

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:15 PM Vincent Langella (Rem.),
By family
Christopher Lautieri (Christmas Rem.),
By Betty and Gene Costantino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM Peter & Elena Amoriggi (Rem.),
By the Melis family
10:00 AM Herman Autotte (Rem.),
By Janet and Joe Zeman
Viola Maccarone (Month's Mind),
By family
11:30 AM Lori Bennett (Month's Mind),
By family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 – NEW YEARS DAY

10:00 AM Joyce Cady (1st Ann.),
By Ann and John
Peter Nardone (Rem.), *By family*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 AM Liberina Marcello (Birth.),
By Ann and John
Michael Blair (Birth.),
By the Pezzatti family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4


NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

5:15 PM Eleanor and Frank Chiello (Rem.),
By family
Judy Dimitri (3rd Ann.)
By Fran, John and Maureen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM Paul Tessier (Birth.), *By family*
10:00 AM Pascco 'Pat' Razza (8th Ann.),
By family
Anthony J. Caciccia (9th Ann.),
By wife Joyce
11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION



Sanctuary Lamp
Week of December 30 – January 5
"For the Intentions of"
Jessica Hoxsie
By Yolanda

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	JANUARY 6	11:30 AM
SUNDAY	JANUARY 13	8:00 AM

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 30, 2018

Give thanks to the Lord,
 call on His Name!

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Borrowed from Paul Turner

The Forgiving Family

The Christian family is a symbol of forgiveness and love. Every family has its rough spots. Within one family not everyone believes the same and prays the same. Some show love comfortably, others with embarrassment. Some naturally look out for someone else; others are concerned about themselves. Some boast about their accomplishments, others are humble. Some have old hurts that still ache, others have healed and forgiven. Families are not perfect, but they are designed for love.

On Holy Family Sunday, we remember that the model of family love is the love that Christ gives us. The Letter to the Colossians says, "As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

All society is a symbol of forgiveness and love. At least it should be. God loved us all enough to send Jesus into the world. He came to save us. We do not always respond to this love the way that we should. But at least we have a model for what love is like. It is compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Within the world, we have our differences, but we hold this in common: the ability to live in peace and the grace of God's forgiveness.

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness, Christ, our redeemer. We try to imitate that forgiveness as individuals, as families, and as a community. If the forgiving Christ dwells in each family, each family will bring forgiveness to the world.

Fr. John



FOR YOUR INFORMATION
LOCAL WEEKDAY MASS
SCHEDULE

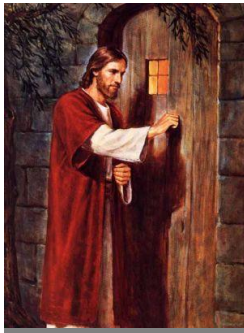
- St. Rocco's Church, Johnston –7:00 AM**
- Our Lady of Grace Church, Johnston –8:00 AM**
- Holy Cross Church, Prov.-9:00AM (Tues./Thurs.)**
- St. Thomas Church, Providence –7:30 AM**
- St. Philip Church, Greenville– 8:00 AM**



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-30	9&10	No Class
Mon	Dec 31	7&8	No Class
Tue	Jan-1	1 thru 3	No Class
Wed	Jan-2	4 thru 6	No Class



"O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me."
 — St. Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

ROB MANZO

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. Please contact Terry Novak if you are able to serve on any of the following dates. 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)

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 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or, for Year C, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

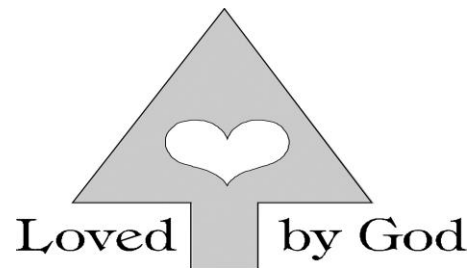
Thursday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

First Friday 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

First Saturday 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51



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:

- TUNA**
- PASTA/ JAR SAUCE**
- PEANUT BUTTER / JELLY**
- CANNED VEGETABLES**
- RAMEN NOODLES**

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Outreach, Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry

A great big thank you to all who donated hats, scarfs, gloves, afghans, blankets, socks, coats, hoodies, body warmers, sheets, pillows, etc to our poor and homeless population. Through your generous donations, you have brought comfort to others and touched their hearts with your caring. Keep up the good work!

Save the Date

Please consider giving the Gift of Life at our Blood Drive to be held here on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

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.

Father Farrell E. "Mac" McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Meditation for the Day

Give something to those who are having trouble, to those whose thoughts are confused, something of your sympathy, your prayers, your time, your love, your thought, your self. Then give of your own confidence, as you have had it given to you by the grace of God. Give of yourself and of your loving sympathy. Give your best to those who need it and will accept it. Give according to need, never according to desserts. Remember that the giving of advice can never take the place of giving of yourself.



The Rectory and CCD Offices will be closed on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 in observance of the New Year

Good Advice to Begin the Year

Lord, keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.
 Release me from wanting to control everyone's affairs.
 Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details—
 give me wings to get to the point.
 I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains.
 Help me to endure them with patience, but seal my lips on my own aches and pains—they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
 Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.
 Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint; some of them are so difficult to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.
 Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people.
 And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity to not use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Prayer for the Hurried

Lord, slow me down.
 Ease the pounding of my heart by quieting my mind. Steady my hurried pace. In the confusion of my day give me the calmness of the everlasting hills.
 Break the tension of my nerves and muscles. Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep.
 Teach me to take minute vacations by slowing down to look at a flower or a cloud, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Remind that there is more to life than increasing speed.
 Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well.
 Lord, slow me down. Inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my great destiny



BLOOD DRIVE

St. Robert Bellarmine Church

Thursday, January 10, 2019

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Bloodmobile

1804 Atwood Avenue, Johnston

An anonymous author made this striking comparison: "Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only 3. Yet the influence of Christ's 3-year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these men, who were among the greatest philosophers of all antiquity.

Jesus painted no pictures yet some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci received their inspiration from him. Jesus wrote no poetry but Dante, Milton, and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by him. Jesus composed no music still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach, and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in the hymns, symphonies, and oratorios they composed in his praise. Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth.

His unique contribution to humanity is the salvation of the soul! Philosophy could not accomplish that. Nor art. Nor literature. Nor music. Only Jesus Christ can break the enslaving chains of sin. He alone can speak peace to the human heart, strengthen the weak, and give life to those who are spiritually dead."

David E. Leininger