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First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
three months prior to
the birth of your child.

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Please call the Rectory
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DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil - The First Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - 5th Anniversary-John Roche
43rd Anniversary-Anne Roche

Sunday, December 1--First Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - Birthday Memorial-Raymond McGarty, Jr.
9:30 AM 4th Anniversary-Joseph F. Aloisio
11:30 AM - 4th Anniversary-Paul Pagano

Monday, December 2–Weekday
7:00 AM - 59th Anniversary-William A. DeLuca

Tuesday, December 3 –Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
7:00 AM - 1 Year Anniversary-Roland Michaud, Jr.

Wednesday, December 4- Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Thursday, December 5-Weekday
7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial-Josephine Imondi

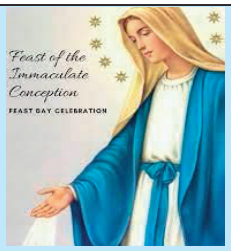
Friday, December 6 -Weekday
7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial-Angela Fanelli

Saturday Vigil-Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Ronald Perillo
Dorothy and John Langton

Sunday, December 8-Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - Birthday Memorial-David Shea
The Deceased Members of the Shea and Kerwick Families
9:30 AM - Memorial-Domenic and Rose Gazzero
11:30 AM - 58th Anniversary- Domenic T. Rianna
17th Anniversary-Iolanda Rianna

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule
Monday, December 9th
7AM, 9AM and 6PM



Father, Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts, her readiness of faith. USCCB

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 COLLECTION

WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEKEND.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

We enter once again into the holy season of **ADVENT**. The word Advent means coming, and what we celebrate is the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives. What a wonderful thing to celebrate! Several times, in conversation with members of the parish, I have been asked to recommend books for Advent and spiritual reading. I would like to suggest a few this Advent as we prepare to welcome Christ with joy.

Firstly, there are several books available on Amazon that begin with the title ***"Advent and Christmas Wisdom from . . ."*** and they then offer saints or spiritual masters such as our own ***St. Augustine, Venerable Fulton Sheen, G.K. Chesterton or Henri Nouwen***. These books are all relatively small and could be super helpful for that morning cup of coffee and spiritual boost to start the day. Another book of a similar type is ***"Advent and Christmas with the Saints,"*** also available on Amazon.

If you would like to delve a little more deeply into the theological wonder of God made man, try checking out ***"The Mystery of the Incarnation"*** by **Cardinal Christoph Schönborn**. Cardinal Schönborn has a beautiful writing style that is accessible and interesting. The book is also very small so it will serve you well in the Advent season.

Next we move on to the Popes! I cannot recommend highly enough **Pope Benedict XVI's *"Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives".*** In this, his third and final book on Jesus, he explores the wonder of God who became man to dwell among us. Beginning with an explanation of the origins of Jesus, he goes on to look at the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi and the finding of the Child teaching in the Temple. Finally, consider purchasing **Pope Francis' book, *"Christmas at the Nativity,"*** also available on Amazon. In this fairly new book the Pope explores various characters around the manger and tries to bring to life their meaning and importance for us today.

It is my prayer for you that these or similar books will serve to help you and your family prepare well for the coming of Jesus Christ this Christmas. What an amazing gift we have in the Child born in Bethlehem, and His ineffable presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist! Blessings to you this Advent.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through six will not meet this Sunday, December 1st in honor of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume their normal schedule next Sunday, December 8.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated next Sunday, December 8 during the 9:30 am Mass. This is an opportunity for the Word of God to be addressed to children in Grades K through Six as an age-appropriate and personal invitation to participate in the Mass.

Bible Readings for the Week

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday
Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10,14 1Thes 3:12, 4:2
Lk 21:25-28,34-36
Monday
Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday
Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday
Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday
Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday
Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35, 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Gratitude From Mother of Life Center

We are prayerfully thankful for the vital participation of Saint Augustine Parish in our Autumn Rose Sale. Your generosity enabled us to attain blessed success in the distribution and sale of more than 6,300 roses throughout the diocese. Your own combined donations of nearly $1500 are treasured evidence of your wholehearted enthusiasm for our pro-life ministry. We are always touched and honored by your support. May God bless you with a Happy Thanksgiving!

Very gratefully in Christ Jesus,
Richard Joseph Lafond Jr.
Mother of Life Pregnancy Center
401-421-0821 office

Mother of Life Center
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday
Exposition at 12 Noon
Closing Benediction at 5 PM
You are welcome to stop in anytime to visit with Jesus.

Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith… May our adoration never cease.
St. John Paul II

VOLUNTEER PROJECTIONIST NEEDED

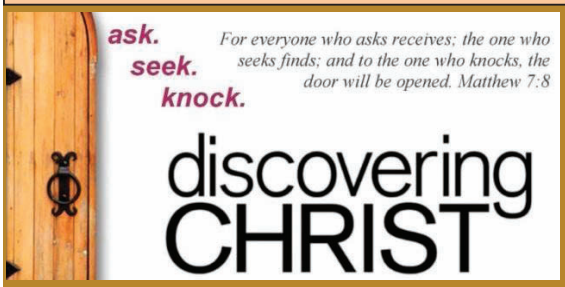
The parish is looking for individuals who can volunteer to be a projectionist for one Mass per month. We are in particular need of projectionists for the 7:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday. This is a great way to be involved in the celebration of the Mass and to serve your parish community. Training is available. For more information, please contact Mr. McGinn at timmcginn66@gmail.com or call 831-3503.

HELP US TO UPDATE OUR PARISH RECORDS

If you have moved or changed your phone number please call 831-3503 or email staugprov@verizon.net.

Annual Collection Update

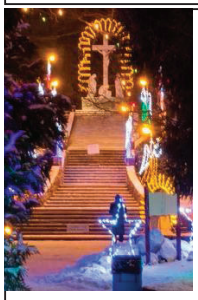
Thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to the Annual Collection. This is the major fund raiser that helps us keep our parish physical plant running. So far we have collected $73,708.00 Last year at this time we had collected $ 62,757.00. There is still time to contribute and help us reach our goal of $100,000 You can mail in your donation or place it in the collection basket. Just remember to mark your envelope—Annual Collection.



The next session of ChristLife will resume Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall
The ChristLife Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 from 10:am to 2pm.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Each year children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square in Rome for "Bambinelli Sunday." The families bring with them the figure of the Christ Child from their family crẻche (Nativity scene) at home, and the figurines are blessed by the Pope. Following this tradition, we'll be celebrating our own "Bambinelli Sunday" here on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21-22.** You are invited to bring to Mass your figure of the Christ Child from your home crẻche.



LASALETTE SHRINE
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

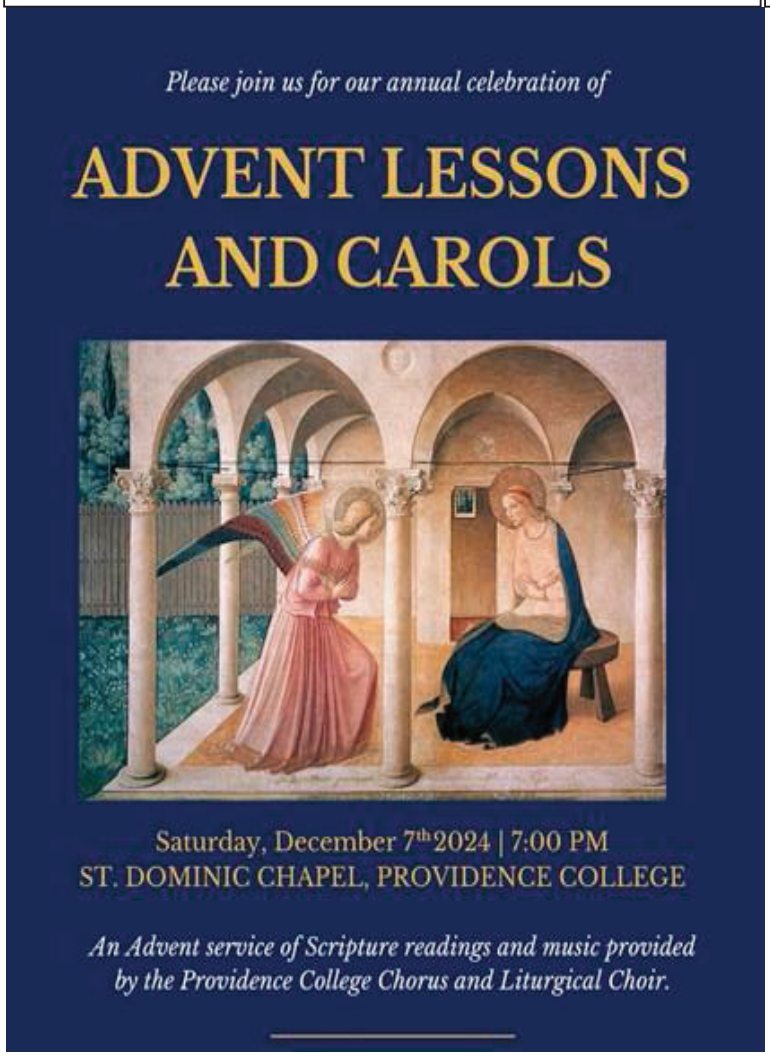
Lights are lit daily from 5PM-9PM

Creche Museum

Creche scenes from 50 countries and a **Reconstruction of Galilee & Judea** at the time of Jesus

Monday - Friday 5PM thru 9PM
Saturday & Sunday 2PM thru 9PM

MASS TIMES - Monday thru Sunday 12:10PM & 4PM
RECONCILIATION DAILY - 1PM thru 4PM
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE
Monday thru Sunday 10AM - 9PM



THE MEANING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Candle of Hope - Purple is the color associated with Advent. It symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. The first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

Candle of Peace - During the second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming more like Christ in preparation for Jesus' coming.

