

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**5:15 PM Richard LaPointe (20th Ann.),*By Pat Higgins*Jim Higgins (6th Ann.),*By Pat***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Page,
Zurro and Ferretti Families (Rem.),*By family*10:00 AM John Merluzzo (7th Ann.),*By children*11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Paris
Family (Rem.),*By family*Serafin Santiago & Agueda Dastas
(Rem.),*By family***MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

9:00 AM OPEN MASS INTENTION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 59:00 AM Deceased Members of the Zeppa
Family (Rem.),*By Gloria***WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

12:10 PM Barbara McGetrick (Rem.),

*By Eleanor***THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

9:00 AM NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – The Immaculate**Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM John Raymond (Rem.),

By Ella

12:10 PM AVAILABLE MASS INTENTION

7PM Mass at St. Rocco and St. Philip

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

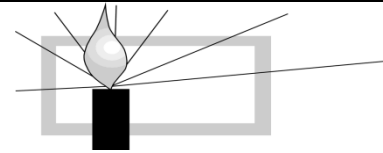
5:15 PM Donald Rossi (Birth.),

By family

Diana Lynch (Ann.),

*By family***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00 AM Adolf and Elvira Buonanno (Rem.),

*By family*10:00 AM John Asciolla (13th Ann.),*By family*Bonnie Bizier (1st Ann.),*By family*11:30 AM Guido Perrotti, Carmella and Danti
Ciccone (Rem.),*By wife and children***First Sunday
of Advent**

December 3, 2017

I lift up my soul, to you,
O my God**PASTOR'S COMMENTS**

Borrowed from Paul Turner

Ready or Not

When a new child is born, parents are excited. But they also wonder, "Am I ready for this?" Parenting carries responsibilities. A new child will cause unimaginable changes. There is never enough preparation for parenting. Eventually a parent realizes, "I'm as ready as I'll ever be." God usually provides them with the grace, wisdom and patience they seek. All the spiritual gifts they want are there.

The Christian community at Corinth was like a young family with new children. Having received the gift of faith, this community shared their determination to forge a way of life in union with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was an exciting time, but also a nervous time. They probably wondered, "Am I ready for this?"

They believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. They believed they had to prepare each day to meet Christ whenever he returned. Most importantly, as they thought about the end, the day of their Lord Jesus Christ, they wondered, "Am I ready for this?"

Paul told them yes. "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And neither are we. As we begin this Advent, filled with excitement and nervous about the weeks ahead, it is natural to wonder, "Am I ready?" You are not lacking in any spiritual gift. Open your arms and welcome Christ!

Fr. John**MASS INTENTIONS**

(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

SATURDAY	JANUARY 13	5:15 PM
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14	8:00 & 11:30 AM
SATURDAY	JANUARY 20	5:15 PM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Office Hours: 9am to 4pm.
Monday – Thursday
Phone : 232-9321
E-mail – srbccd@aol.com

Religious Education Classes

Day	Date	Grade	Time
Sun	Dec 3	7 thru 10	6:30-7:45
Tue	Dec 5	1 thru 3	4:15-5:30
Wed	Dec 6	4 thru 6	4:15-5:30

Retreat for 9th and 10th grade Jan 6 at the Rejoice and Hope on Dyer Ave Cranston from 10:00 to 3:00. This is a mandatory requirement for Confirmation.

Jesus I Trust In You

PRAISE AND THANK HIM

The Church has given us the gift of the saints to show that God does great things in people's lives. The saints, after all, were ordinary people, too. They needed to call on the Lord for help.

By actively praising God and giving thanks, our hearts will find the resting place that we so desire. Saint Teresa of Avila said this,
 "Let nothing disturb you,
 Let nothing frighten you.
 All things are passing away,
 God never changes."

