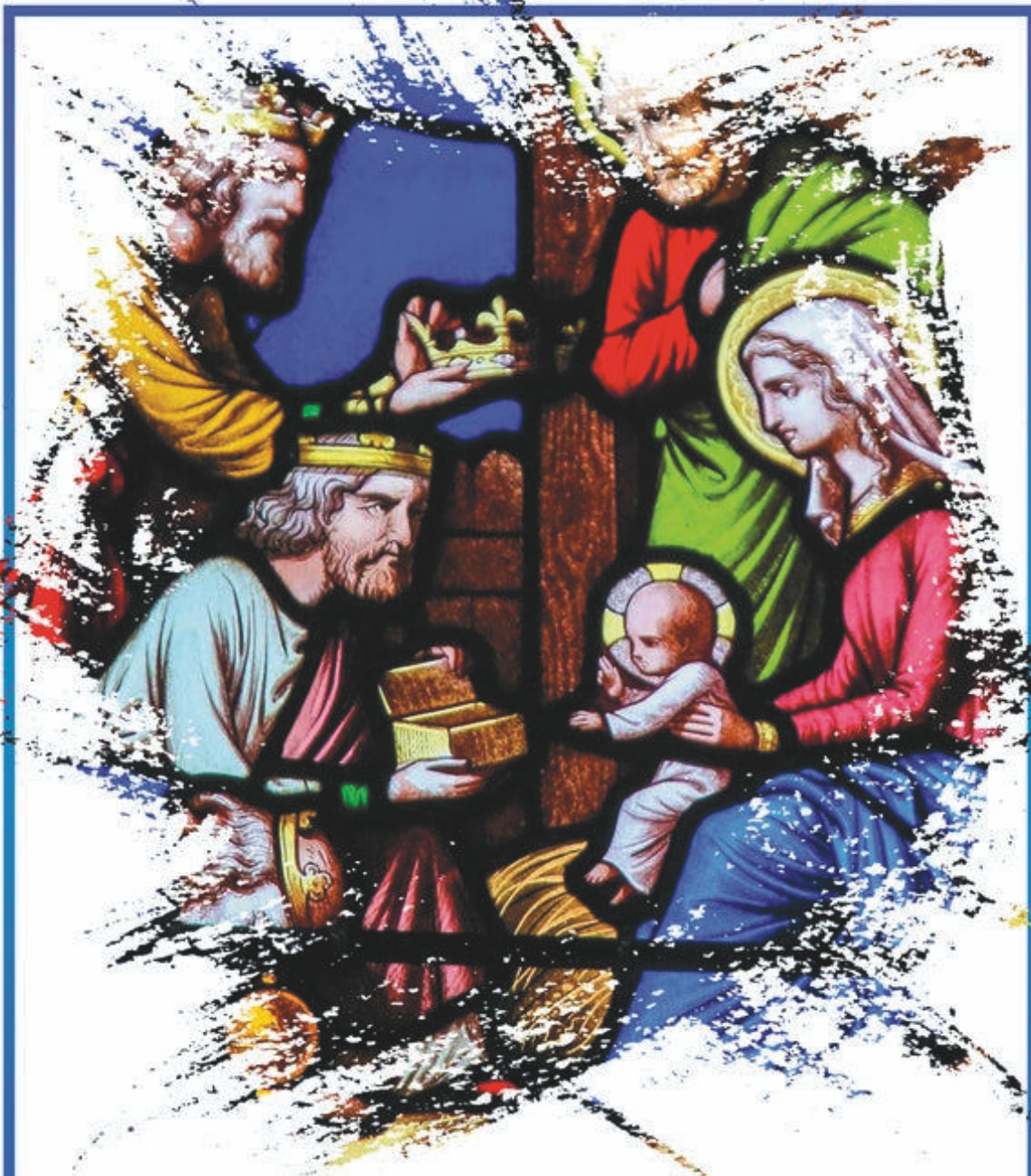


THE OLD ROCHESTER CATHOLIC

January 2, 2022



THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON
ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY
HIS MOTHER.- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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, Mary Jones *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.

Saturday, January 1, 2022
11:30 AM New Year's Day For Viola 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

Monday, January 3
8:00 AM Paul Little
Tuesday, January 4
8:00 AM The family of Dr. Kustrowski
Wednesday, January 5
8:00 AM Darmochwal & Stanibula Family
Thursday, January 6
8:00 AM Soul of Preciosa Larouco
Friday, January 7
8:00 AM Fr. John F. Andrews
Saturday, January 8
4:30 AM Janice Estes
Sunday, January 9,
8:00 AM Our Parish Family
9:30 AM Jose Manuel Alves
Live Streamed @ St. Anthony's St. Rita's
Sunday, January 9, 2022
11:30 AM Fr. John F. Andrews

Novena to St. Anthony We pray through 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 **Preciosa Larouco** at St. Anthony. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 508-758-3719.



