

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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✂ NORTH PROVIDENCE ✂ RHODE ISLAND 02911



January 30, 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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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

From Fr. Varghese's Desk



After 27 years in the ministry, I have come to the conclusion that when it comes to Religious Education Programs, we have to accept the fact that the Church cannot give faith to children and parents need to know that. As long as we give the impression that we can, parents will let us. We are all very busy. If you tell me you'll wash my car every week, I'll let you. We have to stop convincing parents that we can pass on faith by simply providing CCD classes. They are, to be sure, a very important part of Religious Education but they do not give kids "faith" – their parents do.

Passing on the faith is the role of parents, and the ability to talk about God starts in the family. The role of the church is to identify the language and stories of God and to share the stories and the doctrines with the larger community. But if the development of faith does not happen in the family first, it is unlikely to happen when these kids come into a CCD program at age 6 or 7.

The only people who are telling stories to our children right now are on television and the social media. And the problem is not just the kind of stories they are telling; it's the reason they are telling them. We tell our kids stories so they will grow in wisdom and courage and will know who they are. The Media tells them stories to sell merchandise. If children have not learned who they are and what the family stories are from their parents, then how can they pass on these truths when they become parents themselves.

To this end our parish provides a program of Religious Education for parents and children not only in the Sacramental preparation programs but for children and parents of all ages. For those in grades 3 thru 9 the program either begins with or ends with the celebration of Mass. I am concerned because I see, more and more, parents "drop off" their kids for the program and pick them up after Mass, but they do not attend the Mass themselves. Some send their children with other parents or with relatives who don't really know what the program is all about. While, I realize that sometimes there are conflicts we cannot avoid and family emergencies, it really does not benefit our children when the parents are not there to share the experience with them. Parents of children who are preparing for Baptism, First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, however have a special responsibility to help prepare their children for these important Sacraments. After all, parents are the primary religious education teachers of their children. So, when the Religious Education programs are held, please become a part of it with your children. Don't see religious education as a "hassle", see it as a great opportunity to grow in your faith - then you have something truly valuable to pass on to your children. In other words, keep the promises you made to them when they were baptized.

Have a Good Week and God Bless

Father Varghese



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
Joanna Fish (Birthday)

Monday, January 31-Saint John Bosco

8:00 a.m. Joseph Berube

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Pope Francis

Wednesday, February 2-The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Rose Igoe (3rd Anniversary)

Thursday, February 3-Saint Blaise

8:00 a.m. Julia Lanni

Saturday, February 5

4:00 p.m. Joann DelPadre (7th Anniversary)
Lawrence (Ekeng) Richard Henshaw

Sunday, February 6-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Fred Lumb, Jr.

10:30 a.m. Lynette Lamothe (5th Anniversary)
Anne (Fran) Richard (20th Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle, Altar

Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 1/27 thru 2/3

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

Olivia Passaretti

The Altar Candles will burn for:

Peter Fish and Family

The Altar Bread is offered for:

Pope Francis

(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 23, 2022

Offertory Reports

Weekly Offering	\$5,587.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 805.00
Helping Hand Fund	\$ 96.00

Thank you for your support!



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Classes will be held on January 30th
And February 6th



**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 5th & 6th 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: What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

Children: In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?

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.



There was this lady who was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, to be social, she walked up to a very sleepy looking gentleman, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn." And the gentleman replied, "You're not the only one ma'am, I'm glad it's done too!!"



Let us pray for all who have died

Our relatives, friends, and fellow parishioners especially Josephine Lanni and Joseph Leo McCrave whose funerals were recently held.

Next week our second collection is for Parish Maintenance Fund. Thank you!

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

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 31st 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 parishioners: The Perkins/Edwards Family to our Mary Mother of Mankind Parish Family!



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, 97 families 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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