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## MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 4:00 PM (Sat.) ✘ Gerald Stewart (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) *by Wife and Family*  
 ✘ Andrew Mursick (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) *by Daughter Peggy*  
 ✘ Jean Bifulco Cardarelli (Christmas Rem.)  
*by Dad and Family*  
 ✘ Ralph M. Montanaro, Sr. (Month's Mind)  
 ✘ Joanne Maggiacomo and Carlo Maggiacomo  
 (Christmas Rem.) *by Parents*  
 ✘ The Deceased Members of the McGarry  
 and O'Brien Families *by Betty*
- 8:00 AM ✘ Kathleen Blank (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 10:30 AM ✘ Thomas Kelly (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
*by Daughter and Family*  
 ✘ Marino Coletta, Giuseppe & Elvira Coletta,  
 Leandro & Pasqualina Carmosino  
 (Christmas Rem.) *by Anna*  
 ✘ June Ray (Anniv. Rem.) *by Husband & Daughters*  
 ✘ Vincent & Celia Carlino (Christmas Rem.)  
*by Family*  
 ✘ Mary Jane Meloccaro (Christmas Rem.)  
*by Daughter*  
 ✘ Fred & Betty Salzer (Birth. Rem.) *by Family*
- 5:00 PM ✘ Mario Calabrese and Tammy Calabrese  
 (Christmas Rem.) *by Family*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

*Late Advent Weekday*

- 12:00 PM ✘ Gail Pagano DiPrete (Christmas Rem.) *by Family*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

*Late Advent Weekday*

- 8:00 AM ✘ Sue Tannaccio (Rem.) *by Sister*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

*Late Advent Weekday*

- 8:00 AM ✘ Joseph Bianco and the Deceased Members  
 of the and Bianco and Marianetti Families  
 (Christmas Rem.) *by Joan*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

*Late Advent Weekday*

- 8:00 AM Parishioners of IC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

*Late Advent Weekday*

- 12:00 PM ✘ Raymond J. DePetrillo, Jr. and  
 Liberata A. DePetrillo (Christmas Rem.) *by Family*
- 4:00 PM (Vigil) Parishioners of IC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

*The Nativity of the Lord*

- 12:00 Midnight Parishioners of IC  
 9:30 AM Parishioners of IC  
 11:00 AM Parishioners of IC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

- 8:00 AM ✘ The Deceased Members of the Curti  
 and Paola Families  
 Special intention
- 10:30 AM ✘ Sr. Catherine O'Shea, CND (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) *by Family*  
 ✘ Joseph & Susan Voetter (Rem.) *by Family*  
 ✘ Philip & Beatrice Paquet (Rem.) *by Family*  
 ✘ Joseph Gagner (Christmas Rem.)  
*by Wife and Family*  
 ✘ Pauline Fabrizio (Christmas Rem.) *by Husband*  
 ✘ Anthony & Rosemarie Loberti  
 (Anniv. and Birth. Rem.) *by Family*  
 ✘ Rev. Ronald Brassard and Msgr. Albert Cerrito  
 (Christmas Rem.) *by the Ducharme Family*
- 5:00 PM ✘ Richard Morrocco (Anniv. Rem.) *by Family*

*Dear Parishioners,*

Much is always said about the “Spirit of Christmas,” especially in nearly every Christmas movie ever made. In general this refers to a “spirit of giving,” as well as hope, and sometimes charity. The quest to find the true spirit of Christmas is always in stark contrast with the consumer culture that has taken over the holiday, turning it into a season of “getting,” more than a season of “giving.”

St. John of the Cross, whose feast day we celebrated last week, understood the spiritual life in such a profound way that he was able to summarize the true “spirit” of this time of year (as well as the Christian life in general) in the following quotation:

*In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human successes, but on how well we have loved.*

This insight is most fitting for Advent in the Northern Hemisphere as we experience “twilight” so early. Indeed the shorter days are symbolic of our own final days on this earth, before we enter the “light” of eternal life.

All of this means that during Advent (as well as all year long) we are asked to remember that love and charity is what truly makes us happy and nothing else in this world. St. John of the Cross encouraged an on-going emptying of self of all earthly attachments in order to achieve a greater union with God. In the end, all of this will pass away and all that will remain are the good deeds that we practiced during life and the love we shared. Just some food for thought as we enter this final week of Advent.

Christmas is almost here. Please take a look at our Mass schedule in this weekend's bulletin—and consider joining us for the glorious Midnight Mass (it's really worth it)! Remember—this is a double obligation year, so I look forward to celebrating Christmas AND Holy Family Sunday with you next weekend. God bless you in the week ahead.

