

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

5:15 PM Mickey and Vincent Langella (Rem.),  
By family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:00 AM Paul Tessier (Birth.),  
By daughter

10:00 AM Frank and Eleanor Chiello (Rem.),  
By family  
Pasco 'Pat' Razza (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By family

11:30 AM Michael & Angelina Capobianco  
(Ann.),  
By family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

9:00 AM Levi and Thomas Kelley (Rem.),  
By Wini and Marie  
John Bilobram, Sr. (Ann.),  
By Ann and John

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

5:15 PM OPEN MASS INTENTION

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:00 AM OPEN MASS INTENTION

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

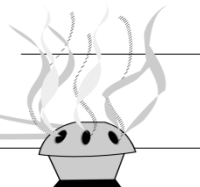
11:30 AM Anelia Masterson (Rem.),  
By family  
Robert Habershaw (Birth.)  
By family



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**  
**LOCAL WEEKDAY MASS**  
**SCHEDULE**

St. Rocco's Church, Johnston -7:00 AM  
Our Lady of Grace Church, Johnston -8:00 AM  
Holy Cross Church, Prov.-9:00AM (Tues./Thurs.)  
St. Thomas Church, Providence -7:30 AM  
St. Philip Church, Greenville- 8:00 AM

*Epiphany*



## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Lord, every nation on  
earth will adore you.

### PASTOR'S COMMENTS Borrowed from Paul Turner

#### Caravans of Camels

About those camels, we're not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, elephants, or by camel—but we just don't know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah's prophecy. He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem, and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!" he proclaims. "Your light has come."

In Matthew's story, the magi realize that Jerusalem's light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense. Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When we see the magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope.

**Fr. John**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)  
The following dates and times are available

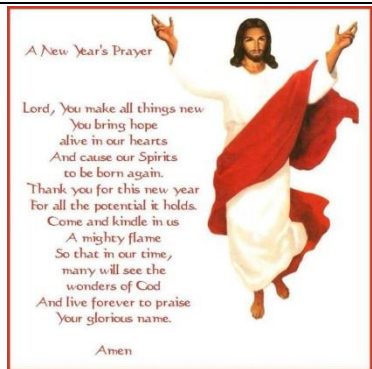
SATURDAY	JANUARY 20	5:15 PM
SUNDAY	JANUARY 21	8:00 & 11:30 AM



**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	Jan 7	7 and 8	6:30-7:45
Tue	Jan 9	1 thru 3	4:15-5:30
Wed	Jan 10	4 thru 6	4:15-5:30



Jesus I Trust In You

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control ( Galatians 5:22-23). Even though the Disciples suffered persecution, they were filled with joy. One would have expected them to be depressed or angry or resentful. The very fact that they responded to persecution with joy is a sign that the Spirit was guiding their actions. We can use that same test with our own words and actions."

Rev. Jude Winkler, O.F.M.

**MR. ROB MANZO**

## 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 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday** Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**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) or Eileen Morrison (349-3601)

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FOOD SHELF!

The Food Shelf is in need of these  
items:

**PEANUT BUTTER/ JELLY**

**JARRED PASTA SAUCE**

**BOX PASTA**

**SOUP**

**CLEANING PRODUCTS**

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

**CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## 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.

### 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.**

The ***Spirituality for Everyday Living*** mini-retreat series will begin the New Year with **"Follow Your Bliss"** led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*. It will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required.

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**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 at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net).

For more information, visit [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://www.timeoutretreats.com).

### Storm Days!

During the winter months whenever JOHNSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSES are cancelled our weekday Mass will also be cancelled. If there is an intention for that Mass it will be honored by the priest celebrating a private Mass rather than trying to reschedule another date



**Nations shall praise you**

### Are You Listening to "Relevant Radio"?

Turn to 550 AM for truly Catholic radio station, reporting news about our faith from around the world as well as featuring talks, interviews, presentations and prayers relevant to all Catholics. Want to grow in your faith? Listen to "Relevant Radio" daily!

***If you keep on saying things are going to be bad, you have a good chance of being a prophet.—Isaac Bashevis Singer***

Many of us have the habit of taking a negative outlook on whatever comes along. We don't believe things will work out for us; we don't think we will have a good day; we can't accept our friends' warm feelings. To follow this gloomy path is a strange distortion of faith—it is faith in the negative. Any forecast, whether hopeful or pessimistic, is a step into the unknown. So why do we choose the dark one?

We get a payoff for our pessimism which keeps us hooked. It creates misery, but serves our demand for control. There is more risk in being open to something positive because we cannot force positive things to occur. We can only be open to them and believe in the possibility. But when we predict the negative and expect only bad things, we squelch many good things or overlook them. Then we say, "I knew it would be this way," and in our misery we satisfy our self-centered craving to be in charge. When we surrender our need to be in control, we are more open and welcoming of the good things that come our way.

***Today, I will be open to the good that is around me.***

### A Thought for the New Year

Life is not just a search for happiness. Happiness is a by-product of living the right kind of a life, of following God's Will and of doing the right thing. In this New Year ahead do not just search for happiness, instead search for right living and happiness will be your reward. Life is sometimes a march of duty during dull, dark days. But happiness will come again, as God's smile of recognition of your faithfulness. True happiness is always the by-product of a life well lived.

**Man, you don't mess around when you're hungry!"**

Have you heard about the little boy who loved going to church? He enjoyed the music, the stained glass windows, the homily and the fellowship. The only part about going to church that the little boy didn't like, were those long personal prayers which the pastor added to the intercessory prayers!

Then on Christmas, the little boy's parents invited the pastor home for lunch... and would you believe it, his mom asked the minister to pray the prayer of thanksgiving before the meal. "Oh, no," thought the little boy, "We will never get to eat. I am starving and he will pray forever."

But to his surprise, the pastor's prayer was brief and to the point. He said, "Oh Lord, bless this home. Bless this food, and use us in your service, in Jesus name. Amen." The little boy was so astonished by the pastor's short prayer that he couldn't help himself. He looked at the pastor and blurted out what he was thinking: "Man, you don't mess around when you're hungry!"

Well, I don't want to "mess around" on this Sunday morning before Christmas because I know that whether we realize it or not... we are hungry. We are all hungry for God. We are all hungry for our Savior. We are all hungry for Christmas... because, you see, this is precisely what Christmas is all about.

We need a Savior, we are starved for a Savior, and a Savior is given in Jesus, and the name "Jesus" means literally "The Lord is Salvation," or "Yahweh Saves," or "Savior." Jesus came at Christmas to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He came to save us from our sins.

