December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saint Anthony Church
North Providence - 353-3120
Saintanthonychurch.org

Saint Edward Church
Providence-331-4035-Parroquiasaneduardo.org

Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
North Providence-722-7140-Presentationchurchnp.org

Rev. Edward S. Cardente, Pastor
Rev. Nolasco Tamayo, Part Time Associate
Diocesan Director of Intercultural Ministries

Deacon Louis Vani
Deacon Jose Fajardo
WELCOME
If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.
If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely - with unconditional love.
If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.
If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you.
We are happy you are here and want you to stay.
We would like to share our lives with you.
Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRATIONS

SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH
Angelo Minervino, Sacristan
Weekday Masses: Monday - Thursday
8:30am in Trinity Chapel
Novena Mass: Tuesday at 8:30am
Trinity Chapel
Saturday 5:15pm
Sunday 8:00am & 11:30am
Holy Days as Announced

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Stephen Campbell, Sacristan
Saturday - 4:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am
Holy Days as Announced
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH
John Arena, Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm - Spanish
Sunday 9:00am - English
11:30am - Spanish
Holy Days as Announced

BUSINESS OFFICE
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Office Number 401-353-3120
Fax Number 401-353-5126
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY
Karleen Celona, Administrative Assistant
Information about the Sacrament of Marriage
Ministry to the Sick and Dying and Sacramental Records
Bulletin Submissions Email to pbvm1912@gmail.com by Tuesday 9am

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED
Saint Anthony Kitchen – Michelle Dilorio 714-7253
Saint Anthony Mobile Lunch - Stephen and Louise Bello 556-5129
Saint Edward Food & Wellness Center - Lori Porcaro, Director, 1001 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI
Holy Family Home for Women and Children
Ernest Spaziano, Director 304-7744; hfhpav@gmail.com
Mary’s Meals to the Poor - Leslie Corneau 545-5698

CONVENT
Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy
2 Pope Street, North Providence, RI 02904

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Saint Anthony Parish Center 401 353-5215
Maryann Pallotta, Elementary Coordinator
Michelle Ficocelli - Jr. High Coordinator & Confirmation Coordinator
Mary Esther Watson - Rite of Christian Initiation - Adults
Sr. Carol Ann Murray, RSM - First Eucharist Coordinator
Information about Infant Baptism, Adult Sacraments, becoming Roman Catholic (RCIA)

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE
Saint Anthony Parish Center 353-5216
Gian Perrotta - Coordinator
Tom Malloy - CYO Basketball

ABBA-AVE PRAYER MINISTRY
401 353-3059

SAINT EDWARD ADORATION MINISTRY
Priscilla Sayward 401-439-6152

MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR
Toby Andrews - 401-353-3120

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
Contact—Monica700@verizon.net
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
May the symbols of the nativity scene and the Christmas tree allow a reflection of God’s light and tenderness to enter into family life.

-Pope Francis

SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH

MONDAY DECEMBER 23
8:30 AM   Anniv - John Klutchko by Sharon & Karen

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
8:30 AM   NO MORNING MASS
12:00 AM  Midnight Mass - Music Program Begins at 11:30PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8:30 AM   NO MORNING MASS
11:30 AM  Christmas Day Mass - For the Parishioners

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26
8:30 AM   Mem - Lucille Bolduc, Claire Monfils & 1st Anniv - Armand Monfils by Monfils Family

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28
5:15 PM   Birth Rem - Dean Gallo by Tom & Betty Sacco

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29
8:00 AM   Mem - Peter Petteruti by Marisa Decristofaro & John Paterra
11:30 AM Mem - Angelo & Antoinetta Rosati
11th Anniv - Paula Anzivino by Husband & Family
6th Anniv - Patricia Pennacchia by Daughter

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28
6:00 PM   Spanish Liturgy

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29
8:30 AM   Weekly Rosary
9:00 AM   For the Parishioners
11:30 AM Spanish Liturgy

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM   - Family Vigil Mass with the Children’s Liturgy

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
10:00 AM  Christmas Day Mass - For the Parishioners

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28
4:00 PM   Rem - Melina Silva by Norma Bastone
Mem - Angelo & Dorothy Vani by Family

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29
10:00 AM  Birth Rem - Denise De Fusco Smith by Family
20th Anniv - Paul Cardin by Wife & Family
Deceased Members of the Johnson & Golden Families by Family

THE VIGIL LAMP
The Vigil Candle will burn December 28th through January 3rd as a Christmas remembrance for James and Rose Coletti by Family

REST IN PEACE
Lord, let perpetual light shine upon Lucien Spino, Viola Bombardier & Lillian Drolet
May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through Your mercy, rest in peace.

ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS
For all families who are currently using the online giving program we ask that you log into your account and update any information that has changed since you setup your initial account. This is also a good time to check your statements to see that your offering is being processed as you originally set it up. We have received notification of expired credit cards and invalid email addresses.
Also, you should only set up your account once and have your offering deducted from that account; there are a few users who set up a new account each time they make an offering. Lastly, if you have not signed up for online giving, please consider doing so. Log onto the parish website, stanthonychurch.org, click on the giving icon, choose the church you are registered at and follow the menu driven screen. The help desk for all online questions is 1-800-348-2886 ext 4.
CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF AVAILABLE CLERGY.
OTHER TIMES REMAIN THE SAME.

YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

SAINT ANTHONY YEAR-ENDED APPEAL

Letters were sent out recently to all registered parishioners requesting the customary annual donation to supplement church expenses. In particular the necessary funds that were expended for the major repairs on the church were higher than anticipated and substantially impacted our savings. Thus it is critical that funds are raised to complete the work. Unfortunately, the Grateful for God’s Providence Campaign proceeds fell well below the goal for the parish resulting in only $150,000 pledged of the $550,000 that the Diocese requested of which 40% will eventually be returned to the parish. So there is an ongoing request for contributions. Donations of $250 or more will be recognized by an engraved brick in a memorial walkway around the church. Larger donations of $500 or more will be acknowledged on a memorial wall of 12 inch square tiles mounted along the eastern wall of the church. Donors will be contacted early spring with details on the memorials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Follow Youth Ministry on Facebook

You can find us on Facebook by searching “@AEPyouthministry” to stay up to date with what we are doing!

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT ANTHONY KITCHEN MINISTRY

February 2020 marks 25 years of feeding the hungry at the bi-monthly Sunday meals served in the Parish Center. Begun by members of the Saint Anthony Finance Council as a Valentine's Day dinner for the homeless from the streets of Providence, the effort became permanent under the leadership of Gloria Mamis and her late husband Jerry. Over the years thousands of people transported by rented busses have been served a hot meal by a dedicated group of volunteers, now continued under the direction of their daughter, Michelle Di Iorio. As the anniversary approaches there is a new initiative to invite more parishioners to participate in this rewarding outreach. As there is a need to update the records so that a regular schedule can be made according to volunteer’s availability please return the coupon below as soon as convenient. Scheduling will begin after the new year and new volunteers will be personally contacted. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Name_________________________________________
Address_______________________________________
Phone___________________Email_________________
Check One:   ____________New   ____________Current

MENS PRAYER GROUP

Please consider joining us on Monday, December 23rd from 6:30pm-8:00pm, in the Saint Anthony Parish Center, as our monthly prayer group continues with Brother Ralph Bucci. All men 18+ from our tri parish community are invited to participate. Bring a friend!
SAINT ANTHONY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education Office: 353-5215

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 1 (PUBLIC SCHOOL)
RCIA for Children: If any parent has a child in grade 3 and up who has not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist and who has not previously been enrolled in our Rel. Ed. classes, please contact the Rel. Ed. Office to register his/her child’s name.

RCIA for Adults: If anyone 18 years and older has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Eucharist and Baptism, kindly call the Rel. Ed. Office for more information regarding classes.

RESPECT FOR LIFE
May the light of Jesus’ birth enflame our hearts to welcome and protect the gift of each person’s life.

2020 MASS BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE
Intentsions may be scheduled by visiting or calling the rectory between the hours of 9am - 4pm. The criteria:
1. Three different individuals will be allowed to reserve an intention at each of the weekend Masses.
2. When scheduling mass, two individuals names or two family last names will be accepted. (I.E. John and Mary Jones or the Jones and Smith Family).
3. A $10.00 offering will be accepted for each of the intentions and is due when the mass is reserved. (When mailing checks, please include the date and time of mass.)
4. One family member from each family will bring of the gifts during the offertory, if they so choose.

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK
Monday - Late Advent Weekday
Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24; Lk 1: 57-66
Tuesday - Late Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1: 67-79
Wednesday - The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14
Thursday - Saint Stephen the First Martyr
Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Mt 10: 17-22
Friday - Saint John Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1a, 2-8
Saturday - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18
Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17; Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

FALL SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

GRADES 7th & 8th: Classes will meet on Sunday’s from 10am-11:15 am followed by 11:30am Mass.

