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"So, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him..."

Colossians 2:6

## **Pastor**

Fr. Richard A. Narciso

## **Pastor Emeritus**

Fr. John LaPointe

## **Deacon Assistant**

Joseph Tumminelli



## **Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday Vigil**

5:00PM

### **Sunday Morning**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

### **Weekdays and Holy Days**

As announced in bulletin

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to Noon

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

## **Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization**

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### **Director of Music**

Tom Roy

### **Parish Secretary**

Diane Mosca

### **Business Manager**

Sandra Rainone

## **Sacraments**

**Baptism** Please call Parish Office for registration

**Marriage** Please call the Parish Office one year prior to setting any dates for Ceremony or Reception.

**Confession** Please contact the parish priest to arrange a time and place

**Ministry to the Sick** Parishioners who are confined to home due to illness or age, may call the Parish Office for home visits.

**Priestly and Religious Vocations** Call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 401-331-1316

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, December 4****5:00 PM Richard LaPointe (24<sup>th</sup> Ann.),***By Pat Higgins***Jim Higgins (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.),***By Pat***SUNDAY, December 5****8:00 AM In Memory of the Innocents for whom  
life was not chosen (Rem.),***By the SRBP Rosary Group***10:00 AM Deceased Friends of Hampton Place  
(Rem.), (Frank, Angelo, Bob, Ray,***Thomas, Italo, Carmella and Gracelyn)**By Don Bianco***11:30 AM Paul Godin (Birth.),***By wife Lillian***Dr. Michael Consiglio (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),***By Carol and children***MONDAY, December 6****8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Zeppa  
Family (Rem.),***By Gloria***TUESDAY, December 7****8:00 AM Gary A. Amaral, George Amaral and  
Claudia A. Lanoie (Rem.),***By mom and family***WEDNESDAY, December 8 – Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception. A Holy Day of Obligation****8:00 AM Donald Rossi (Birth.),***By wife***Andy Ceritto (Rem.),***By family***12:10 PM Anthony and Angela Ditri (Rem.)***By family***7:00 PM Angelo and Alzira Louro (Rem.)***By family***THURSDAY, December 9****NO MASS SCHEDULED****FRIDAY, December 10****8:00 AM Angelina Vinagro (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),***By Ann Marie and David***SATURDAY, December 11****5:00 PM Robert Rines (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),***By family***SUNDAY, December 12****8:00 AM Lucy Montecalvo (Birth.),***By Celeste***10:00 AM Frank & Margaret Colasanto (Rem.),***By family***11:30 AM Maria Giovanna Florio (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.),***By family*

**Pray for  
the Living and the Dead**

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During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. You and your family, might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance.

\*Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the [Act of Contrition](#). Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

*\* Please be advised that such a service IS NOT a substitute for the obligation that we all have to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year. Such a service may serve as an opportunity to make a thorough examination of conscience in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

– USCCB. Peace, Dina

### Grateful for God's Providence



Our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Per the latest update report, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$385,312.00.

**With one time gifts and the amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$250,243.00 has**

**been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$100,097.00) comes back to the parish.**

With a team consisting of Thomas Lonardo + Associates, Odeh Engineers and Garaventa Lift, plans are underway for the restroom with handicap accessibility that will be installed on the main level of the church as well as for the lift system that will make the lower level of the church accessible.

### The Year of St. Joseph Comes to a Close

On December 8, 1870, Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. To commemorate this anniversary, Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph, running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.



The Holy Father encouraged Catholics all over the world to spend the year learning more about St. Joseph and growing in devotion to him.

There was quite a media reaction when the year was announced and when it kicked off, but it has sort of

fallen off the radar for many of us. Lest the Year of St. Joseph fizzle out or fade away, here are some wonderful resources about the head of the Holy Family...

First, there are the documents about St. Joseph produced by popes over the last 100 or more years. There is *Quemadmodum Deus*, the decree of Bl. Pius IX that declared St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church. Then there is *Quamquam Pluries*, the encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIII on devotion to St. Joseph. Pope Benedict XV also wrote a letter, a *motu proprio*, on devotion to St. Joseph, titled *Bonum sane*. St. John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Exhortation on the Person and Mission of St. Joseph in the Life of Christ and of the Church, a masterwork of devotion to Our Lord's foster father, called *Redemptoris Custos*, as well as an Apostolic Letter on the 150th anniversary of Pius IX's declaration of Joseph as Universal Patron, titled *Patris Corde*. Excerpt from: <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2021/08/23/resources-for-the-final-months-of-the-year-of-st-joseph/>

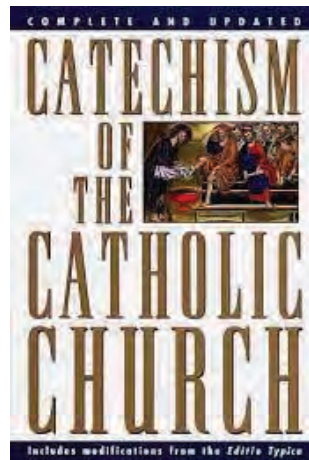
### Baptisms Celebrated in November 2021

We extend our prayer-filled congratulations to *Alexander Liam King, Gwen Evelyn Riely and Lorenzo Leo Caputo* who were baptized here at our parish during the month of November. With the support of their parents and godparents, as well as this community of faith, may they grow ever-more completely in what it means to be a faithful disciple of the Lord.

### The Precepts of the Church

**As we begin a new liturgical year, let us take a moment to be reminded of the precepts of the Church. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2041-2043), they are as follows:**

- 1... You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor
- 2... You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- 3... You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
- 4... You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence as established by the Church.
- 5... You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church, each according to his or her abilities.



