

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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✂ NORTH PROVIDENCE ✂ RHODE ISLAND 02911



February 7, 2021

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed
prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Pastor

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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From Fr. Varghese's Desk

If sports and athletics were a religion, then Basketball would be a sacrament and Super Bowl Sunday would be its high Holy Day.

Americans sometimes take their allegiance to a favorite sports team so seriously, that they behave as if it were their religion. This year we were careful to set up our CCD class schedule to accommodate the Super Bowl. We have no doubt that if kids had to choose between their favorite sporting event and their religion, sports would win hands down.

We are all familiar with St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor.12:12-30) where Paul describes the Church as the Body of Christ, and we are its members. St. Paul begins this way: "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ."

Fr. Costanza re-wrote it by taking Paul's words and adapting them for Super Bowl Sunday. If St. Paul had written this himself, it would read like this: ***For the team is one and has many players, and all the players of the team, though many, are one team.*** Indeed, the team does not consist of one player, but of many. If the defensive end would say, "Because I am not the quarterback, I do not belong to the team," that would not make him any less a part of the team. And if the right tackle would say, "Because I am not a wide receiver, I do not belong to the team," that would not make him any less a part of the team. If the whole team were tackles, where would the running backs be? If the whole team were running backs, where would the kickers be? And if the whole team were kickers, where would the cornerbacks be? But as it is, the coach has arranged the players of the team, each one of them, as he chose. If all were quarterbacks, where would the team be? As it is, there are many players, yet one team. The quarterback cannot say to the tackle, "I don't need you." Nor can the defensive ends say to the running backs, "We don't need you." On the contrary, if one player suffers, the team suffers together with him; if one player is honored, the team rejoices with him.

Have a great Super Bowl Sunday and remember you are as important to Christ as Tom Brady is to the Buccaneer's!

Have a good week and God bless!

Fr. Varghese

Please remember Mary, Mother of Mankind Church in your will or estate.



Saturday, February 6

4:00 pm Lynette Lamothe (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, February 7—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Special Intention

10:30 am Irene Saceda Leys (2nd Anniversary)
A.J. Quetta

Monday, February 8

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Neri & McMullen Families (Remembrance)

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am John and Florence Corte (Remembrance)

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 am Mary Pendergast (Health/Living)

Thursday, February 11

8:00 am Joseph and Mildred Mooney (Remembrance)

Saturday, February 13

4:00 pm John Tabis (35th Anniversary)

Sunday, February 14—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am For a World of Peace and Harmony

10:30 am Alfredo and Assunta Ruggiero (Remembrance)

No Second Collection Next Weekend

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 2/04 to 2/10/2021

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn for:

Mary Pendergast (Living)

The **Altar Candles** will burn for:

Lawrence R. Henshaw

The **Altar Bread** is offered for:

A Special Intention

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar

Bread is \$10 for a living or deceased remembrance)

Please call the Rectory at 231-3542 to reserve yours

Monday—Thursday from 9:00 am—3:00 pm!

Weekend of January 31, 2021

Offertory Report

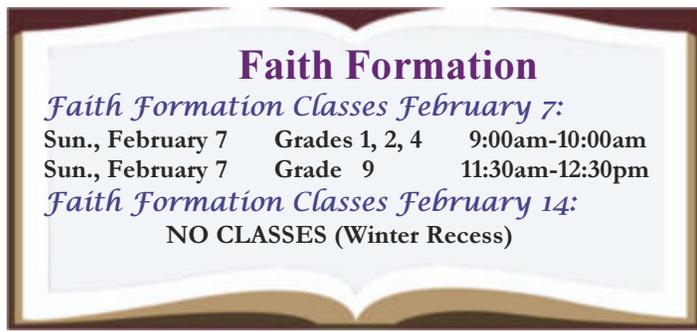
Weekly Offering: \$7,025.00

On-Line Giving: \$ 908.00

Helping Hand Fund: \$ 100.00

Latin America: \$ 420.00

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Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes February 7:
 Sun., February 7 Grades 1, 2, 4 9:00am-10:00am
 Sun., February 7 Grade 9 11:30am-12:30pm

Faith Formation Classes February 14:
 NO CLASSES (Winter Recess)



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

There will be a meeting this
Thursday evening, February 11th
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Blessing of Throats

The blessing of throats through the intercession of
 St. Blaisé will take place during the Masses
 this weekend **February 6th and 7th.**



LET US PRAY

Let us pray for all who have died—our relatives,
 friends, and fellow parishioners, especially
Ralph Wilkes
 whose funeral took place last week.

Ash Wednesday 2021

How Will Ashes Be Distributed?

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the
 Discipline of the Sacraments of the Holy See in Rome
 has issued the following COVID-19 protocol
 concerning the distribution of ashes on

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed as follows:

1. The priest says the prayer for the blessing of ashes from the ritual found in the Roman Missal and sprinkles the ashes with Holy Water.
2. Then, the priest addresses the whole congregation and only once says the formula, applying it to all in general: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return *or* Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”
3. The priest then sanitizes his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes by sprinkling them on top of the head of each one without saying anything. Without any physical contact between priest and recipient and without saying anything directly in front of each person, this method assures the health of both priest and parishioners.

33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed this the *“Year of St. Joseph.”*
 If you’ve been thinking about attending a Men of St. Joseph meeting at Mary, Mother of Mankind or desire a deeper understanding of how St. Joseph can help us grow in discipleship in today’s challenging times, there is no better time to get involved!

The process will be guided by Father Donald Calloway’s book entitled *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father.*

Weekly meetings will be held via Zoom on Monday nights from 7pm-7:45pm, starting February 7th.
 For more information, please contact **Ron Lamothe**



Thank you for all you are doing to keep the Church a safe place for people to pray, especially by wearing your mask. Please wear your mask at all times in the church, not just during Mass itself, before and after Mass, too!

Have you been married outside the Church?

Are you in an irregular marriage situation? Marriage within the Church is a sacrament and a source of grace for you! Contact Fr. Varghese if you have questions and wish to speak about your situation with him.

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

Rhode Island Catholic’s Annual Subscription Drive is underway! In March 2020, COVID-19 changed everything and your diocesan newspaper responded immediately moving all publishing online to the RI Catholic website, **TheRICatholic.com**. As the pandemic unfolded, we continued to bring you the news of the diocese online, eventually returning to print biweekly, and finally back to weekly in this New Year.

Now more than ever, your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 145-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please either call **Circulation Manager Sue Richard at 401-272-1010 ext. 0**, or visit the newspaper’s website, www.thericatholic.com, and click on **Subscribe** to order and pay for a subscription. The cost for a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30. Due to the ongoing pandemic online payments, checks or money orders are preferred (made payable to **Rhode Island Catholic**). *Thank you!*



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 Prayer Chain please contact
 Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)

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