GRADE 2: First Communion Students will meet on Monday’s from 6pm to 7pm, except where the classes meet on the following Sunday’s at 8am: 10/20; 11/17; & 12/9.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Will meet on Sunday’s from 10am-11:15am followed by 11:30am Mass.

Grades 1, 3-6: Will meet on Monday’s from 6pm to 7pm or on Tuesday’s from 3:45pm-4:45pm.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH
The registration for families with children is underway for the fall classes. There is serious concern for the spiritual welfare of our children especially during these times of cultural change wherein religion has lost its place in American Society for many people. The number of crimes committed by young people, especially the recent mass shootings, challenge the Church to continue to make every effort to provide opportunities for our children and youth to mold their identity around the Gospel of Jesus Christ which stands against hatred, racism and the many social ills that plague our society. When a person’s center is not built upon divine truth they can be misled along a false path leading to unhappiness and even self-destruction. The rampant materialism that surrounds out children can be toxic without a relationship with Jesus Christ which every responsible parent can facilitate. Every parent makes a promise to raise their children in the Catholic Faith on the day of their child’s Baptism. Commitment to the religious education programs that we offer is one way of fulfilling this obligation along with regular Mass attendance. Home study can be an option if the class schedule is a major obstacle. But to withdraw a child after they receive First Communion in the second grade is a grave injustice to that child. We encourage all parents and other family members to ensure the continuity of a child’s faith formation through the programs and opportunities offered at Saint Anthony Church for our tri-parish community.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS
Choir Practice Every Sunday @ 9a Presentation
Knitting Ministry Every Monday @ 1p Presentation
Adoration Every Thursday @ 9a Trinity Chapel
Men’s Prayer December 23 @ 6:30p Parish Center
2019 SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH
FALL RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The major project began earlier in the year with the repair job on the east wall and was continued through the fall with the repointing of the bricks, and waterproofing of the lower walls has been successfully completed. In addition, the stain glass windows on the lower level were caulked and sealed to prevent further water damage. Lombardi Construction Company was the contractor and the their skilled workers performed so diligently to complete the task. Next year they will return to repoint the upper church walls which will finish the job. What remains is the installation of new gutters around the church which need replacement. When the weather breaks in the spring new granite curbing will be installed along Pope Street to replace the existing deteriorating concrete ones. Installation of new walkways and landscaping will then follow.

SAINT EDWARD FOOD & WELLNESS CENTER NEWS

Wednesday, December 18, the new toys collected through the Holy Name Society efforts were distributed to the clients of the Food Center to give their children for Christmas, an annual tradition which so many parishioners from Saint Anthony and the Church of the Presentation have generously supported. An abundance of toys also were collected at the December meeting of the Renaissance Alliance Lodge of the Order of Sons of Italy in America under the leadership of President Joe Calabro which has also been an annual tradition. Other generous individuals have also collected toys for which we are most appreciative. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOOD CENTER IS CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS AND WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020. THE NEW HOURS OF OPERATION WILL BE FROM 10AM TO 1 PM AND 5 TO 7PM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

UPCOMING TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR 2020 AND 2021

Father Ed invites you to join him in a couple of planned trips under Saint Anthony Church for our tri-parish family. The first trip is a Washington, DC tour from May 22-26, 2020, for $899 per person, double occupancy, which includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 4 nights accommodations in a nearby hotel, 6 meals and guided tours to the White House, the National Mall and other places of interest. The trip is offered by RDC Tours. Further information will follow. If interested please call Gilda Del Monico at 232-2251. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for February 3 through 11, 2021, under the direction of Collette Tours. More information will follow and an informational meeting is planned after the holidays.

THANK YOU TO JIM HUMMEL

We are deeply appreciative of Jim Hummel’s excellent coverage of Saint Anthony Kitchen Ministry on the eve of it’s 25th anniversary in the December 15th Rhode Islander Section of the Providence Sunday Journal. There is also a seven minute video version posted at RhodeIslandSpotlight.org for your examination.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to become involved or would like more information, please fill out the information below, place the coupon in the weekend collection basket, and a representative from the ministry will contact you.

