

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church,  
Narragansett, RI

864 Point Judith Road,  
December 20, 2020

*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY December 19**  
4:00 PM Deceased members of the Monti & Markowski Families

**SUNDAY December 20**  
8:00 AM Catherine Mollo (19th Anniversary)  
10:30 AM Mary & Andrew Dangelo

**MONDAY December 21**  
9:00 AM Louis Perrotta (Birthday Remembrance)

**TUESDAY December 22**  
9:00 AM Rev. John E. Watterson (1st Anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY December 23**  
9:00 AM James McBride (Birthday Remembrance)

**THURSDAY December 24 *Christmas Eve***  
9:00 AM \* NO MORNING MASS  
4:00 PM For the people of St. Mary's  
7:00 PM For the People of St. Mary's

**FRIDAY December 25 *Christmas Day***  
9:00 AM For the people of St. Mary's  
10:30 AM For the people of St. Mary's

**SATURDAY December 26**  
4:00 PM Margaret & John Coleman

**SUNDAY December 27**  
8:00 AM Richard E. Curran  
10:30 AM Deceased members of the Ricciardi & Paolino Families

**\*Please note there is no 9:00am Mass on December 24th.**

**WINTER MASS SCHEDULE  
STARTING ON THE  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 28/29  
SATURDAY 4 PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 AM**

## **Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

**4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**\*7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**\*Please notice the time change. There is no 10:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.**

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**9:00am and 10:30am**

**This year due to Covid-19, our Christmas Concert will be on line.  
(stmarystarofthesea.org) Thursday,  
December 24th from 3:30-4:00pm.**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea welcomes you.  
This Sunday, December 20th, we celebrate  
The Four Sunday of Advent.**

## ***Christmas Blessings***

***"I wish you a very Merry Christmas. The Parish Staff joins me in praying that your Christmas may warm your hearts and souls. We thank you for the honor of serving you and the Lord here at St. Mary Star of the Sea. We pray that the Star of Bethlehem leads you to a Blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year".***

***Fr. Kayatta***



## **HOW THE VIRUS STOLE CHRISTMAS**

Posted By Norbert Piche, [ignation.ca](http://ignation.ca)

Most people in North America know Dr. Seuss' story "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". It is a classic Christmas story that many people love and view every Christmas.

The story makes a beautiful statement about how Christmas is not about the gifts, the abundance of food, the decorations, etc. But rather it is about the spirit of love. And for us Christians, the spirit of God's love being born on this Earth in the person of Jesus.

Who can forget that scene when the Whos in Whoville get up on Christmas morning and do not bat an eye at the fact that all the gifts, food and decorations are all gone? They simply come together in a circle, hold hands and sing.

The Grinch is confounded by this act. He cannot believe that the Whos are rejoicing without the gifts, food, and decorations. And he discovers through this simple act of love that Christmas means a lot more than those material things.

Well, it seems that Christmas 2020 might be stolen from us as well; not by the Grinch but by Covid-19. We will probably still have our gifts, our abundant food, and our decorations. But we probably will not be able to celebrate those material things with our families and friends. At least the Whos had the warm touch of family and friends.

We may want to ask ourselves the question: "What is Christmas really about?" Is it really about the music, gathering with our loved ones over a meal and opening up gifts on Christmas morning.

Or is it about something deeper as the Grinch discovered? Is the Covid-19 Christmas that is looming over us a call to let go of our own "gifts", "food", and "decorations" that are within our own hearts, and discover, as the Grinch did, that Christmas is much more than that?



### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE



St. Mary's Sunday Masses are now available Online at [stmarystarofthesea.org](http://stmarystarofthesea.org). OR on television on EWTN Network

**The 4:00pm Mass at St. Mary's is now on Livestream.**

### WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY –FRIDAY 9:00 AM**

**SATURDAY– 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY-8:00AM & 10:30AM**

**PLEASE NOTE: FACE COVERING IS REQUIRED  
SEATING IS LIMITED AND WILL BEGIN 15  
MINUTES BEFORE THE START TIME -  
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**

**Adoration/Holy Hour**

**First Friday of each month**

**Following the 9:00 am Mass for 1 hour.**

**Confession**

**First Saturday of each month**

**1:30 –3:00 PM**

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### **Readings for the week of December 20, 2020**

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14/Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

### CHURCH CALENDAR



### Temporary Office Hours

The parish office will be opened from 9am-12pm  
Monday -Friday or by appointment only.  
(401-783-4449)

St. Mary Star of the Sea will remain opened until  
12:00pm on weekdays for your personal prayer.



The Fourth Sunday of  
Advent symbolizes Peace  
with the Angel's Candle re-  
minding us of the angels:  
"Peace on Earth, and Good  
Will Toward Men."

**A Child is born to us, a son is given us; and do-  
minion rest upon His shoulders.**

**Isa 9:5**

### Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ heal us. Forever and ever. Amen.

### Make a difference in the St. Mary's of Tomorrow

Please consider a remembrance to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in your will and estate planning. By establishing this personal legacy of faith, Catholics can give witness and thanks to God for their many blessings

### The Holiday 10 Week Club™



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## **FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION**

### **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are normally scheduled on Sundays following the 10:30AM Mass. Please contact the parish at 401-783-4449. Baptism class is required for new parents. Godparents must provide proof that they are fully initiated, practicing Catholics aged 16 or older.

### **FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION**

Please call the Office of Faith Formation and Evangelization for information at 401-789-7308 to register or to inquire about sacramental preparation.

### **RECONCILIATION**

First Saturday of each month from 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the confessional and by appointment. Please call the office at 401-783-4449 Monday –Friday 9am—4pm to schedule an appointment

### **MATRIMONY**

Congratulations on your engagement! If you are a parishioner or a fully initiated catholic with parents who live in the parish, please call the office at 401-789-7308 at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Please call the parish office at 401-783-4449 before you go to the hospital. We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick with you. Masses of Anointing are scheduled twice a year.

HIPPA laws prohibit hospitals and caregivers from giving out personal information. If you or someone you know currently need this sacrament, please be sure to call and let us know. Please call anytime in case of serious illness.

### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

We extend an invitation to all parishioners to participate in the offertory procession. If the Mass is for your deceased love one, please let the sacristan or celebrant know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If possible, please call the office beforehand to let us know that you would like to bring up the offertory.

### **SPONSORS AND GODPARENTS**

The catechism states that the godfather, godmother or sponsor must be “firm a believer” (No. 1255). The true intent is that the godparent or sponsor be an active, practicing Catholic, who treasures the Catholic faith, provides good example and would joyfully and eagerly be a partner with the parents in raising the child in the faith. The godparent’s faith need not be perfect or mature, but it must be valid and active. He/she is fully initiated, attends Mass regularly, and if married, is validly married in the church.

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