

# THE OLD ROCHESTER CATHOLIC

*December 26, 2021*



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.

- Jn 1:14



**Saturday, December 25**

**9:30AM Christmas Day—Pro Populo**

**Sunday, December 26**

**8:00 AM Charles & Mabel Soares & Varnie Pettit**

**9:30 AM Preciosa Larouco  
Live Streamed @ St. Anthony's  
St. Rita's**

**Sunday, December 26**

**11:30 AM Our Parish Family**

**Monday, December 27**

**8:00 AM Annette R. Moran, 3rd anniversary**

**Tuesday, December 28**

**8:00 AM Hon. John Dolan**

**Wednesday, December 29**

**8:00 AM Dr. Eugene Kustrowski**

**Thursday, December 30**

**8:00 AM Leo Kosiorski**

**Friday, December 31**

**4:30 PM BVM the Mother of God— Teri Forest**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**11:30 AM New Year's Day For a Family**

**4:30 AM Karl Gill**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022 Epiphany**

**8:00 AM Our Parish Family**

**9:30 AM James Lee Gabriel  
Live Streamed @ St. Anthony's  
St. Rita's**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**11:30 AM Harry Schmitt, 15th anniversary**

**Novena to St. Anthony** God's powerful advocate in all necessities. Join a novena on Tuesdays and recite prayers during the 8:00 AM Mass for the Restoration of Things. We pray as we engage in a synodal process of formation and listening so we may extend God's mission today in our new apostolic age. *We stand before You, Holy Spirit as we gather together in Your name to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us your way as we go to promote Jesus' love. We are weak and sinful; do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path. Amen.*



You may **light one of the sanctuary lamps** of Sts. Rita/Anthony in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or a special intention. There are two lamps at each church, and may be requested for \$15 each. A sanctuary lamp may be lit for one week and lasts approximately 2 weeks. This week a candle is lit for **Ron Swanson** and a **Special Intention** at St. Anthony. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 508-758-3719.



The **Office of Vocations** is hosting a retreat Day for Men age 18+ at St. John's Parish in Freetown on Sun. Jan. 2, 2022, from 1:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. If you know of someone interested, please have them contact Father Jack at frschrader@fallrivervocations.org.



**Please remember those who ask for our prayers:** Linda Matos, Janice DeMello, Lillian Zhang, Caroline Friedman, Beverly Donlon, Sarah Hayes, Robert Dupont, Rick Sheridan, Catherine B. Perry, Ella DiCarli, Bobby Knight, Ethel Savery, John R. Dolan, Dean Learned, Paulette Lake, Erin Smith, Andrew Sienkiwicz, Lexie Williams, Mary Ann Motta, Kathleen Bousquet, Leo Pudim, Robert Kelley, Gloria Pilkington, Kaidin Young, Joanne Nye, Patricia Aleks Aiello, Callen James Pellerin, Mickey Flynn, Maureen McCarthy, Jason Caffelle, Joseph Elison, Henry Gardyna, Patricia McPartland, Terry Carrier, Ilona Langhoff, Jim McCarthy *and* Nichole Nye, Jennifer Nye, James H. Henry, Ben Lyons, Jason Gracia, Elizabeth Verni, Faith Lomba, Douglas Nye, Cynthia Roberts, Kathy Gillis, Susan Alexander, Desmond Boylan, Ann Sweeney Reed, Joseph Napoli, Aaron Souza, Mary Ann Mazzola Looney, Joseph LaRocca, Jeff Roehr, Patrick Daly, the family of Claire McCarthy, Art Lyons, Jack Fearons, Sarah Danforth, Chris Beauchamp, Manuel Rodrigues, Jonathan Parsons, Barbara Puglisi, Fred DeCastro, Eileen Hallett, Chris Turner, Lucas Payette, Patricia Demeo, Bob Demeo, Dennis Roddey, Hannah Strom, Patricia Parker, and Bob Maher. Please call the office to add or remove, or for visits to those who are sick or homebound.



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Prayers for the Repose of the Soul  
Your prayers are requested for the repose of the Soul of Leo Kosiorski. May the Lord grant him eternal peace.  
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The Diocese of Fall River is asking our parish as well to pray and fast every 22nd of the month for the next 9 months (Nov 21- July 22). We are praying for the overturning of Roe v. Wade. We pray that the 2500-year-old Hippocratic Oath should not be neglected. Suggested prayers are the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. We have scheduled the adoration of Blessed Sacrament for Saturday, January 22 from 2:45 to 4:15 pm and everyone is invited to attend.



**Bereavement Support Group Meetings** take place on Tuesday, at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. One-on-one sessions are also offered by telephone. For additional information, please contact Rose Mary at (508) 674-4681, ext. 1111 or rsarai-va@cssdioc.org.

The **YES retreat** will be offered March 11-13, 2022 at the Miramar Retreat Center. YES! is a post-Confirmation retreat. We hope to have at least one person from our parish. If you have questions, you can contact Oscar Rivera (orivera@dioc-fr.org).