Name: ____________________________________
Parish: ____________________________________
Phone Number: _____________________________

___ Saint Anthony Mobile Lunch Program
___ Saint Anthony Kitchen Ministry
___ Saint Edward Food and Wellness Center
___ Holy Family Home for Women and Children
___ Mary’s Meals to the Poor
___ Other_____________________________________

NEW PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND CHANGES

Name: _____________________________________
Street: _____________________________________
City: _______________________ Zip: __________
Phone: _______________________

___ Saint Anthony Church
___ Saint Edward Church
___ Church of the Presentation
___ New Registration
___ Change of Address
___ New Phone Number
ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COLLEGE AND POST COLLEGE AGE MEN

This annual event will take place on Friday and Saturday, January 10-11, 2020, at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Participants will have an opportunity to be in a quiet atmosphere of prayer and reflection. As the recent Diocese of Providence Pastoral Profile has disclosed, the number of priests in active ministry has significantly decreased from 216 in 2000 to 134 in 2018, and the number may be lower this past year. Every Catholic who is concerned about the future of the church in this Diocese needs to be proactive in encouraging vocations to the priesthood. If you are aware of any young man who you believe would make a good candidate please contact Father Ed as soon as possible. Let’s all pray for and encourage vocations!

REALITIES OF THE CHURCH IN 2019

- 22 diocesan priests in active ministry are under 40 years old
- 37 diocesan priests in active ministry have more than one assignment/ministry
- 64 diocesan priests in active ministry are 60 years old or older. (Just under half of those in active ministry)
- 13 diocesan priests in active ministry aged 70 or older remain in active ministry
- 9 diocesan priests have turned or will turn 70 in 2019
- There are 13 seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence

RECENT VISIT OF 40 OF OUR CHILDREN AT THE HERITAGE HILLS NURSING CENTER IN SMITHFIELD WHERE CHRISTMAS SONGS WERE SUNG TO THE DELIGHT OF THE RESIDENTS GATHERED THERE AND GIFTS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THEM. SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LAUREA OSBORNE FOR LEADING THE MUSIC AND LYNN TZITZOURIS FOR PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT AND TO MARYANN PALLOTTA FOR ORGANIZING THE ANNUAL EVENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS AND PARENTS. ALSO INSERTED IS A FIRST GRADE CLASS AT THEIR LAST SESSION BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS BREAK.
The pressure is on to deliver. No, I’m not thinking of the Post Office, or Fed-Ex or Amazon. In these waning days of Advent 2019, what I refer to is the pressure you or I just might be feeling about any personal promises we made this pre-Christmas season to God, or family and friends with an eye to making this Christmas even more special.

Concerning God, your Advent resolution hopefully included some extra time spent in prayer. Or maybe a long-delayed confession. As to family, a renewed effort to “make it work” with some challenging member, a project that began at Thanksgiving dinner. Your kinder thoughts of him/her now translated into a Christmas card or a phone call, or gladly joining them around the family Christmas tree. As for friends, especially those geographically distant, you made some time together via Skype or texting if not a visit. As we read St. Matthew’s Christmas account today, we might note some differences in it from St. Luke’s version. They are often combined in the popular versions. Chief among them is the prominent role St. Matthew gives to St. Joseph, which Luke does not. This Matthew did for the comfort of his primarily Jewish audience. Joseph is the link with the House of David, a long-held qualification of their expected Messiah.

This happenstance gives us the perfect time to focus on St. Joseph. He is almost a forgotten saint, despite the fact that he is the foster father of Christ; the Patron of the Universal Church, and a perfect model of true masculinity. What we note also is his outstanding integrity; constant patience; and inspirational obedience. All three characteristics, far from a complete list, will be a working document for all of us to live our Catholic faith in a better way from December 25 into the fast approaching 2020. In vision rating that number is perfection at the eye doctor’s office.

I admit that notion puts some inherent pressure on us all. But like cardio exercise that is good for the heart, so truly living our faith every day is good for the soul. And I’d like to add that St. Joseph models skills that fit in with a modern context. What is “time management” other than priority adherence and obedience to a command for prayer? What is “goal setting” other than healthy obedience to a higher power? Carefully read between the lines of St. Joseph’s story. Note that it has no memorable speech but action aplenty. When St. Joseph’s virtues become part of our own biographies, they bring us the elusive joy of peace.

I close with the thought of the late Menachem Begin, former Prime Minister of Israel: “Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child, the love of a mother, the joy of a father, the togetherness of a family. It is the advancement of man, the victory of a just cause, the triumph of truth.” A blessed Christmas to you and yours.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bishop Tobin recently kicked off this year’s ‘Keep the Heat On’ Challenge, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than $2.95 million in assistance to more than 13,000 Rhode Island households. If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or log onto www.heatRI.com to make a secure credit card donation. You can also make a $10 donation by texting the word HEAT to 27722 or a $25 donation be texting the word HEATRI to 27722. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please visit the web site, www.heatRI.com, or call 401/421-7833 for additional information.

