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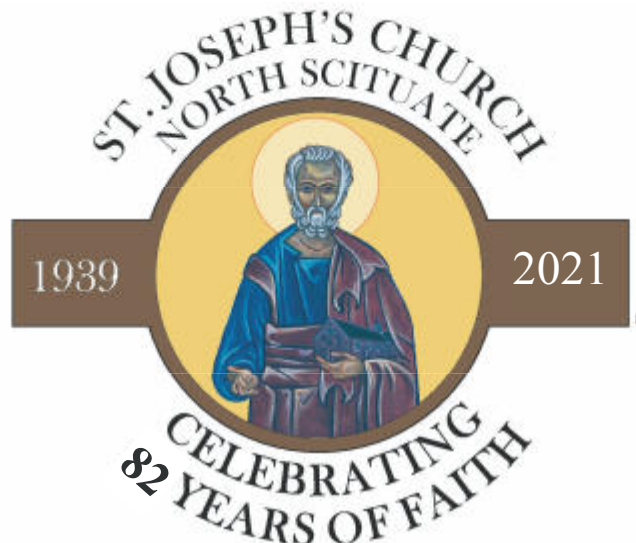
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CONFESSIONS:

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

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SATURDAY, January 1

9:00 AM Theresa Grant—New Year’s Blessings
 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

MONDAY, January 3

8:30 AM Intention Available

TUESDAY, January 4

8:30 AM Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, January 5

8:30 AM John & Mildred Morgan—Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

THURSDAY, January 6

8:30 AM Helen Provost—Mem.

FRIDAY, January 7

8:30 AM Marcel Richard—Mem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 PM Mario Mennella—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, January 9

8:00 AM Linda Cotugno—12th Anniversary
 9:30 AM Jo Alexopolous—For Healing
 11:00 AM Marion Montie & Norman K. Montie, Jr.—Mem.



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

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN

**For the week of
 December 18/19**

From Budget Envelopes	\$ 3801.00
Loose Collection	\$ 343.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1178.72
Mail Ins	\$ 1170.00
TOTAL	\$ 6492.00

Number of Envelopes 191

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly Repair and Maintenance Collection.

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.



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, January 3rd at 7:30 in the church for their regular meeting

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 Hartley
934-0001	Tel 934-3756

Helping Hands Ministry

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

WEBSITE- <https://www.saintjosephschurch.net>
BULLETIN DEADLINE Monday by noon.
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RECTORY: 647-2255 **FAX:** 647-2968

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**Happy
 New
 Year**

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Contact Mrs. Lisa Woodhead, at 647-2650
Website: saintjosephschurch.net
EMAIL me: lisawoodhead@cox.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Classes for Religious Education are complete for 2021 and will resume the week of January 23, 2022!! Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year filled with peace, joy...and no COVID!

GRADE 3 TEACHER STILL NEEDED

We are still in need of a grade 3 teacher on Sunday mornings for a great class of only 5 students. Please consider teaching, and sharing your faith for the remaining 11 classes of the 2022 semester. Plenty of training time available and materials, extras, and assistance provided. Contact me for more details or to volunteer.

OUR GIFT TO YOU!

We THANK all of our parishioners for your continued generosity, prayers, and support during the last year!! Please accept the gift of this year's (appropriately titled) self help spiritual book "Life is Messy" by NY Times best selling author and Dynamic Catholic writer Matthew Kelly. This hope-filled book is about putting our lives back together- knowing that it is and will always be - Messy!! Please take just one free copy, available at each church entrance, so we have enough for everyone who wants one! Thank you!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING - MAKE UP

Parents of all students in grade 2 who did not attend our First Reconciliation parent meeting in December, are asked to join us for the final make up meeting on **Tuesday, January 11th at 6:00PM in the upstairs hall**. Parents are expected to attend so we can discuss the preparation needed for our upcoming First Reconciliation service, and update you on First Communion details. Please be on time as the meeting will begin promptly and last less than 30 minutes.

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. **Donations should be returned by THIS 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.

WOW!! - DID WE GET COOKIES!!

THANK YOU to all the families who baked cookies for the homeless that were given out at the Amos House Christmas luncheon! Over 30 dozen cookies were given out from our generous parish! Thank you to everyone who baked: "Doe", Mary Ellen Lemire, the Bettez Family, Joan Bianco's cookie swap ladies, The Crouchley Family, and all of the many other anonymous bakers!! They all looked delicious!!

MOTHER OF LIFE - THANK YOU!

The Mother of Life Center sent us a long note of thanks and prayers for all the baby items collected this past year! They were so overwhelmed when they picked up all of the diapers, wipes, handmade blankets & booties, clothing, blankets, and onesies!! They will be given to new mothers who make the (sometimes very difficult) decision to choose life over abortion, and who need assistance in caring for their newborns. Please see the beautiful letter posted on the parking lot side - bulletin board. Once again, we thank you for all of your generosity in helping those who need our help!

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.



Knights of columbus news

The Knights of Columbus would like to welcome our newest members, Peter Kiley & John Racine.

If anyone is interested in joining our Brotherhood of Catholic Gentlemen, please reach out to myself or any of our Knights for information.

On behalf of the Feeney Council; We hope Parish Families had a Joyous Christmas and we're wishing you all a Safe & Healthy New Year!

~Walter Hartley,
Grand Knight



Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 13 for our next Blood Drive. You must register on line at www.RIBC.org/drives. There is a great need for Blood, you can become a hero.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

CHRISTMAS CHEER - One can't be more than utterly amazed to have seen the great generosity that helped to make Christmas so special. Though we did not count the gifts that were presented to families in need, but I can well image that it numbered close to five hundred. We are grateful to all the parishioners who participated in this special effort and to the many who helped in picking up the gifts and delivering them in time for everyone to have a special Christmas. A special word of thanks and recognition goes out to our parish Secretary, Donna Costa, who coordinated this special effort.

Annual Parish Appeal Update – To bring you up to date, our current return for the Annual Appeal totals \$17,000.00. Since it has only been 3 weeks since parishioners received the Appeal request, this initial total is a wonderful response. Though there is no timetable for the end of the appeal, we encourage everyone to do their best to submit their donation as soon as possible.

Christmas Gratitude - I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who helped to make our celebration of Christmas so special. To Peter and his many elves for the decorations; to Larry Hall and Steve DeCesare and their chorus of angels who shared their beautiful voices to add so much to our celebrations. We also wish to recognize our altar servers who shepherded us using the gift of the Eucharist as a means to celebrate our new-born King; and lastly to the lectors and eucharistic ministers who gave of their talents and gifts to announce the newborn king of the Jews.

I also wish to acknowledge and express my thanks to the many expressions of Christmas greetings and gifts that I received. We certainly kept our small local post office very busy. Thank you for the generosity and your assurance of your prayers!

A Blessed New Year to All!
Fr. Paul R. Grenon

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