

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:15 PM Andrea Jacavone-Mancini & Steven Mancini (15th Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Laurent Mongeau ((1st Ann.),
By family

10:00 AM Mary & John Tammelleo (Rem.),
By family

11:30 AM Mark Fontaine, Leigh Ann Moreau, Stephen Libera, John Longiaru and all those lost in the Station Nightclub Fire (Rem.),
By family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:10 PM Nicholas Fede (Rem.),
By daughter Lorraine

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:10 PM 'For the Intentions of' Barbara Ronci
By Dave and Carol Acciardo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

12:10 PM Francois & Hermine Asselin (Rem.),
By Pauline
Deceased Members of the Mayor Family (Rem.),
By Eleanor and Anne

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:10 PM Desiree Marcello (Ann.),
By Auntie Ann and Uncle John
Ella Harter (Ann.),
By family

7:00 PM Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:15 PM Amato and Eva DeCesare (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 AM Roger Riccio, Jr. (Rem.),
By Bill, Cecile and family
Anthony DiChiaro (14th Ann.),
By wife and family

10:00 AM Theresa Nadeau (Ann.),
By the Nadeau family
Rocco Tella (Ann.),
By family

11:30 AM Doris Kelley (Ann.),
By family

MASS INTENTIONS

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

TUESDAY	MARCH 6	12:10 PM
SUNDAY	MARCH 11	11:30 AM

**First Sunday
of Lent**

February 18, 2018

When he calls on me,
I will answer him.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS
Borrowed from Paul Turner

The Flood of Baptism

Lent starts with ashes and ends with water. On Ash Wednesday we confessed our sin before God, and on Easter we will witness baptisms and be sprinkled again with the water that recalls our rebirth in Christ.

For those who are already baptized, Lent attempts a thorough scouring. We spend these six weeks mindful of our transgressions, penitent in word and deed, anxious to reform our ways.

For the unbaptized, these six weeks embrace a serious preparation for the mystery of new life. There is a difference between those who are baptized and those who are not, as the First Letter of Peter makes clear.

That letter compares baptism to the story of Noah's ark. The flood waters separated the saved from the sinners. The letter even notes that eight persons were saved in the ark—Noah, his three sons, and all of their wives. This is one reason why some baptismal fonts have eight sides. They remind us that within these waters sin is destroyed and the good are saved.

We begin Lent in the ash of sin, and we end it with the promise of water. As we enter this sacred time, we look forward to the saving grace that God alone gives. God freely gives it to all of us who float in an ark of hope above the waters of temptation, till we reach the shore of eternal life.

Fr. John

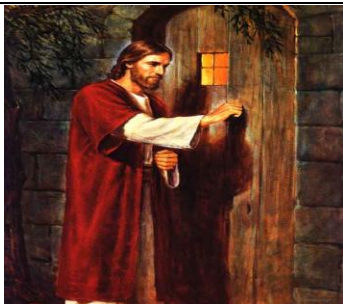




RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Office Hours: 9am to 4pm.
Monday – Thursday
Phone : 232-9321
E-mail – srbccd@aol.com

Religious Education Classes

Day	Date	Grade	Time
Sun	Feb 18	7 thru 10	No Class
Tue	Feb 20	1 thru 3	No Class
Wed	Feb 21	4 thru 6	No Class



Jesus is always knocking at the door of our Hearts. It up to us to let Him in.



It is useless to talk when things speak for themselves in such an eloquent manner. There is a clear and precise way of finding God, and we have so much need of him. There are moments in everyone's life when the need becomes acute; it is when our pride is overcome by suffering and humiliation that we finally look for God. Where can we find him? The way is clear: Where there is charity, there is love; where there is love, there is God.

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 Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



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
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS

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

Thank you for your generosity!



40-WEEK CLUB 2018

OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week # 5 Ticket # 0444

\$35 : Rose Filocco

Captain: Wini Kelley

Tickets are still available at the Rectory Office or call

Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603

All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

Chances are most of us struggle to keep up with New Year's resolutions. I don't know about you, but I've fallen behind on my spiritual resolutions already! Thanks be to God we have ASH WEDNESDAY and the Lenten season when the church calls us to return to the Lord with our whole heart, mind and soul. We have yet another chance to renew our resolve to be disciples of Jesus.

Remember **NO MEAT** on Ash Wednesday and **ALL** the FRIDAYS of Lent as a reminder of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross **FOR US**.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

"Come and view the most widely talked about Christian film of our time!"

Courageous – Honor Begins at Home

Men, Confirmation age and older are invited to a Lenten movie night sponsored by the Men of St. Joseph International & The Knights of Columbus

Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Bishop McVinney Auditorium, 43 Gavitt Way, Providence, RI.

Register at: www.mcvinneyauditorium.com/events

FUN SEEKER TRIP OPENINGS

We have 5 available places for the 9 day Canyonlands trip MAY 4-12th featuring:

Sedona, Scottsdale, AZ, Lake Powell, Monument Valley. Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park & Las Vegas. Call Edyie & Buddy Rapone if you are interested in joining us for this trip 401 231-7237. Details are listed in the booklet located on the community table in the Church Foyer.

Thank you for your support of the SOUPer Bowl of Caring collection last weekend. \$1,600.00 was donated to help feed the hungry of our community!

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!

"Lyrics of the Heart:" A women's retreat led by Peggy Patenaude and accompanied by singer-songwriters Stowegood will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham April 13-15, 2018. To register, contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. Details and a registration form can also be found on Peggy's website: www.timeoutretreats.com.

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Support the Work of the Church"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of February 24/25. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation – a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, & complaining" are not Christian virtues.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and prayerful devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be positive and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about, like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything that is non- essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to charity. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be sharers of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP driving like you "just bought the road" or the parking lot. Slow down a bit and see others around you.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only One who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ. (adapted from Craig Gates, Jackson, MS.)