

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

5:15 PM Donald Rossi (Birth.),
By family
 Diana Lynch (Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM Adolf and Elvira Buonanno (Rem.),
By family
 10:00 AM John Ascioffa (13th Ann.),
By family
 Bonnie Marie Bizier (1st Ann.),
By family
 11:30 AM Guido Perrotti, Carmella Ciccone
 and Donald Danti (Rem.),
By wife and children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM Fr. Francis Hanrahan (Rem.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM Robert H. Desmet (Christmas Rem.),
By Doris
 Ronnie Coppola (Christmas Rem.),
By Doris

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:10 PM Lucy Montecalvo (Birth.),
By family
 Frank E. St. Angelo (60th Ann.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM Fr. Arthur Bienvenue (Rem.),

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:15 PM Lisa Furia (Birth.),
By mom
 Bessie and Louis Acciaro & Donna
 Acciaro Mieth (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM John and Josephine Tutalo (Rem.),
By family
 10:00 AM Laurie Parrillo (Birth.),
By mom and family
 Frank & Margaret Colasanto (Rem.),
By family
 11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Devine
 and LaCroix Families (Rem.),
By Carol

**Second Sunday
of Advent**

December 10, 2017

Behold the Lord will come
to save the nations!

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Borrowed from Paul Turner

Delays, Delays

We wait for many reasons. We wait because others got in line before us, or because the staff is short-handed. We wait because someone hasn't come home yet, or because the soup isn't hot. Children can't wait to be treated like adults, but they must. They must wait until they mature, learning more about life, the character of others, and the character of themselves.

It is this kind of waiting—the waiting for children to mature—that is one of the characteristics of Advent.

When the Second Letter of Peter was written, people had been expecting the imminent return of Jesus Christ. He had promised to come again. His disciples believed him. Many thought they would live to see him return, but it hadn't happened yet. Now a new confusion arose. Where is Jesus? Why does he delay? What is he waiting for?

The letter says, "The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard 'delay,' but he is patient with you." Jesus is not dragging his feet because he is slow. He is taking his time because we are slow. He does not wish "that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

The day of the Lord will come, and we'd better be ready. But one reason for the "delay" is to give us time to repent, reform our lives, and awaken our expectation for Christ. That is what Advent is for.

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY	JANUARY 13	5:15 PM
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14	8:00 AM
SATURDAY	JANUARY 20	5:15 PM
SUNDAY	JANUARY 21	8:00 & 11:30 AM

**Sanctuary Lamp**

Week of December 5– December 16

"In Memory of"

Frank E. St. Angelo (60th Ann.)



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	Dec 10	7 thru 10	6:30-7:45
Tue	Dec 12	1 thru 3	4:15-5:30
Wed	Dec 13	4 thru 6	4:15-5:30

Retreat for 9th and 10th grade - Jan 6 at the Rejoice and Hope on Dyer Ave Cranston from 10:00 to 3:00. This is a mandatory requirement for Confirmation.

Jesus I Trust In You

The Sign of the Cross

What a wonderful habit it is to make the Sign of the Cross, to bring Christ to our minds and to our hearts as we carry the crosses of life on our shoulders.

With this sign, we participate in the mystery of the Trinity and are reminded that from the Father came the Son, and from them, the Holy Spirit, who gives us the strength and the knowledge to bear witness to the truth.

Volunteer Opportunities at St. Patrick's Meal Kitchen

Many of us have so much, most of us have enough, and then there are those who struggle to maintain the basics of human existence, such as food and shelter. You can help our struggling brothers and sisters by volunteering at St. Patrick's Meal Kitchen at 244 Smith St. in Providence. We are seeking participation from St. Robert Bellarmine Confirmation students and other parishioners on the following Mondays:

- December 25 (10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)
- February 26 (3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Please contact Terry Novak at terrinnovak57@msn.com or 331-7075 if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

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 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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

Tuesday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

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



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

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.

FUN SEEKER CHRISTMAS TRIP

We invite you to join us for a wonderful Christmas Trip December 12th. Our luncheon show is at the Carriage House in Storowton, MA located in an Old Fashioned New England-Style Village, completely decorated for Christmas where you will enjoy the warmth and joy of the season. Our Show features the very talented singer Jimmy Mazz and special guest. Menu Choice is: Yankee Pot Roast or Pasta PrimaVera. \$ 78.00
Call Buddy and Edyie at 231-7237

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.

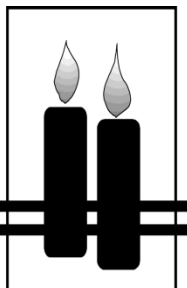
Meditation for the Day

Each new day brings an opportunity to do some small 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, we are sharing in His work. We do not have to do great things.

Pray today to do the next thing, the unselfish thing, and the loving thing. Pray to be content with doing small things as long as they are right.

Prepare the way
of the Lord



Advent Confession

Let's not allow Christmas to come and go without meeting Jesus, the Face of God's Mercy, in the Sacrament of Mercy: Confession. Speaking about Confession to Saint Faustina, Jesus said: *Just as you prepare in My presence, so also you make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in Confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light* (Diary of Saint Faustina, #1725).
Think about God's mercy waiting for you...and consider going to Confession anytime, all-day, **from 8:30 AM to 3 PM at Saint Philip Church in Greenville on Saturday, December 16th.**

Advent Retreat: "An Incredible Love Story,"

a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.
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; see above contact information.



Unwrapped gifts should be placed in the lobby by December 14th. Please put the amount on the card when giving a Gift Certificate.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS TRULY APPRECIATED BY THOSE IN NEED!

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



2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:15 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 10:00 AM ONLY

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

MASS WILL BE OFFERED AT 10:00 AM ONLY

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30/31

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY 5:15 PM

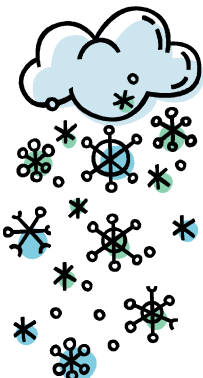
SUNDAY 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

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!

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FROM
DECEMBER 27, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5,
2018



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