parish family who have committed to this campaign. **This brings our total participation to 210 families. Our current pledge total is \$370,916!!** Thank you for your support!

If you have not participated to date, please help us build on this success and reach our goal!

**Our goal of \$423,714 is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable! Whatever the sacrifice you are able to give please know that it is greatly appreciated!!**



**Merry Christmas!!**  
The Rectory and CCD Offices  
will be closed on December  
24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.



## Christmas Season Schedule

### December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM** – Christmas Prelude Music with our Youth Choir  
4:30 PM - Vigil Mass  
**10:00 PM** - Christmas Prelude Music with our Adult Choir  
**10:30 PM** - Mass

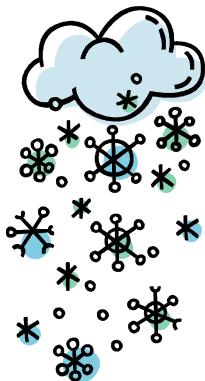
### December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 AM – Mass

### January 1 – New Year's Day

10:00 AM – Mass

*May the peace, love, hope and joy of the Christ Child  
fill our hearts, minds and homes  
throughout the entire Christmas season and the whole  
new year too.*



The schedule for Weekday Masses beginning in January will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9AM. Mass will be cancelled whenever Johnston Schools has a cancellation or delay of classes due to inclement weather. Any intention scheduled will be added to Fr. Richard's daily prayers.