**M A S S** Weekend and Daily Mass Intentions for 2021 Memorial Mass intentions are still available at the Parish Office. Please call 508-758-3719 to reserve a date.



**Children's Liturgy** Children in Grades K to 5 are encouraged to celebrate the children's liturgy of the Word at the **9:30 Mass**. It is a ritual for the proclamation of God's Word appropriate to their understanding. It is a moment of salvation in which they respond with awe, praise, thanksgiving and petition.



On behalf of the entire parish Staff, I send you my heartiest new year best wishes! May this new year bring you much God's love joy and fun. May you find peace, love and success in all things you do. The New Year is the perfect occasion to appreciate all the good things that the past year has given us and pray for all the good things are yet to come in spite of any hard times in 2021. Fr. Chris



**EPIPHANY BLESSING** It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to use the blessed chalk as a part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows: Use the blessed chalk

from your Church to write: **C+M+B+22** above the main doorway: 22 for the year 2022; C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House." As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers: *May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen*



**Gleason Family YMCA Full Plate**

(Wareham) provides Free Drive-through Food Boxes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 11:00AM to 12:30PM or until food runs out, whichever occurs first. **No registration is required.** PLEASE PRACTICE COVID SAFETY PROTOCOL AND WEAR A MASK. If you have any questions, please reach out to [fullplateproject@ymcasc.org](mailto:fullplateproject@ymcasc.org) or call 508-295-9622, ext. 27.



**Saint Rita's SVDP**—Parishioners, if you know of anyone who is in need and could benefit from help from St. Rita's St. Vincent dePaul Society, please call 508-758-3719.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Your Christmas poinsettias donated in the memory of loved ones look beautiful. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful during this Christmas season!

**Celebrate your wedding anniversary** in a special Mass with our Bishop. The celebration will take place on Sunday Feb. 13, 2022 at 3 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. To register, please let us know by Jan 10.

**Thank you** to Saunders-Dwyer Funeral Homes for sponsoring the calendars. Please take one.



**Point in Time Count:** The Point in Time Count will be held 1/26/22. Volunteers canvass New Bedford streets counting homeless people and distributing basic supplies to those in need. St. Anthony's and St. Rita's is collecting the following items to be donated for this cause: Gloves, Socks, Hats, Hand Sanitizer, Feminine hygiene products, Plastic gallon size food bags, Men and women undergarments, Hand and feet warmers. Please put donations on the Outreach table in the basement of St. Anthony's church by January 23th. Thank you.

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"Synodality represents the path by which our local Church can be renewed by the action of the Holy Spirit, listening together to what God has to say to his people. Pope Francis.  
**The First Goal: Re-acquire a biblical worldview**  
**The Second Goal: Listen to God, the Architect**

**Gift of Treasure: Thank You!**

**Saint Anthony's**

December 12	\$ 3,851.00
Retired Religious	\$ 1,493.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 734.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 197.00
Online Giving	\$ 105.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 97.30
Grand Annual Collection	\$53,190.00

The Diocesan monthly assessment for St. Anthony is **\$3537.56**; and St. Rita is **\$ 1753.51**. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please remember St. Anthony's or St Rita's in your estate plan.**

**Upcoming Special Collections for both parishes**

Maintenance Collection (All Month)

December 25 Christmas Offering

**St. Rita's**

December 12	\$ 1,313.00
Retired Religious	\$ 422.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 270.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 105.00
Online Giving	\$ .00
Grand Annual Collection	\$15,925.00



Please know that you can contribute to Sts. Anthony's & Rita's Parish by mailing your offertory envelope to the Office, or through our online giving feature which is set up for both parishes. It is easy and "painless" for you to continue to assist us in meeting our regular bills and payroll. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Credit Card machine is available as well!**

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Relating to some feasts during Christmas season, we may find that being a mother is not just something biological, it is something sacred and is part of the divine order of God's creation. Jesus was her Child and this Child is God. Therefore, it is proper logic to call Mary the "**Mother of God.**"

Each year on the Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the **Holy Family** as a perfect time to reflect upon this holy model of love and unity. "For every Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small "domestic church." that must shine with the Gospel virtues." - John Paul II.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church observes that "The **Epiphany of the Lord** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Savior of the world" (Catechism, 528). The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts, throughout the centuries. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal." Epiphany is then revelation of Christ to man.

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**LITURGIES**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM; Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30 AM  
Daily Mass: M-F 8:00 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays at 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM at 1 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays;** during the Mass on the **3rd Sunday** of the month.

**MARRIAGE - please plan at least 6 months ahead:** Please call Parish Office for more information.

**Office Hours:** 9:00AM-3:00PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
Closed Wednesdays

**FAITH FORMATION**

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**LITURGIES-ST. RITA**

Sunday Morning: 11:30 AM

**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM and MARRIAGE**

Please call Parish Office for information.

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Saturday 3:45 at St. Anthony's, or by appointment.

**Office Hours:** 9:00AM-3:00PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
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