The **Guild for the Blind** is hosting a Rosary for any particular needs on the first and third Thursday of each month via conference calls. For additional information, please contact Cynthia Stead at (508) 771- 6771 or Martha Reed at (508) 674-4681.



 Your prayers are requested for the repose of the Soul of **Reverend John F. Andrews**. May the Lord grant him eternal peace.

Bishop Da Cunha in his Christmas message looks forward to the Eucharistic Revival. He prays that we all experience a renewal of faith as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and answer God's call to be a part of revitalization through love and dedication. His letter is available through media and on our bulletin stand. ***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. Suggested prayers are the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. Next **Respect life** meeting on Jan 6, Thursday: 6:30 pm. ***

We have scheduled the parish **adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Saturday, January 22 from 2:45 to 4:15 pm** and everyone is invited to attend. ***

First Penance service is held for our I communion class on Jan. 9 at 11 am, St. Anthony Church. *** Our Diocese strongly encourages all parishioners to **wear mask** while attending Mass. Please follow the CDC guidelines and directives. *****

Bereavement Meetings take place on Tuesdays 4:30p.m and you may register at <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4> For 7:00 p.m. sessions register at <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7> For any additional information offered by telephone please contact Rose Mary at (508) 674-4681, ext. 1111 or rsaraiva@cssdioc.org.

The **YES post-Confirmation retreat** will be offered March 11 -13, 2022 Please contact if interested Oscar Rivera (orivera@dioc-fr.org).

MASS 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 always 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.



EPIPHANY BLESSING You are still encouraged to participate in a traditional Catholic blessing of your home by the use the blessed chalk 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 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 11:00AM to 12:30PM **No registration is required.** PLEASE WEAR A MASK. If you have any questions, please reach out to fullplateproject@ymcasc.org or call 508-295-9622, ext. 27.



PERSONAL NOTE. As I write this at the end of December, I am filled with gratitude. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and "goodies." I also thank all of those who assisted in "dressing" our churches, particularly **Maggie Valliere & Mike Chaplain**. I am grateful to musicians, choir, **Mary Chaplain** directing our youth pageant dramatization and your presence. Lastly, I thank **John Vaughn** and **Al Cordeiro** for the livestreamed Masses. I wish all of you Christmas joy, health and blessing in this coming New Year!

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 de-Paul Society, please call 508-758-3719.



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.

We are grateful to Saunders-Dwyer Funeral Homes for sponsoring the calendars this year. The Catholic calendar provides us with all essential feasts and holy days obligations. Please take one.



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. *****

Pope Francis called for the World Synod to take place in October 2023. It is about how we as disciples are journeying together. 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. In our parish we have some goals to accomplish. **The First Goal: Re-acquire a biblical worldview.** One of the most effective methods of enabling us to develop a biblical worldview is by addressing critical questions that consistently lead to beliefs and behaviors that are in tune with biblical teaching. It simply means that we view life through the lens of God's Word. We believe that the Bible is inspired by God who is inerrant, and infallible. **The Second Goal: Listen to God, the Architect** The Second Vatican Council insisted on the unique character of the vocation of the laity: the vocation to "seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and ordering them to the plan of God." When this vocation is lived out in our professions, men and women of faith become architects who see their work as a call from God. They are led by the spirit of the Gospel, their lives and their work contribute to the sanctification of the world.

Gift of Treasure: Thank You!

Saint Anthony's

December 19	\$ 3,032.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 70.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,300.00
Online Giving	\$ 75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 92.51
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 19	\$ 1,265.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 384.00
Online Giving	\$ 100.00
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!

In the week after **Epiphany of the Lord** we have several feasts: **Mon Jan. 3**, *The Most Holy Name of Jesus* means "God Saves" (Luke 2:15-21) On the 10th Day of Christmas Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm. The Holy Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and joy we never had before. The Holy Name of Jesus gives us strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear. **Tues Jan. 4**, *Elizabeth Ann Seton* was the first native born American to be canonized. Born two years before the American Revolution. She was a prolific reader, especially the Bible As she grew a little older, the Bible was to become her continual instruction for life. **Wed Jan. 5**, *St John Neumann*, Bishop of Philadelphia +1860, missionary from Bohemia, known for his holiness, promoter of parochial schools. **Thur Jan. 6**, *St. Andre Bessette* +1937. Orphaned at 12 known as the healer and the "miracle Man of Montreal", patron of caregivers. **Fri Jan. 7**, *St Raymond Penyafort*, priest. +1275. 2nd master General after St Dominic, promotor of cannon law, noted for work on penance *Summa de casibus paenitentiae*, patron of lawyers.

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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.

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LITURGIES-ST. RITA

Sunday Morning: 11:30 AM

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