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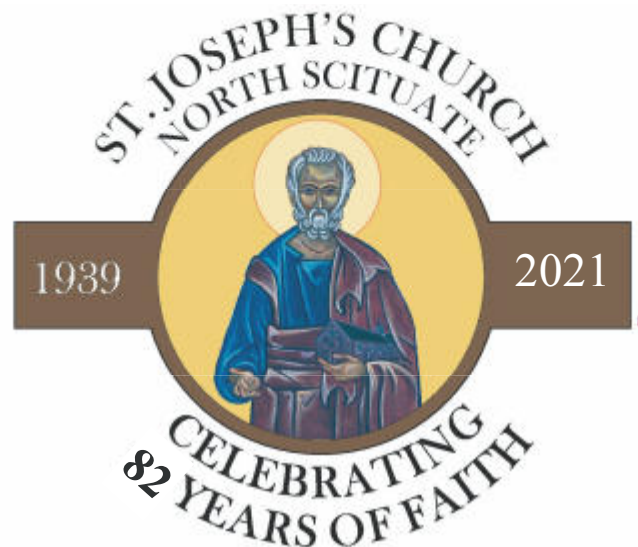
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CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM and at any other time by appointment. Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least 9 months in advance. Attendance at Marriage Preparation Course is required.

BAPTISMS:

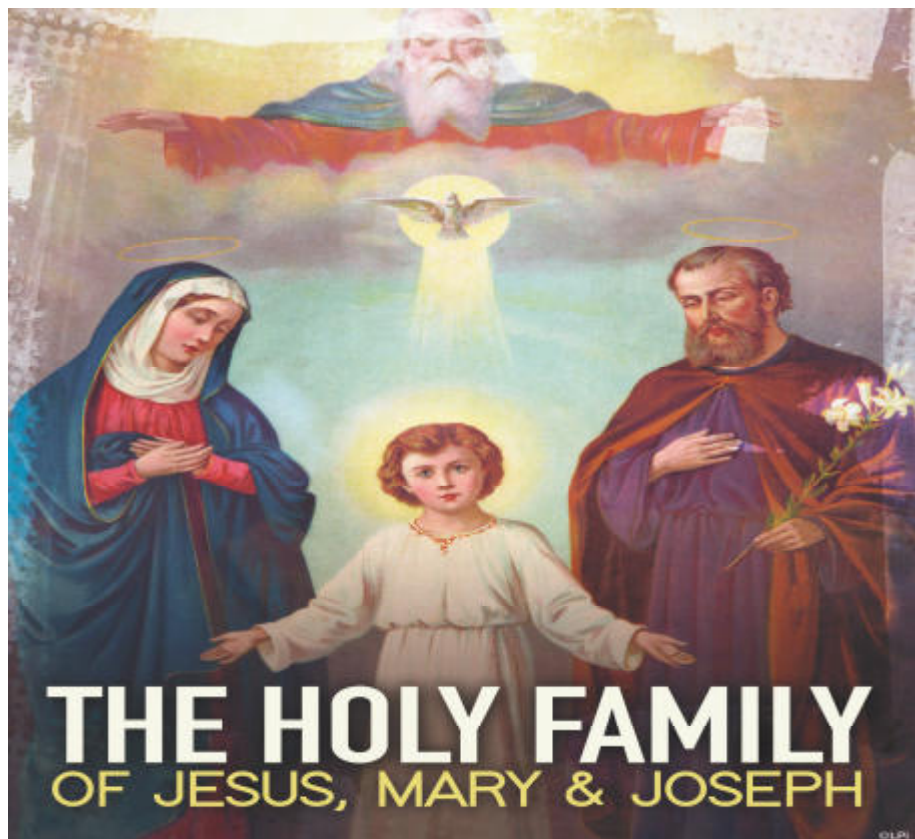
At 12:30 PM on the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory early in the pregnancy. Parents are reminded that the selection of sponsors must be made according to Canon Law.

CARE OF THE SICK:

Please advise us of anyone from your family who is sick or in the hospital or in a convalescent home that we may keep them in prayer and visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in church is asked to call so that we might share Communion with them at home.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Call the Rectory

WE WANT TO KNOW YOU AND SERVE YOU. WE WELCOME AND INVITE YOU TO BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT EACH ENTRANCE





SATURDAY, December 25

No 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day

SUNDAY, December 26

8:00 AM Intention Available
 9:30 AM Joseph Dias—Birthday Rem.
 11:00 AM Helen Kilinski—6th Anniversary and
 Joseph Yuknavich—41st Anniversary

MONDAY, December 27

830 AM Constance Mongeon, Paul Mongeon
 and D. Marie Lord—Mem.

TUESDAY, December 28

8:30 AM Russell L. Hill, Sr.—Mem.

WEDNESDAY, December 29

8:30 AM Ann Mongeon—7th Anniversary
 Gilbert Mongeon and Carol Mongeon
 Obrieter—Mem.

