

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

5:15 PM **Nellie Mahoney (12th Ann.),**
By Pat Higgins
John Mercurio (Birth.),
By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 AM **Hazel Tessier (Birth.),**
By daughter
Agostino Antonucci (Birth.)
By family

10:00 AM **Ronald Patterson (16th Ann.),**
By family
Bob Wilson (14th Ann.)
By family

11:30 AM **Bruno Calvitto (16th Ann.),**
By family

MONDAY, MARCH 30

12:10 PM **Gerard Nadeau (Ann.),**
By the Nadeau family

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

12:10 PM **Sr. Mary Bernard (Rem.),**
By Phyllis & Jackie

WEDNESDAY, April 1

12:10 PM **Peter Nardone (2nd Ann.),**
By family
Kate Levesque (Birth.),
By Saulnier family

THURSDAY, April 2

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, April 3

12:10 PM **Mary Cuddy (16th Ann.),**
By Jackie & Phyllis

SATURDAY, April 4 – Vigil of Palm Sunday

5:15 PM **Charlie Agnew (8th Ann.),**
By family

SUNDAY, April 5 - Palm Sunday

8:00 AM **Anthony D. Ditri (Rem.)**
By family

10:00 AM **Christopher Tumminelli, (1st Ann.),**
By family

12:00 PM **Bob Quaranta (Ann.),**
By family
Angelo Angelino (18th Birth on 3/8),
By Parents Linda & Giorgio and Brother Giorgio.

For Whom Should We Pray?

(Call for additional Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

SUNDAY	APRIL 12	8:00 AM
SUNDAY	APRIL 13	9:00 AM
MONDAY	APRIL 14	9:00 AM



Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020

Taken from "The Language of Letting Go" and recommended for re-print here in our bulletin by Fr. John La Pointe, Pastor Emeritus

LETTING GO of WORRY

What if we knew for certain that everything we're worried about today will work out fine?

What if. . .we had a guarantee that the problem bothering us would be worked out in the most perfect way, and at the best possible time? Furthermore, what if we knew that three years from now, we'd be grateful for that problem, and its solution?

What if. . .we knew that ever our worst fear would work out for the best?

What if. . .we had a guarantee that everything that's happening, and has happened, in our life was meant to be, planned just for us, and in our best interest?

What if. . .we had a guarantee that the people we love are experiencing exactly what they need in order to become who they're intended to become? Further, what if we had a guarantee that others can be responsible for themselves, and we don't have to control or take responsibility for them?

What if. . .we knew the future was going to be good, and we would have an abundance of resources and guidance to handle whatever comes our way?

What if. . .we knew everything was okay, and we didn't have to worry about a thing? What would we do then?

We'd be free to let go and enjoy life! Today, I will know that I don't have to worry about anything. If I do worry, I will do it with the understanding that I am choosing to worry, and it is not necessary.

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

Phone: (401) 232-9321
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Monday 3/30/2020 All classes canceled
Tuesday 3/31/2020 All classes canceled
Wednesday 4/1/2020 All classes canceled

First Holy Communion 2020

In the mist of the uncertainty caused by the current health crisis, and in order to provide a definitive response to questions from parents in regard to the planning and preparations that so often accompany this most important moment in a child's journey of faith, a decision has been made to postpone the celebration of First Holy Communion, as previously scheduled for May 2, 2020, until a later date that is yet to be determined. Once we begin to receive information in regard to being able to resume our gatherings inside the church for communal worship and prayer, we will reach out to parents and begin looking at the parish calendar.

Confirmation 2020

According to communications from the Diocese of Providence, all previously scheduled celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation have been suspended through Easter Week. In regard to the Celebration of Confirmation for the young people of our parish, as previously scheduled for May 3, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence, no definitive information has been made available at this time. As additional information is provided by the Office of the Bishop, be assured that it will be shared with you.

Faith Formation

At this time, in an effort to keep our parish families connected to our community of faith, emails are being sent to parents providing lessons, activities and suggestions for each grade. Any questions please email me and I will answer you as soon as possible.

In Your Home/ In The Domestic Church

Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today's Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33 b-45. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. - Sunday Connection

Peace, Dina

Local and National Catholic Resources

During this time of distance and separation, please visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org or www.usccb.org, for resources to assist and inspire as we journey through these days of Lent in a most unfamiliar way.

DAILY READINGS**Sunday**

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or

13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

First Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



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

Parish Offices

The parish office remains open by way of telephone and email. Feel free to call (401) 232-5600 should any need – spiritual, sacramental, pastoral or otherwise - arise.

PARISH SUPPORT

A word of thanksgiving and gratitude to those of you, who during this time of crisis, disruption and uncertainty, have been able to continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish.

Your continued support is necessary and appreciated so that the ongoing regular operating expenses of the parish can be met.

Offerings may be sent in by mail or by way of your financial institution's electronic bill pay service. Only if you happen to be out on the road taking care of some essential need, and will be passing by, feel free to stop by using the side door of the rectory. **Please do not leave your home specifically to drop off a contribution here at the rectory.** Fr. Richard

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD SHELF!



Non-perishable food item and \$10.00 STOP & SHOP

OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Non perishable food items may be left in the vestibule of the church during the day.

Gift cards for those in need may be dropped off at the rectory.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thus far, during these difficult and challenging times, we have been able to keep the food shelf open so as to continue to be a source of support and assistance to those whom we as a parish community so generously serve in the name of Christ and His Church. At the same time, be assured that we are modifying operating procedures so as to promote the health, safety and well-being of clients and volunteers alike.

40-WEEK CLUB 2020



OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

With the health and well-being of the volunteers responsible for this parish activity in mind, the weekly drawings have been temporarily suspended.

On-Hold



Clothing Outreach Projects

In the midst of the coronavirus health crisis, with the health and well-being of those responsible for

this ministry in mind, the solicitation and collection of all clothing items has been suspended until further notice,
Fr. Richard

EASTER YOUTH CHOIR 2020



Due to the coronavirus public health crisis and the resulting uncertainty, rehearsals and preparations for the Easter Youth

Choir for 2020 have been suspended.

Passion Play 2020

Due to a limited response in regard to the invitation for more people to take part in this year's Passion Play, as well as due to the coronavirus public health crisis, preparations for this year's Passion Play have been suspended.

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all those, who over the course of many years, have given of themselves in many ways, so as to make the Passion Play a reality here at the parish. In Christ, Fr. Richard

The RI Blood Center

In the midst of the current health crisis, blood, platelets and plasma donors are still needed. Please call the RI Blood Center at (800) 283-8385 for more information on how and where you can help save a life.

Tuition Assistance

In accordance with Diocesan Policies, **Tuition Assistance is only for students in grades K-8.** With particular permission and authorization from the Bishop, tuition assistance may be available for students who attend one of the Catholic High Schools here in the diocese. ***The premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need.***

Families requesting assistance must fulfill the following requirements:

- *Must be registered in the parish (at least one full year.)
- *Must attend Mass on a weekly basis.
- *Must use the budget envelope system.
- *Must show family involvement in parish programs/ministry.
- *Must submit the FACTS form through the school's Financial Aid Office

Please fill out a separate form for each child in a household. If you need an application sent to you, please call the Rectory at 232-5600. **Applications should be completed and returned to the Rectory by April 1st.**

2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL



Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have already responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin or from me. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

Our parish goal is \$70,000 – a goal that can only be reached with your support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.
In Christ, Fr. Richard