Pastor:
The Reverend Gregory P. Stowe

Deacon:
Rev. Mr. Cyrille Cote

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: As Announced in Bulletin
School Mass: 9:30 a.m.

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Sacraments
Baptism: Date to be determined by pastor and parents
Confirmation: One year program starts in September
Reconciliation: During the health crisis Confessions are by appointment
Matrimony: Contact the Rectory at least 10 months in advance.

Religious Education
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Grades 1-8: TBD
Confirmation: TBD

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Organist: Mrs. Claudette Archambault

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Dear Parishioners,

In our Gospel this weekend, we hear Jesus invite Simon and Andrew with the words, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” The apostles didn’t know what the future would hold for them, but something about Christ inspired them to leave the lives that they knew to follow Him. They would journey with the Lord through His public ministry, His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Empowered by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the apostles would become the first bishops of the Church, leading countless souls to the transforming power of grace.

The work of the Lord and the labor of the apostles continues to this day in the work of the Church. Jesus continues to call young men, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” The Diocese of Providence currently has 16 young men in different stages of discernment in preparation for the priesthood. While these numbers are encouraging, the reality is the average age of priests in the Diocese of Providence is over 60. The class of 1978 ordained 18 priests, the majority of whom are eligible this year for retirement. While these priests have certainly earned their retirement after a lifetime of service to the diocese, we have only two men being ordained to replace them.

Cardinal John O’Connor often said, “Without the priest, there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there is no church.” Vocations are a gift from God. They are like seeds, planted deeply within the soul. I believe the faith and prayer of parishes are what nourish these seeds to blossom and bear fruit. Please join me in praying for our diocesan seminarians in a special way going forward. May these men allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to transform their hearts that they may be faithful servants of the Lord. Also, please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious, and consecrated life.

Have a great week and stay safe!

God Bless,

Father Stowe

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**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, January 23**  Vigil
4:00PM  Mark Parisella—Memorial
        By St. Amand Family

**SUNDAY, January 24**  3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM   Mark Horner—Memorial
         By Anne & Bob
11:00AM  Mass for the People
         For all parishioners living and deceased

**MONDAY, January 25**  Conversion of Saint Paul
7:00AM  Living Intention

**TUESDAY, January 26**  Saints Timothy & Titus
7:00AM   Leon DeFranco —Memorial
         By Janet Jarbeau

**WEDNESDAY, January 27**  Weekday
7:00AM   Walter Aubin—7th Anniversary
         By Friends

**THURSDAY, January 28**  Saint Thomas Aquinas
7:00AM   Ron Broady, Sr.—Memorial
         By Saint Joseph School-Grade 1

**FRIDAY, January 29**  Weekday
7:00AM  Living Intention

**SATURDAY, January 30**  Weekday
8:00AM   Patricia Prior—Memorial
         By Mary Creamer
4:00PM   Kathleen Blank—Memorial
         By Edward & Joan Schoenfeld

**SUNDAY, January 31**  4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM   Mark Parisella—Memorial
         By Charlie & Michael Cunha
11:00AM  Amy Bond—Birthday Memorial
         By Daughter & Family

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We appreciate your mailing of budgets to the rectory during this time
Please pray for our seminarians:

4th Theology:
Rev. Mr. Daniel Mahoney, Rev. Mr. Doan Nguyen

Pastoral Year: Matthew Boni

3rd Theology: Mark Gadoury

2nd Theology: Patrick Ryan

1st Theology: Joseph Brodeur, Noah DaSilva

1st Pre-Theology: Stephen Coutcher, Nathan Ledoux, Jairon Olmos, Mateusz Puzanowski, Michael Santos, Vincent “Jay” Zizza

2nd College: Adam Habershaw

1st College: Aiden Blanchette, Michael Stabile

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth:
send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest,
and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness;
so that Your word may spread and be glorified,
and all nations may know You, the only God,
and Him Whom You have sent,
Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,
Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

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