### A Thank You from Rhode Island Right to Life

A heartfelt thank you to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and all the generous parishioners who raised \$2,745.55 in our recent Baby Bottle Boomerang. Your generosity helps us continue providing pregnancy tests and

ultrasounds throughout Rhode Island in our Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center, and stocking the shelves of our Maternity Hope Chest to serve mothers who have courageously chosen LIFE but need a helping hand caring for their precious little ones, whether it be diapers and wipes, clothing and blankets, bassinets and strollers, and many other must have items. May the Good Lord bless you many times over for your generosity. If you have not yet returned your bottle, please do so no later than next weekend.





Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

*Closed for Lunch:**12:00 PM – 12:30 PM*

All parish offices will be  
closed on Fridays, Weekends and Holidays.

Daily Readings**Second Sunday of Advent****Sunday**

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Monday**

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

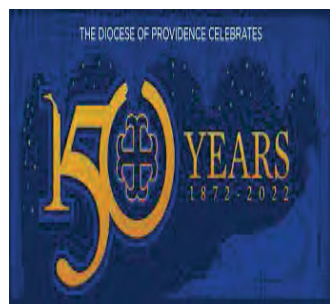
**Friday**

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Diocese of Providence 1872 – 2022



“The Sounds  
of the Seasons”

This Sunday, December 5  
at 3 p.m. the Gregorian  
Concert Choir and  
Festival Orchestra,  
conducted by Rev. Msgr.  
Anthony Mancini and Mr.  
Philip L. Farone, organist,

will perform a concert entitled “The Sounds of the Season” in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas. This special event is a part of the celebration of the diocese's 150th Anniversary and will benefit Bishop Tobin's 'Keep the Heat On' Challenge.

For advance tickets or additional information, please contact the Cathedral Office at 401-331-2434. All proceeds from the concert will help struggling families stay warm this winter. Tickets are \$10.00 and will also be available at the door the afternoon of the concert.

Security provided. Of note: This special concert has been scheduled in place of the 2021 Vienna Boys Choir concert, which was postponed to December 2022.

**PARISH  
SUPPORT**November 20/21 and 27 /28Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online GivingWeekly Offering: \$5,895.00/\$5,521.00 - **\$ 944.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$298.00/\$295.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$256.00/\$80.00 - **\$75.00**

Thanksgiving: \$200.00

Human Development: \$848.00/**\$100.00**

A word of gratitude to those who continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish. Your support is not only appreciated but also necessary to meet the ongoing regular operating expenses of the parish.

Offerings may be made during Mass, dropped off at the rectory, sent in by mail or forwarded by way of your bank's electronic bill pay service.

Online giving continues to be an option here at the parish. To begin taking advantage of this option, click on the link for “ParishSoft Online Giving” found on the homepage of the parish's website -[www.strobertsparish.org](http://www.strobertsparish.org)



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Christmas 2021

As we have done in past years, we are once again sponsoring a *Giving Tree Program*. Tags with requests for particular items as well as for gift cards will be available after all

Masses. Please return unwrapped gifts with tag attached by 12/17. We thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity and support.

**The following food items are needed for Christmas Food Baskets: Stuffing mix, Turkey Gravy, Fruit Cocktail, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Green Beans, Peas**



## 40-WEEK CLUB 2021

### OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week 40 - \$40.00 Raymond Arruda Captain: Pat Higgins

**Congratulations** to the following winners of the 40-Week Club Raffle:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$1,000 - #123 Barbara DiCarlo

6<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$40 - #277- David Souza

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500 - #161 - Bill Holtmann

7<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$40 - #116 - Carolyn DePasquale

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$250 - #202 - Bev Mello

8<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$40 - # 126 - Carol DiChiaro

4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$100 - #187- Frank Manni

9<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$40 - #176- Debra Kline

5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$100 - #205- Sal Mosca

10<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$40 - #202- Bev Mello

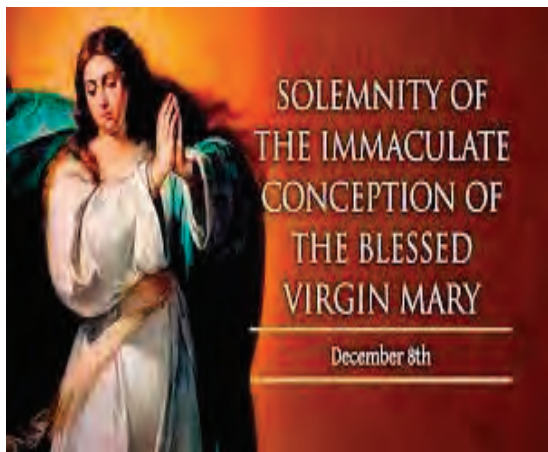
**Special Thanks to Ann Toolan, Pat Higgins, Judy D'Itri and the Captains for all of their hard work.**



### Pray for the Recently Deceased

We wish to extend our sympathies and condolences to the family members and friends of Robert Lebrun who recently transitioned to eternal life. May he rest in peace, and may those who loved and cared for him find comfort and consolation in the promises of Christ.

### December 8<sup>th</sup> -The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



#### *What is the Immaculate Conception?*

The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That's what "immaculate" means: without stain.

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word *kecharitomene*. It therefore expresses a characteristic quality of Mary. The grace given to Mary is at once permanent and of a unique kind. *Kecharitomene* is a perfect passive participle of *charitoō*, meaning "to fill or endow with grace." Since this term is in the perfect tense, it indicates that Mary was graced in the past but with continuing effects in the present. So, the grace Mary enjoyed was not a result of the angel's visit. In fact, Catholics hold, it extended over the whole of her life, from conception onward. She was in a state of sanctifying grace from the first moment of her existence. *Source:*

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/immaculate-conception-and-assumption>



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