

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

January 23, 2022

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Days: see bulletin

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

M-T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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From Fr. Varghese's Desk



"What goes through your mind when you hear a cell phone ringing at Mass?"

The first thing that goes through my mind is wondering if it's God calling! But, in all seriousness, it is very distracting and often ruins my train of thought. Everyone reacts to a ringing phone. We have all grown up with phones, whether land lines or wireless and we have become conditioned to drop everything and answer them when they ring. It has become so automatic to us. We have the same reaction at Mass when they ring. I think cell phones are a great invention. They are so convenient and make it so much easier to get prompt help in emergencies. But, like every good thing, there are times and places to use them. Some states ban the use of cell phones while driving. It is precisely because they are so distracting. How many times have you seen someone driving erratically only to discover they are trying to dial their phone?

It is not Church law. It is just good manners to turn off the ringer on our cell phones at Mass. Even though they may vibrate, we shouldn't attempt to answer them even though no one else heard it vibrate. When we go to Mass let's turn off the world for a few moments and focus on God. During that hour let the voice mail answer your calls. I'm sure God's voice mail box gets more messages than ours because too many people answer everyone else's call but God's call. Not only should we not use our phones at Mass, we should not be attempting to text message at Mass. I've seen you trying it!

I gently remind you not to do so. I know God has our numbers and He's trying to get a hold of us. Let's shut off the cell phones and answer His call.

Have a Good Week and God Bless

Father Varghese

Memorials Available

In memory of a deceased loved one we have the Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Candles and Altar Bread. They are \$10.00 each for the week. Please call the Rectory office or stop by the office [Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM](#)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 22

4:00 p.m. Francisco Ferreira
Alice Heroux (Birthday remembrance)

Sunday, January 23-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John & Mary Gorman and Bella Dutil
10:30 a.m. Gerard McKenna

Monday, January 24-Saint Francis de Sales

8:00 a.m. Madelyn Colella (Birthday remembrance)

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Mildred and Wilfred Dardeen

Wednesday, January 26-Saints Timothy & Titus

8:00 a.m. Carol Lombardi

Thursday, January 27-Saints Angela Merici

8:00 a.m. Julian Forgue

Saturday, January 29

4:00 p.m. Angela Russillo (19th Anniversary)

Sunday, January 30-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Shirley Arsenault
10:30 a.m. Anthony Patricia

NOT RECEIVING YOUR ENVELOPES?

Please contact the Parish Office at 231-3542 if you did not receive your offertory envelopes.

Sanctuary Candle, Altar

Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 1/20 thru 1/27

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

Mary Jane Dimaio

The Altar Candles will burn for:

Dorothy Bianchi

The Altar Bread is offered for:

Anthony P. Neri

(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 thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weekend of January 16, 2022

Offertory Reports

Weekly Offering	\$3,991.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 855.00
Helping Hand Fund	\$4,846.00

Thank you for your support!



MARCH 2022 CALENDAR RAFFLE

Our 31 Days of 2022 Calendar Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase after all of the Masses and in the parish office.

Tickets are \$15 each. With the gift of one ticket the recipient has a chance to win at least \$25, \$50 or \$200 gift cards for 31 days beginning on March 1st Last day to purchase is February 28th – No Calendars will be sold after that. All the numbers stay in the race so your number may be pulled multiple times in 31 days!



BLESSING OF THROATS

The blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaisé will take place during the Masses Feb. 5th & 6th.

THE RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC

On February 1st & 2nd copies of The Rhode Island Catholic will be available after Masses as part of the annual subscription campaign. To subscribe, submit your envelope or call 401-272-1010.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: When Jesus tells me that I am salt and light in this world, what new thing do I understand about myself and my fellow believers?

Children: How can I bring the light of Jesus to my family and my friends?

THERE WILL BE A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN ON **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th at 11:30 AM** IN THE MARY MOTHER OF MANKIND CHURCH FOR ANYONE WHO MAY BE CONTEMPLATING TO JOIN THE GROUP.

SUNDAY SMILE



An old man bursts into a priest's study and says, "I've got to tell you this. I'm 50 years old and for the thirty years I've been married I never cheated on my wife. Then this sweet thing moved in next door and since then.....wow!" "How long has it been since your last Confession?" asks the priest. "I've never been to Confession. I'm Jewish" "Then why are you telling me this?" "I'm telling everyone!"



Let us pray for all who have died

Our relatives, friends, and fellow parishioners especially Julia Lanni, Ida D'Amore and Jo-Ann Sparadeo whose funerals were held last week.

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



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Classes will be held on January 23rd
And January 30th

SAVE THE DATE

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS AND ALL INTERESTED:

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN
With Fr. Varghese; October 19 - 29, 2022. Highlights include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation, Cana, Mount of the Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, Petra, Madaba, Church of the Holy Sepulcher and other special places of interest within the origins of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Daily Mass is also included at key religious sites. Please call the rectory 401-231-3542



Bible Study will take place Monday, January 24th at 7:00 PM

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Remembering our loved ones, living or dead, in our Mass intention is a noble practice. Mass cards are available for your use in the parish office to send to family or friends who are remembered.

Income Tax Statements

We will not be mailing out donation statements for Income Tax purposes to all our parishioners. The cost of mailing hundreds of statements is no longer affordable for us. If you would like us to mail you your statement, please contact the office by phone (231-3542) or e-mail us at mmmchurch@hotmail.com We will be happy to send it out to you.

Welcome New Parishioners

This week we welcome our new parishioner: Stephanie Lombardi to our Mary Mother of Mankind Parish Family!

Next week our second collection is for Latin America. Thank you!



Grateful for God's Providence

As you may recall, our parish's goal is **\$353,427.00**. Per the latest update report, out of our more than 1100 registered families, **97families** made one-time gifts or pledge that totaled **\$192,000.00**.

Please fill out your family's pledge card today and place it in the offering basket or hand it to our pastor! No down payment is necessary to make your pledge. Pledge cards are available throughout the Church

To submit a prayer request for our 'Prayer Chain' please contact Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)



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