

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

5:15 PM **Ida & Omer Palardy (Ann.),**  
*By daughter and family*  
**Luigi & Rosa Treglia (Ann.),**  
*By daughter, son and family*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:00 AM **Pauline Laliberte (Rem.)**  
*By brother, Maurice*  
**Marie-Therese Roesch (Rem.),**  
*By Fred and Pat Veltri*

10:00 AM **John Ascioffa (14<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**  
*By family*  
**Frank & Margaret Colasanto (Rem.),**  
*By family*

11:30 AM **Deceased Members of the Devine  
 and LaCroix families (Rem.),**  
*By Carole*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9:00 AM **Mary Cournoyer (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**  
*By Claire and Lillian*  
**Lisa Furia (Birth.),**  
*By Lucille*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

9:00 AM **'For the Healing of Fr. John'**  
*By Lorraine*  
**George Letizia (Rem.),**  
*By family*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

12:10 PM **Sabina Izzo (Rem.),**  
*By Rosemarie*  
**Frank Russo (13<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**  
*By daughter*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20****NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9:00 AM **Katie Coughlin (Birth.),**  
*By friends*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**

5:15 PM **Claire Tumminelli (Ann.),**  
*By family*  
**Louis & Bessie Acciaro and Donna  
 Acciaro Meith (Rem.),**  
*By family*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**

8:00 AM **Christopher & James Shepard (Birth.  
 & Christmas Rem.),**  
*By family*

10:00 AM **Laurie Parrillo (Rem.),**  
*By mom and family*  
**Madeline & Eugene Blanchette  
 (Rem.),**  
*By family*

11:30 AM **Ange Ishimwe (Rem.),**  
*By Lillian and family*

**The Third Sunday  
of the Season of  
Advent**

December 16, 2018

Great is the Holy One of Israel!

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS**  
Borrowed from Paul Turner**Lessons Learned**

When punished children finally get permission to play, they take new delight in their freedom. They learn the importance of good behavior. They also learn that parents have authority that can be used for punishment or release. If parents have done their job well, children learn that both punishment and release happen because of their parents' love.


When ancient Israel ended up in exile, the people interpreted their loss as punishment for their sins. They had not listened to God. They had not been faithful to the covenant. In their punishment, they learned the importance of good behavior. They also learned that God had authority over them, that God would remain faithful to the covenant, and that their behavior carried consequences.

Imagine the freedom they felt at these words from Zephaniah: "The LORD has removed the judgment against you." Their time of punishment was over. They could return to their homeland to worship, to work, to reunite with family—and to play. God gave them release.

Children who delight in freedom sometimes miss another truth: Their parents are happy, too. When punishment is over and children are free, parents are proud that their children have grown.

God does not take delight in what we experience as punishment. God takes delight in the lessons we learn and in the love we share when we are free.

**Fr. John**



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
 Week of December 16 – December 22  
 "In Memory of"  
**Frank & Margaret Colasanto (Rem.),**  
*By family*



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

**Religious Education Classes**

Day	Month	Grade	Time
Sun	Dec 16	9&10	6:30 – 7:45
Mon	Dec 17	7&8	6:30 - 7:45
Tue	Dec 18	1 thru 3	No Class
Wed	Dec 19	4 thru 6	No Class

**Volunteer Opportunity**

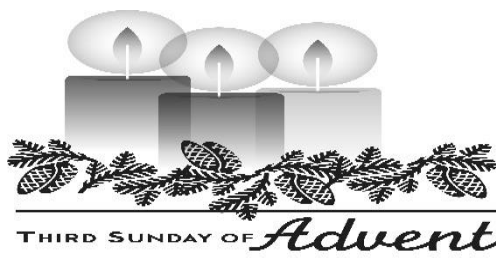
You are invited to serve as Christ did by joining fellow parishioners at Mary House meal kitchen, housed at St. Patrick's church and school in Providence. We will be sharing the love and compassion of Christ by serving meals and a friendly presence to those in need. Please contact Terry Novak if you are able to serve on any of the following dates. Terry will share specific information at that time. Email is preferred--terrynovak57@msn.com--but you may also call 331-7075. Many blessings come to those who serve!

**Monday, January 21 (3:30-6:00)**  
**Monday, February 25 (3:30-6:00)**

"When we generously accept God's Word, especially in the Commandments, we are doing God's Will in all things. To live the Will of God is the greatest sacrifice and personal denial."

