

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:15 PM OPEN INTENTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Perrotti and Ciccone Families (Rem.),
By family

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

11:30 AM Marie Richard (Rem.),
By family
Frank Piccolo (Rem.),
By Mr. & Mrs. John Napolitano

1:00 PM Baptisms

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM Joseph DiLucia (Rem.),
By Bob and Dottie Whelan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 AM Angelo and Josephine Albanese (Rem.),
By Carolyn Hansen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 AM NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

5:15 PM OPEN INTENTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Albert J. Marchetti, Sr., and Flora & Alfred DeSimone (Rem.),
By daughter and grandchildren

11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION

Meditation for the New Year

In the New Year, I will live one day at a time. I will make each day one of preparation for better things ahead. I will not dwell on the past or the future, only on the present.

I will bury every fear of the future, all thoughts of unkindness and bitterness, all my dislikes, my resentments, my sense of failure, my disappointments in others and in myself, my gloom and my despondency.

I will leave all these things buried and go forward, in this New Year, into a new life.

I will pray that God will guide me one day at a time in the New Year. I will pray that for each day, God will supply the wisdom and the strength that I need.

Feast of the Baptism
of the Lord

January 12, 2020

Give comfort to my people,
says your God!

Borrowed from Paul Turner

The Spirit of Justice

The last line of today's gospel refers to the first line of today's first reading. When Jesus was baptized, a voice proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Isaiah opens his prophecy today with the voice of God proclaiming, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased."

Oh, to bring God pleasure! What marvelous joy!

Isaiah envisions that God takes joy in the chosen one. God's choice of a people started the whole story of salvation. When the covenant worked well, the chosen people responded like good servants, stewards of the word of God. When Israel was pleasing, God put upon the people the spirit. That spirit helped them bring forth justice to the nations.

For Christians, all the baptized are God's chosen people, those chosen by God for union with Christ. Upon us God has given a Spirit, to help us bring forth justice to the nations. God's Spirit is anxious to use you to make the world a fairer place.

Have you opened your heart? Can you hear God speak of you, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased"?



MASS INTENTIONS

(Call for additional Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

MONDAY	JANUARY 20	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 22	9:00 AM
FRIDAY	JANUARY 24	9:00 AM



Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization
Phone: 232-9321 E-mail: srbccd2020@gmail.com

Monday 1/13/2020 9th and 10th grade

Tuesday 1/14/2020 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade

Wednesday 1/15/2020 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade

At Jesus' baptism, God affirms his Son's mission for salvation. God announces his pleasure with Jesus and, in Matthew's Gospel, announces to all that, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). With this affirmation, Jesus is able to resist the temptations described next in Matthew's Gospel and to begin his public ministry. As family members, we can support one another in our Christian living by affirming the importance of each person in our eyes and in God's. Confident that through our Baptism we too were made children of God, we can resist temptation and share in Christ's mission.

Place each family member's name on a slip of paper and put the names in a bowl. Invite each person in the family to choose another family member's name and to prepare a message for that person, affirming their importance in God's eyes and in your family life. Pray together that your family will continue to support one another in your baptismal promises to be disciples of Jesus and then invite each person to read aloud the message they prepared. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.
– Loyola Press

OUTREACH and EVANGELIZATION

We sometimes get frustrated when trying to pray because we think it has to be formal—following a particular template, or ritual, or formula. It doesn't. Remember the wisdom of St. Teresa: Prayer should be like a conversation with a friend. Talk to the Lord plainly, openly, honestly. He understands us better than we may think. Be patient with yourself—because God most certainly is. What is on your mind? What is in your heart? If you had to sum up your prayer to God in a sentence, what would it be?

Dear God,

*I stand before you with a million words to say,
a thousand thoughts to express,
but barely enough time, or energy, or skill to weave them together.*

You know that already.

You know me already.

Help me.

Help me make sense of it all.

Help me find the words to express the inexpressible.

Help me to find peace in the midst of turmoil.

Help me to find calm in the midst of confusion.

Help me.

Even if I can't say what is in my heart, I know you will hear everything.

In you I place all my trust, all my confidence, all my hope. You know my thoughts before I can speak them.

Take them for all they are; accept them for all they may be, in all their imperfection and awkwardness. Accept everything, as I know you accept me, and love me, and want me to draw closer to you.

Thank you for making all things possible, even this simple prayer.

Amen.

*Selection from The Busy Person's Guide to Prayer by Deacon Greg Kandra. Published by The Word Among Us Press, 2019
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 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17



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

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in Christ Jesus



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40-WEEK CLUB 2020

OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Tickets are available starting this weekend. 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 outreach ministry has been successful this year because of your generosity

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

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--terrynovak57@msn.com--but you may also call 331-7075. (Volunteers must be at least 14.

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

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 all the 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 211 families. Our current pledge total is \$371,924!!** 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!

FUN SEEKERS INVITATION.

Join us on January 22, 2020 at 6:30pm in the church hall for an Information Night on our upcoming 9 day Northern National Parks Tour in June. Come hear the exciting news about this trip visiting: Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone Park, Crazy Horse, Grand Tetons, Custer State Park and MORE. Call Edyie & Buddy for more information 401 231-7237.

Volunteer as an Usher at McVinney The commitment may be small, but the impact is great! Our ushers are integral in providing a welcoming experience to everyone who comes through the doors of McVinney! And: ushers get to enjoy events at McVinney for FREE! Bring a friend (or more!), volunteer together and enjoy the show! Please note that you must be 18 years or older to volunteer at McVinney and every McVinney volunteer requires a BCI through the Diocese of Providence. McVinney will assist in expediting all BCI's. More at www.mcvinneyauditorium.com.

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.

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself.

Do not be disappointed by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage.

How are you to be patient in dealing with your neighbor's faults if you are impatient in dealing with your own?

They who are worried by their own shortcomings will not correct them. All positive progress comes from a calm and peaceful mind.

From writings by St. Francis de Sales

One woman complained to a friend that she couldn't remember anything from one day to the next. "Let me get this straight," he said. "You can't remember anything from one day to the next. How long has this been going on?" She said, "How long has what been going on?"

Even if your memory is perfect, it may still help to focus on the few things you really need to remember. This list, compiled from several sources, may be all you really need to remember:

- **Remember that your presence is a gift (a present) to the world.**
- **Remember that you are a unique and unrepeatabe being.**
- **Remember that you are still becoming what you will be.**
- **Remember to relax; each day just comes one at a time.**
- **Remember to count your blessings, not your troubles.**
- **Remember that you have sufficient courage to face whatever comes along.**
- **Remember that most of the answers you need are within you.**
- **Remember that decisions are too important to leave to chance.**
- **Remember to always reach for the best that is within you.**
- **Remember that nothing wastes more energy than worry.**
- **Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.**
- **Remember that the longer you carry a grudge, the heavier it gets.**
- **Remember not to take things too seriously; there's always reason to laugh.**
- **Remember that happiness is more often found in giving than getting.**
- **Remember that life's greatest treasures are people, not things.**
- **Remember that a little love goes a long way.**
- **Remember that a lot goes forever.**

Steve Goodier



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.