THURSDAY, December 30

8:30 AM Parishioners—Living and Deceased

FRIDAY, December 31

8:30 AM Robert Cormier—Birthday Rem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 (New Year's Day)

9:00 AM Intention Available
 5:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving—Rivera Family

SUNDAY, January 2

8:00 AM Rita Gilman—Birthday Rem.
 9:30 AM Madeline & Joseph Dion and Julia
 Beaulieu—Mem.
 11:00 AM Linda Stockwell—1st Anniversary



**The Rosary is being said on Monday,
 and Wednesday through Friday after
 the 8:30 morning mass.**

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN

**For the week of
 December 11/12**

From Budget Envelopes	\$ 3716.00
Loose Collection	\$ 296.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1888.74
Envelopes Mailed in	\$ 630.00
TOTAL	\$ 6530.74
Number of Envelopes	200

There are no second collections until January 9.

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

NO MASS FOR NEW YEARS EVE

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
MASS AT 9:00 AM**

**MASS AT 5PM IS THE REGULAR
 SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY,
 JANUARY 2ND.**

ELECTRONIC GIVING.

We recently sent out our Annual Collection request along with an envelope to return it to us. However, if you donate through our Electronic Giving system and do not normally receive envelopes, you may not have received the letter. Please be advised that if you are on the Electronic Giving system, you can also use that for your Annual Collection donation

Another financial tidbit, If you are looking for a tax deduction, consider paying ahead or paying off your Grateful for God's Providence pledge.

Tax statements will be sent out by Cathedral Corporation for those of you with budget envelopes. If you are on Parish Giving Electronic plan, you will have to go on the website and print your donation records yourself.

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM on Saturday, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
 A Mass will be video streamed on our Website at
 5PM Saturday Afternoons until further notice.

WOMEN'S GUILD	KNIGHTS OF COLUBUS
2nd Monday 6:30 PM	1st & 3rd Monday
President Mary Fogell	Grand Knight Walter
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Helping Hands Ministry

Call Karen at 647-5988 or Barbara at 647-1484

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 Rectory Office

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Contact Mrs. Lisa Woodhead, at 647-2650
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Religious Education are complete for this year. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy, Holy, and safe Christmas break!

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND AIDES!!

As we the end the 2021 Religious Education year, we are truly grateful and appreciative to all the adults & youth who give of their time each week to share their faith with the children and youth in our Parish:

Kindergarten: Stephanie Pahl, Melissa Riley, & Kelly Warner

Grade 1: Mary Marcello, Marcia Masse, Kevin Masse, Amanda Elman-Jones, Christine Toher, Shannon Toher, Roger Labonte, Jessica DeRosa, & Carol McFarlane

Grade 2: Beth Ullucci, Anna DiCristofaro, Maryann Lozinski, Mark LaPorte, Aoife Blais, Elisa Pollard & Logan Pollard

Grade 3: Talia Lancellotti, Michele Clarke, & Mari Ingesson

Grade 4: Holly Regoli, Rita Lemire & Kristin DelSesto

Grade 5: Jan Stinchfield, George Sackal, & Melanie Sbardella

Grade 6: Lesley Green, and Veronica Tosoni

Grade 7: Father Lessard and Mark LaPorte

GRADE 3 TEACHER NEEDED

We have a sudden need for a grade 3 teacher on Sunday mornings for a great class of only 5 students!! The original teacher had to leave us and she is missed dearly! Please consider teaching, and sharing your faith for the remaining 10 classes next year during the 2022 semester. Plenty of training time available and materials, extras, and assistance provided. Contact me for more details or to volunteer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our generous RE families for their donations to items needed to run our Programs. THANKS to Mila & Roman Bianchi for their donation of children's face masks; Marita Pierce for her donation of cake pans and to The Sheehan Family for the cake mixes for our ABC baking!!

SERVICE MINISTRY NEWS

Contact Mrs. Lisa Woodhead for more information

AMOS HOUSE WINTER WEAR CHALLENGE

The Amos House in downtown Providence is in desperate need of NEW men's or women's underwear, sweat pants, and sweat shirts in all sizes and colors. They service the homeless and the poor throughout our state, providing them with items most needed and requested. Help us help them during these cold winter months by adding them to your Christmas lists. Donations should be returned by Sunday, January 2nd and can be dropped off at any church entrance labeled "Amos House" THANK YOU for your continued generosity as they will be greatly appreciated by those who receive them.



Thanks to all of you who have been sending in the cards and calendars for patients in nursing homes. We have completed our collection of these items for the year. Check again in May when we will resume collecting.

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be Monday, January 10th. It will be a fun night with our Annual Pound Auction! Join us at 6:30PM.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

KEEP THE HEAT ON

Throughout the years, Keep the Heat On has been a truly life-saving program for thousands of Rhode Island families, helping households with nowhere else to turn for help staying warm in the winter. Since 2005, the program has raised \$3.1 million and provided a much-needed lifeline to more than 14,000 households, individuals and families.

Keep the Heat On continues to be the resource of last resort for those in need. There are so many in need that oftentimes they slip through the cracks. Keep the Heat On insures that Rhode Island households will stay warm. To donate go to www.HeatRI.com.

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LOOK Supporting Our
Church Bulletin

DECEMBER 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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On Behalf of Fr. Grenon, Fr. Lessard, Deacon Paul and the entire staff, we wish you a Happy, Prosperous and Health New Year.

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