DISCERNING A VOCIATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

January 10-11, 2020 Our Lady of Providence is hosting its annual overnight retreat for men who are seniors in high school and older. The retreat director this year will be Monsignor John Darcy, pastor of St. Margaret’s Church in Rumford. If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or know of a man who you think would appreciate an invitation, please contact Fr. Brian Morris at the Office of Vocations by phone at (401) 331-1316, by email at rev.brian.morris@gmail.com, or visit CatholicPriest.com.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

The Diocese of Providence, Office of Immigration and Refugee Services, will be starting a citizenship preparation class on January 7, 2020. Please call Genesis Flores at 401-278-2532, Monday – Friday from 9am – 4pm, for more information.

SAINT GABRIEL’S CALL AT SAINT PATRICK

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.
**CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**FELIZ NAVIDAD ... ¿DIOS ERES REAL?**

-Dios, ¿eres real? susurró el niño. "Dios, habla conmigo" Y entonces una alondra del campo cantó. Pero el niño no escuchó.

-Así que el niño gritó! "Dios, háblame! "Y un trueno resonó por todo el cielo, pero el niño no escuchó.

- El niño miró alrededor y dijo, "Dios, déjame verte" Y una estrella se iluminó brillantemente, pero el niño no se dio cuenta.

- Y el niño gritó, "Dios muéstrame un milagro! "Y una vida nació, pero el niño no se dio cuenta.

- Así que el niño lloró desesperadamente y dijo: "Tócame Dios, y saber así que te encuentras aquí!" Con lo cual Dios se inclinó y tocó al niño. Pero el niño alejó a la mariposa, y se apartó sin saberlo.

Navidad será en 2 días. Los corazones de todos se preparan, los niños están tan inquietos esperando los regalos, los adultos preparando la fiesta y el jolgorio, las luces y colores están en todo su fulgor. Pero, no crees que el lenguaje de Dios es el silencio? Si hay demasiado ruido a tu alrededor Jesús estará tocando a tu puerta, a tu casa, a tu corazón, a tu familia y no te habrás dado cuenta.

Y sabes qué es lo peor? Que cuando hay tanto ruido, no se puede escuchar el tenue y modesto llamado de Dios... y termina cansándose de esperar a su puerta y debe irse... Haz silencio durante estos 20 días del tiempo de Navidad. Permite que Dios se haga el encontradizo en tus quehaceres ordinarios, en tus celebraciones familiares, en silencio al lado del pesebre, en el trabajo, en una llamada a un amigo, en una tarjeta de felicitación, en una visita al supermercado... Déjate interpelar por Dios que viene a tu vida.

Aprovecho este fin de año para hacerles llegar mi bendición especial durante este año que comenzamos. Que la paz del Señor habite en cada uno de los hogares de la parroquia. Unido al padre Eduardo Cardente y el diácono José Fajardo, quiero hacer llegar mi saludo de Feliz Navidad y próspero año nuevo a todos ustedes y que la compañía de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, acompañe nuestro sendero en este 2020 que vamos a empezar. Felicidades atodos!!!!

Rev. Nolasco Tamayo

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**HORARIO DE CELEBRACIONES NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO**

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**POSADAS 2019 ... HOGARES QUE NOS ACOLEN**

Los servidores de la Parroquia estarán animando un día de la novena en un hogar diferente. Los invitamos a todos a participar para que celebremos con entusiasmo estos 9 días previos a la Navidad. Las novenas serán a las 7.00 p.m. todos los días.

**SABADO 21:** FLIA. VELEZ  Tel. 401-390-8831  
(Cat. Infantil) 89 Winchester St, Providence, 02904

**DOMINGO 22:** LA SALLETTE SHRINE

(Diocesana) 947 Park St, Attleboro MA 02703

**LUNES 23:** FLIA. PÉREZ—MEDINA  Tel. 401-442-2713  
(Grp. Juvenil) 35 Dakota St. Providence, 02904
FELICITACIONES COMUNIDAD POR EL HOMENAJE A LA MORENITA DEL TEPEYAC

Luego de peregrinar 9 días seguidos, de acercarnos a la confesión y participar activamente en las distintas celebraciones eucarísticas que culminaron con la Solemne celebración en honor de Nuestra Señora el pasado domingo, no me queda más que agradece al Altísimo por este regalo maravilloso de Adviento.

