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Food Pantry Open Tuesdays 5:30–6:30pm weather permitting

Helpline (401) 253-8366

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

4:00pm Advent to Easter

5:00pm Easter to Advent

Sunday at 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

Português - Domingo às 7:30

Weekday Mass at 7:30am (bilingual):

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days of Obligation and Holidays:

As listed in the Parish Bulletin

Baptism

After the birth of the child, parents are invited to contact the rectory to schedule the Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the parish office.

Marriage

Upon engagement, couples should contact the parish office to schedule a wedding date and initiate the preparation process that ordinarily requires a period of six months – one year.

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:20pm – 3:50pm or by scheduling a time with the parish office

Anointing of the Sick

Those in need, or a family member, are encouraged to contact the priest

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who believe they are being called to receive the Sacraments of Initiation should contact the parish office.

Holy Orders – Vocations to the Priesthood

Discerning a vocation to the priesthood? Speak with the priest or contact Fr. Brian J. Morris, Director of Vocations, at (401) 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

Rectory Hours:

Monday through Friday*

9:00AM to 4:00PM

*** Wednesday to 3PM**



Welcome Bishop Tobin

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be joining us today, Sunday, January 16, for a pastoral visit. He will be the main celebrant at the 10:30AM Mass. Welcome Bishop Tobin and thank you for your leadership.

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.



Background on the Gospel Reading - This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels. In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

Family Connection - Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs. If your family has attended a wedding celebration together, talk about the experience and the planning and cooperation that made the celebration memorable. Talk about how weddings and feasts are images in Scripture for the Kingdom of God. Consider how these festive occasions are images of God's tremendous love for us and examples of how we can show our love for one another. Then read together today's Gospel, John 2:1-11. Talk about Mary's attentiveness to the needs of the hosts and about Jesus' response. What could your family learn from this story? Consider ways that you might show these values in your family's daily life. Pray together Saint Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity.

~ From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

God responds to our needs and to the needs of our world in ways that are beyond anything that we can imagine. We follow Mary's example when we present these needs to God, confident that God will respond in extraordinary ways.

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Diocese of Providence Respect Life January Events

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Our Lady of Guadalupe Image – Beginning on January 7 the Visitation Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be traveling around the state of Rhode Island. View the complete schedule at dioceseofprovidence.org/life-and-family-respect-life.



9 Days for Life January 19 – 27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

Annual March for Life in DC, Friday, January 21. Please pray for those who will be traveling to and from, and participating in, the Annual March for Life this year.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The **over 60 million** abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates **January 22** as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms

Welcome

We welcome these newly Baptized children into the Church and our parish family:

Rosaura Maye Cordeiro, daughter of Michael Cordeiro and Alyssa Raposo

Jasmine Pearl Jackson, daughter of James Jackson and Jennifer Tierney



Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (CCC 1213)

The Catholic University of America Collection

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines. This special collection is this weekend, January 15 & 16.

Support the Church in Latin America

This month we will also take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america for info.

Covid Self-test Kits

The Bristol Health Equity Zone has given us a case of Covid self- test kits. Please contact the rectory (253-8366) during normal office hours if you are in need of one.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 17 is a national holiday. All parish offices will be closed – Daily Mass at 8AM

Segunda-feira, dia 17 de Janeiro, é dia feriado nacional. Os escritórios da paróquia estarão fechados. Não há catequese. A Missa diária será celebrada às 8:00 horas da manhã.

Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 15

4:00PM – Edmund D. Borges, Jr., Mary Gomes, Maria Ceu Santos, Ernest Santos, Jose & Dina Santos, Jose Matias, Jr., Eduarda Pissarra, Alberto Pissarra, Americo Pissarra, Jose & Ana DaRosa

Sunday – January 16 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30AM – Luís Botelho, Maria Cabral Botelho, Conceição Maria Botelho, José & Virginia Mendonca, Gilberto & Angelo Mendonca, Estevão Borges, Fernando Goncalves, Maria Jesus Arruda, Guilherme Goncalves

9:00AM - Armanda Silveira, Norberto Cabral, Gloria Barreiro, Carlos Medeiros, John & Mary Stella Bisbano, Frank & Concetta Formisano

10:30AM – Manuel Alves Moreira, Olivia & Manuel Tavares, Sr., Daniel John Pacheco, Maria Lourdes & Manuel Aguiar, Diane Roussel, Justin Matthew Nunes, Jose Nunes, Francisco & Maria Garcia, Antonio C. DeSousa, Domingos & Maria Sousa

5:00PM – Pro Populo

Monday – January 17 (St. Anthony, Abbott) Holiday

8:00AM – Lydia Sousa Borges

Tuesday – January 18

7:30AM – Armanda Silveira

Wednesday – January 19

7:30AM – Ema Brum

Thursday – January 20

NO MASS - NÃO HÁ MISSA - NO MASS

Friday – January 21 (St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)

7:30AM – Leonardo Concepcion, Sr., Charles Andrade, Sr.

Saturday – January 22

4:00PM – Maria Jose & Norberto Cabral, Angelina Soares, Vincent Lunney, Deodato, Maria & Durval Amaral, Joao Borges, Jose & Maria Ascencao Pimentel

Sunday – January 23 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30AM – Lidia & Jacinto DaSilva, Olivia & António Neves, José S. Mendonca, Maria Virginia Mendonca, José Sousa Mendonca, Jr., Duarte Botelho

9:00AM - Luis & Henriqueta Araujo, Robert Sousa, Maria Santo Cristo Correia, Manuel Correia, Gloria & Antonieta Melo, Joseph Mello, Aaron Michael Franco, Lorraine & William Park, John Paul Rego, Antonio daCosta, Maria da Conceicao Pimentel

10:30AM – Vincent Lunney, John M. Medeiros, Deodato & Maria Amaral, Joseph Faria

5:00PM – Pro Populo

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of
Manuel A. Brum

2022 Mass Book is Open - The Mass book for 2022 is open to record Mass intentions **TUESDAYS thru FRIDAYS (not on Mondays).**

Livro de missa está aberto - Você podem marcar Missas para 2022 pelas suas intenções das **terça-feira às sextas-feiras** (não Segundas)

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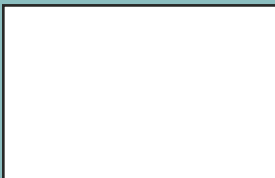


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