*Fr. Wilson*



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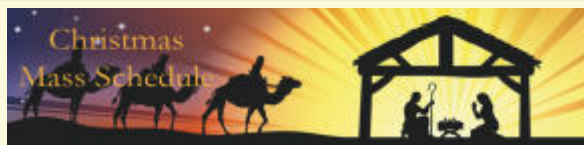
**Reminders for all  
Religious Education Students & Families**

Classes for **Grades 1-8** will continue through Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

There are **NO** classes for **Confirmation I & II** candidates this Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

There will be **NO** Religious Education classes (All Grades) on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

As part of our Religious Education program, we encourage all children and their families to attend Mass on a weekly basis. Please make every effort to attend Christmas Mass (December 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>) and Holy Family Sunday Mass (December 26<sup>th</sup>). Reminder: Confirmation I and Confirmation II candidates must sign-in for both. Please email Ms. Deanna with any questions.



**Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM & 12:00 Midnight**

All are invited join us at 11:30 PM  
for a prelude of sacred music performed by our  
ICC Choir & ICC Hand Bell Choir.

**Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

Please note: There is **NO** afternoon Mass on Christmas Day.

*A Letter of Thanks*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue in preparation for Christmas in this holy time of Advent we want to express our gratitude to all the wonderful people of your parish.

The food you donate week after week means that you care for people in need and is truly an expression of your love and compassion for others. The people we help are truly grateful for all your nonperishable food donations.

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the new year. Be assured that you are always in our prayers. Thank you for helping the people that we serve!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Gildardo Suarez

Pastor  
Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church  
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Loving Father help us remember the birth of Jesus. That we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.



Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with graceful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*Separated or Divorced Catholics*

The Diocese of Providence sponsors an on-going support group for divorced and separated Catholics at St James Chapel (Parish Center), 2079 Matunuck School House Rd, Charlestown, RI. The group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month between 7:00-8:00pm. This free support group embraces our Catholic faith and provides a peaceful place for sharing and healing, and for topics related to separation/divorce. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Peter Magnotta at 278-2517 or Fr. Paul Desmarais at 364-7214.

*Our Newly Baptized*

*Immaculate Conception welcomes:*

**Natalie Rose Remillard  
Oliver Lucas Remillard**

*May the Holy Spirit draw Natalie and Oliver  
and their family ever closer to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.*

**welcome**  
we are glad you are here!  
**to our church**



**We warmly welcome our newest ICC members:**

Karen Skurka

Linda Gallo

Stephanie Richard

David & Deborah Greengberg

Angeles & Marylou Hernaez

Evita Hernaez

Kevin & Amanda Warren  
and their son John



**ICC Women of Mary  
Holiday Gathering  
Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**



*An afternoon of prayer, lunch, & fellowship!*

Ladies, please join us on Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for Mass. Following Mass we will go to Greggs, 1359 Post Road, Warwick and enjoy lunch & fellowship. Lunch: regular menu - personal choice (individual checks); Please RSVP to 401-942-1854 no later than Monday 12/27. All are welcome to join us!

**Congratulations Calendar Club Winners!**

November 29	\$30	2490	J.L. Tangney
November 30	\$30	0434	Susan Paoella
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December 3	\$30	0534	Mr & Mrs Thomas Crouse
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December 5	\$30	1459	Alfred Monaco



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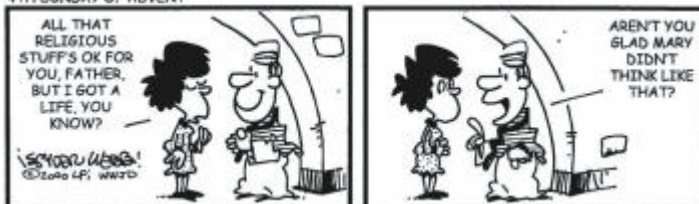
*Drawings are held each day for \$30*

*additional drawings monthly for \$100 or more!*

It's easy to be part of our daily drawings: Return the completed bottom portion of your calendar club ticket with a check and mail to our office, or drop in the offertory box in our church lobby. Please call 401-942-1854 with any questions.

**The Lighter Side**

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*"To use this life well is the pathway through death to everlasting life." - St. John Almond*

**DECEMBER 12, 2021**

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,095.00
EFT Donations.....	\$ 1,545.00
Total.....	\$12,640.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 2,098.00

*A sincere thank you for your support!*

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Regular Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mondays - Thursdays  
 Offices are closed daily from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm for lunch,

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm  
 Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 noon  
 Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am

Please respect current social distancing guidelines.

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 Wednesdays: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm



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