Todos los ministerios apostólicos pusieron un enorme empeño por preparar su novena a la Virgen con gran iniciativa y cariño. Quería agradecer el grupo de Jóvenes, haciendo su homenaje a la madre de Dios y al grupo de Emaús que se sumó este año. Hubo un grupo constante de 50 a 60 personas cada día.

Los comités trabajaron con mucha dedicación. El Altar de la Virgen fue preparado de manera modesta, pero con altura y dignidad. Refiero mi agradecimiento a quienes trabajaron para elaborarlo y diseñarlo, a quienes donaron flores para decorarlo.

A todas las personas que compraron las boletas para ayudar a nuestra Parroquia durante el invierno, a quienes donaron el almuerzo, al coro parroquial por la solemnidad que le han dado a nuestra celebración. A todos sin distinción mi felicitación, mi agradecimiento. Recordemos que somos cristianos de nombre y Guadalupanos de apellido.

Fr. Nolasco Tamayo

ELABORA EL PESEBRE EN FAMILIA

Enseñemos a nuestros hijos que el Centro de la Navidad es el Niño Dios, por lo tanto, elijamos un lugar especial en nuestra sala y elaboremos el pesebre en familia, cantemos villancicos y mantengamos vivas las tradiciones. Del 16 al 24 de Diciembre, recemos las novenas y posadas.

UNA TARJETA DE NAVIDAD A TUS SACERDOTES

Durante estas fechas de Navidad qué oportuno sería enviar a nuestros sacerdotes una Tarjeta de Navidad como signo de nuestro aprecio, nuestro agradecimiento y cariño por su labor. Recuerda que ellos también son parte de tu familia. Es un detalle muy significativo. Ser agradecido es un gran don!!!

NUESTRA CO-RRESPONSABILIDAD!!!

“Cuando le das a Dios, descubres que Dios te da a ti”

El Tiempo y Talento: Gracias al comité de personas que ayudaron a limpiar el sótano después de la fiesta a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe. Gracias también a los comités de preparar y servir el almuerzo de la fiesta en honor a la Virgen la semana pasada. A todas las personas que ayudaron a recoger el altar a la Virgen y a los que ayudaron a organizar el pesebre de Navidad con mucho amor. Mil bendiciones a todos ellos. Dios les Pague!

ORACIÓN PARA ENCENDER LA CUARTA VELA:

En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo: Amén.

Oración: Al encender estas cuatro velas, en el último domingo, pensamos en ella, la Virgen tu madre y nuestra madre. Nadie te esperó con más ansias, con más ternura, con más amor. Nadie te recibió con más alegría. Te sembraste en ella como el grano de trigo se siembra en el surco. En sus brazos encontraste la cuna más hermosa. También nosotros queremos prepararnos así: en la fe, en el amor y en el trabajo de cada día. ¡Ven pronto Señor, ven a salvarnos!

Oración mientras se enciende la CUARTA vela:

Encendemos, Señor, esta cuarta luz, redoblando nuestro deseo de llegar limpios e irreprochables, a tu gran Día sin ocaso.

Oh, Dios restauranos; que brille tu rostro y nos salve. Te necesitamos, Cristo, a Ti, Luz viva y verdadera, para aclarar e iluminar los caminos que nos conduce a Ti, Camino de los caminos humanos. Enciéndenos tú, Señor, nuestras lámparas que te esperan, cargadas del aceite de nuestras mejores obras.

Que te alumbremos, como María, Aurora del Sol naciente, en nuestras palabras y obras para luz del mundo y de los hermanos. Para que así sea, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero. Todos responden: ¡Marana tha, ven, Señor Jesús!

Lectura Bíblica: (Buscar el texto en la Biblia y leerlo) Lucas 2, 1-20. Esta es palabra del Señor.

Reflexión: Entre toda la familia tratamos de responder: ¿Cómo he preparado mi corazón en este tiempo de Adviento? ¿Estoy listo para que Jesús nazca en mí?

Propósito: Ahora cada uno de los miembros de la familia expresan un propósito, con el que se comprometen durante la semana.

Final: Todos los miembros de la familia unidos rezan el Padre Nuestro, Ave María y Gloria tomados de la mano.

Los Tesoreos de San Eduardo son sus feligreses...