Volunteer Opportunities at St. Patrick's Meal Kitchen

Many of us have so much, most of us have enough, and then there are those who struggle to maintain the basics of human existence, such as food and shelter. You can help our struggling brothers and sisters by volunteering at St. Patrick's Meal Kitchen at 244 Smith St. in Providence. We are seeking participation from St. Robert Bellarmine Confirmation students and other parishioners on the following Mondays:

- December 25 (10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)
- February 26 (3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Please contact Terry Novak at terrynovak57@msn.com or 331-7075 if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

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)

THURSDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 7:00 **PM** IN THE SACRISTY

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 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or Charon Souza (231-3962) or Eileen Morrison (349-3601)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FOOD SHELF!

The Food Shelf is in need of these items:

OATMEAL
PEANUT BUTTER/ JELLY
CANNED VEGETABLES
JARRED PASTA SAUCE
CLEANING PRODUCTS

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

Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal will begin on **Friday, December 8th** at **4:00 PM in the church**. Children in grades 3 and up are invited to participate and **parents must call Tom Roy at 232-2629 to register their children to participate. Children must attend all rehearsals.**

**THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON**

On Sunday, **December 10th at 3PM**, the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled, **'The Sounds of the Season'** in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin's **"Keep the Heat On" Campaign**. Proceeds raised from the concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at (401) 331-2434. (Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert).

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.

FUN SEEKER CHRISTMAS TRIP

We invite you to join us for a wonderful Christmas Trip December 12th. Our luncheon show is at the Carriage House in Storowton, MA located in an Old Fashioned New England-Style Village, completely decorated for Christmas where you will enjoy the warmth and joy of the season. Our Show features the very talented singer Jimmy Mazz and special guest. Menu Choice is: Yankee Pot Roast or Pasta PrimaVera. \$ 78.00
Call Buddy and Edyie at 231-7237

St. Robert Bellarmine Prayer Group

We will meet on Tuesdays, 2 times a month @ 7:30pm in the Church. Join us for prayer, faith sharing and scripture study. **Call Joanne Fede at 465-9916 for details.**

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Fundraising team Raging through the Ages wishes to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our 10th Annual Holiday Bazaar. An astounding number of parishioners, family members, and friends came forward to donate prizes, food concession items, and baked goods, as well as to volunteer their time. So many of you stopped by to show your support. All of this contributed to a successful, enjoyable event. It is our pleasure to report that we were able to raise \$4,200.00 for the St. Robert Bellarmine Food Shelf. An extra special thank you is extended to Father John, as well as to our parish secretary, Diane Mosca.

Misery Meets Mercy

When you approach the confessional, know this: that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this font of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of graced inundate humble souls (Diary of Saint Faustina, #1602). Think about God's mercy waiting for you...and consider going to Confession anytime, all-day, **from 8:30 AM to 3 PM at Saint Philip Church in Greenville on Saturday, December 16th.**

Advent Retreat: "An Incredible Love Story," a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

Women's Weekend Retreat: "The Story of My Life" at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA January 12-14, 2018. For more details, contact Peggy; see above contact information.

"The La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro is the location for a bi-weekly support group for separated and divorced persons. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday December 5th from 7pm-8:30pm and subsequent meetings will be held every other Tuesday evening**. For more information or for directions, please contact **Dottie at 508-642-1928** or dojale@icloud.com."

WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD FOR

CHRISTMAS 2017



**THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE NON-
PERISHABLE ITEMS WE WOULD APPRECIATE
WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT MONETARY DONATIONS
AND/OR GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR TURKEYS.**

**STUFFING MIX
CANNED GRAVY
FRUIT COCKTAIL
YAMS**

**We are preparing for an increase over the
requests
received last year.**

**Please bring your items or
donations in by Sunday, December 17th**



**Unwrapped gifts should be placed in the lobby by
December 14th (at the latest). Please put the
amount on the card when giving a Gift Certificate.
**YOUR GENEROSITY IS TRULY APPRECIATED
BY THOSE IN NEED****