Rev. Thomas J Donaghy, p. 17

**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** Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Monday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

**Tuesday** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

**Wednesday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

**Thursday** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

**Saturday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56



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:**

- TUNA**
  - PASTA/ JAR SAUCE**
  - PEANUT BUTTER / JELLY**
  - CANNED VEGETABLES**
  - RAMEN NOODLES**
  - CLEANING PRODUCTS**
  - \$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**
- Thank you for your generosity!**



**Outreach, Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry**

What a wonderful response we have gotten from our St. Robert's parish. Since this is an ongoing ministry, please continue to be generous. The poor and homeless need winter coats, hats, white socks, blankets and other winter clothing. Please bring clean items to church and leave them in the vestry. If you or a friend are in need of a comforting touch, Please call Carolyn at 231-5864 and she will leave the item requested with your name on it in the vestry. We recently started our lap blanket ministry for the residents at Cherry Hill Nursing Home. If you'd like to knit, crochet or work with fleece, please consider making a lap blanket. The sizes needed are 36 x 36, 35 x 40. Fleece blankets should be double sided for warmth. These too, can be left at the vestry. Please add your name and address so that we can thank you.



**Unwrapped gifts** should be placed in the lobby. Please put the amount on the card when giving a Gift Certificate.  
**YOUR GENEROSITY IS TRULY APPRECIATED BY THOSE IN NEED!**

Please join us for the 6th Annual Nativity Lighting at the Rhode Island Statehouse (in the Rotunda area) on Wednesday, December 19th from 3 to 4 pm! We'll light our beautiful Nativity Scene, celebrating the coming birth of Christ who is the Light of the World! We'll sing holy Christmas carols and eat delicious Christmas cookies donated by Buono's Bakery! This event is presented by the Joy to the World Nativity Committee, and is sponsored by The Thomas More Society, **Relevant Radio** and **The Rhode Island Catholic!** The event is free!

**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. Rocco Church, 927 Atwood Avenue, Johnston RI 02919, will host **A Journey Through the Nativity** on **Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 P.M.** The music ministry, under the direction of Christopher A. Caramello, will present a concert of Advent and Christmas music in the languages of English, Italian, and Latin. The event will feature the parish choir and soloists accompanied by a brass and string ensemble. Admission is free and a reception will follow. For further information please call 401-692-5270 or write to [musicaasanrocco@gmail.com](mailto:musicaasanrocco@gmail.com).

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift" writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**Christmas Food Baskets**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING. WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT MONETARY DONATIONS OR TURKEY GIFT CERTIFICATES.**  
**STUFFING MIX**  
**CANNED TURKEY GRAVY**  
**FRUIT COCKTAIL**  
**CANNED YAMS**  
**JARRED PASTA SAUCE**

**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!

**Meditation for the Day**

Each new day brings an opportunity to do some little thing that will help to make a better world, that will bring God's kingdom a little nearer to being realized on earth. Take each day's happenings as opportunities for something you can do for God. In that spirit, a blessing will attend all that you do. Offering this day's service to God, you are sharing in His work. You do not have to do great things. Pray today that you may do the next right thing, the unselfish thing, the loving thing. Pray that you may be content with doing small things as long as they are right.



Christmas Season  
Schedule **2018**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

**\*4:30 PM** – OUR YOUTH CHOIR WILL SING AT THIS MASS

**\*10:30 PM** – OUR ADULT CHOIR WILL SING AT THIS MASS

*CHRISTMAS CAROLS WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 PM*

LITURGY AT 10:30 PM

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

MASS WILL BE OFFERED AT **10:00 AM** ONLY

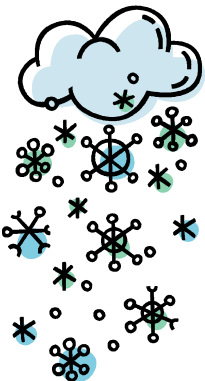
**TUESDAY - JANUARY 1 –NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

MASS WILL BE AT **10:00 AM**

Let us Keep Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus then, and truly welcome  
Him into our homes as Savior this Christmas!

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**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FROM**  
**DECEMBER 26, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2019**



Weekday Masses are scheduled for **WEDNESDAYS**  
**ONLY** at 9 AM but will be cancelled whenever school is  
cancelled in Johnston due to storms.