

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

5:15 PM David and Ann Narciso (Rem.),  
*By Liz Januskiewicz*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

8:00 AM Alexander Gonsalves Veiga  
(Birth.),  
*By family*

10:00 AM Louise Simonson (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.),  
*By family*

11:30 AM John and Matilda Mancini (Ann.),  
*By family*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

9:00 AM Norma Mosca (Month's Mind),  
*By family*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

9:00 AM Rita Autotte (11<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
*By Janet and Joe Zeman*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

9:00 AM NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

9:00 AM Katie Coughlin (Ann.),  
*By friends*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

5:15 PM George Brown (Rem.),  
*By family*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

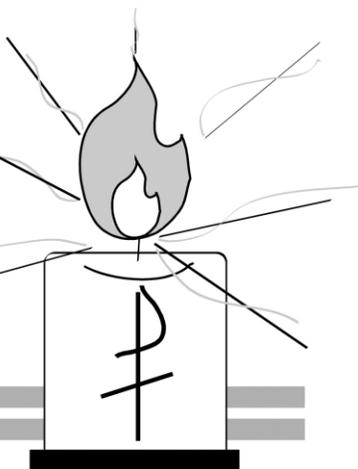
10:00 AM Eugene 'Gino' Chiello (Rem.),  
*By family*

Aniela Masterson (Ann.),  
*By family*

11:30 AM William Sgambato (6 Mos. Rem.),  
*By family*

1:00 PM Baptisms

**The people  
in darkness  
have seen  
a great light**



Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

Look toward the Lord  
and be radiant!

Borrowed from Paul Turner

**Divisions in the Community**

Divisions may show up in any church community. They are signs of the sin we strive to overcome. People argue about the Mass, complain about the preaching, challenge the leadership, get angry at the staff, look down on the music, sneer at the school kids, cringe at infants, and laugh at the elderly. Church communities may be so distracted by the people they see that they neglect the people they do not see: the poor, the unchurched, the homebound—those who need to hear the message of Christ, but who do not because Christians are too busy complaining about one another.

In first century Corinth, Christians were making divisions along the lines of the ministers who baptized them. "I belong to Paul," says one. "I belong to Apollos," says another. "I belong to Cephas," says still another. Um, don't we all belong to Christ? But you will still hear voices of division: "I go to the 9:00 Mass." "I sing with the adult choir." "My kids go to Catholic school." It is as if those who worship, sing, or get educated elsewhere belong to an entirely different family.

Paul urged the Corinthians to have no divisions. He wished them to be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

When churches are divided, it often means that members are also privileged: privileged not to see the burdens of the needy, privileged to demand that things go their way, privileged to think that local problems merit more attention than global ones. Paul calls us to one mind and one purpose.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

(Call for additional Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 4	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 5	9:00 AM
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 14	9:00 AM

# A FAMILY OF Faith

Phone: 232-9321 E-mail: [srbccd2020@gmail.com](mailto:srbccd2020@gmail.com)

**Monday 1/27/2020 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Tuesday 1/28/2020 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Wednesday 1/29/2020 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade**



Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In [Matthew 8:14-15](#) for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. [Matthew 20:20-28](#) relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

## **OUTREACH and EVANGELIZATION**

Pope Saint John Paul II called for the New Evangelization: "new in its ardor, methods, and expressions." Address to the Assembly of CELAM in 1983

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI taught us about the New Evangelization. "The keyword of the proclamation of Jesus is: the Kingdom of God. But the Kingdom of God is not a thing, a social or political structure, a utopia. The Kingdom of God is God. Kingdom of God means: God exists. God is alive. God is present and acts in the world, in our—in my life." -Address to Catechists and Religion Teachers, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Pope Francis is challenging us to do the work of the New Evangelization. *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel)  
What is Evangelization?

Teaching the art of living; showing the path toward happiness through Christ

Sharing the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ  
Joyfully proclaiming the promise of salvation

*Jesus is the light that shines for everyone. He became man and died so that we can live in happiness. Therefore, we need to let Jesus into our hearts so that we may find faith, hope and love.*

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 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

**Monday** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

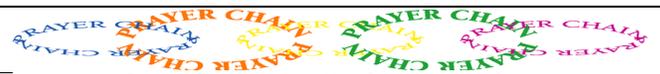
**Tuesday** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

**First Saturday** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41



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



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT OF OUR  
FOOD SHELF!**

**We are in need of the**

**following items:**

**Canned Vegetables**

**Large soup (18-20 oz.)**

**Jarred Pasta Sauce**

**Boxed Pasta**

**\$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE**

**GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS**

**WELCOME**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# 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

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](http://www.mcvinneyauditorium.com).

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

- February 24 (3:30-6:00 p.m.)

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

We are still 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 220 families. Our current pledge total is \$374,184!!**

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!**

### THE SIGN OF PEACE

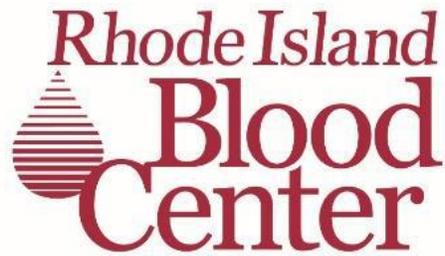
During this season of Colds and Flu we should be mindful of each other's well-being and during the Sign of Peace at Mass nod or smile at our neighbor rather than shaking hands.

### Rhode Island Catholic Annual Subscription Drive

Rhode Island Catholic's annual Subscription Drive is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 145-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Mass, or call Sue Richard, Circulation Manager, at 401-272-1010 ext. 0. You may also subscribe on the newspaper's website, [www.thericatholic.com](http://www.thericatholic.com), and click on **Subscribe to order and pay for a subscription.** The cost for a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30.

**Online payments, checks or money orders — made payable to Rhode Island Catholic — are preferred.**

The next Emmaus is March 13-15 at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. For more information or to apply online, email us at [emmausretreats@gmail.com](mailto:emmausretreats@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.emmausretreats.com](http://www.emmausretreats.com).



**St. Robert Bellarmine  
Church**  
**Your blood drive had 16  
presenting donors  
resulting in 15 donations,  
helping to save **45** lives!**



***Thank you all for making a  
difference!***



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.