Candle of Joy - This pink candle symbolizes anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas.

Candle of Love - During this week we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son.

Religious Retirement Collection
Next Weekend—December 7-8

Our elderly religious have given a lifetime of service. Many religious communities do not have adequate retirement funding. You can help by supporting the this Fund. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Visit retiredreligious.org.

The Sounds of the Season Concert

Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

The Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a Concert entitled "The Sounds of the Season" at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence on Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. The Concert, featuring the music of Advent and Christmas, will benefit the Diocese of Providence

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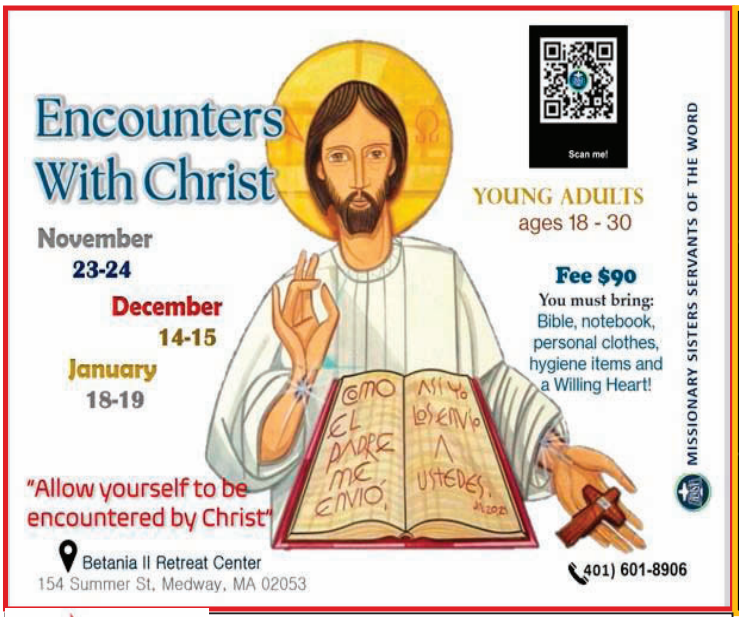
which assists poor and low income families with utility expenses. Tickets for the Concert may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 331-2434. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the Concert.



KEEP THE HEAT ON
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This diocesan program helps struggling families who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. If you would like to help families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or www.heatRI.com to donate online.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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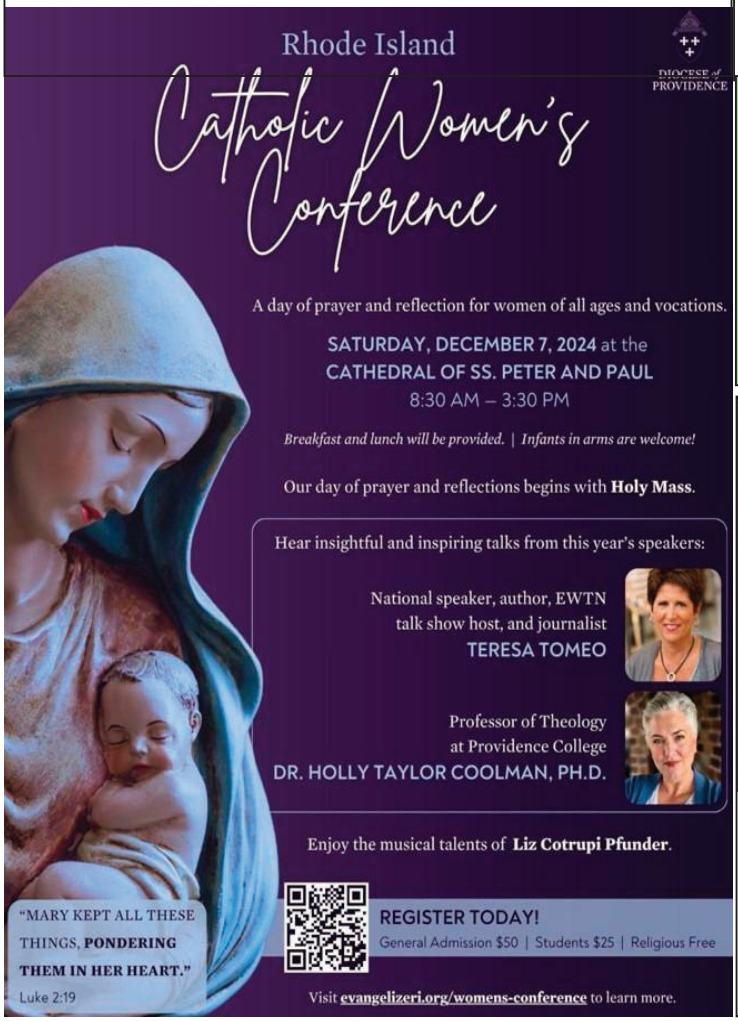
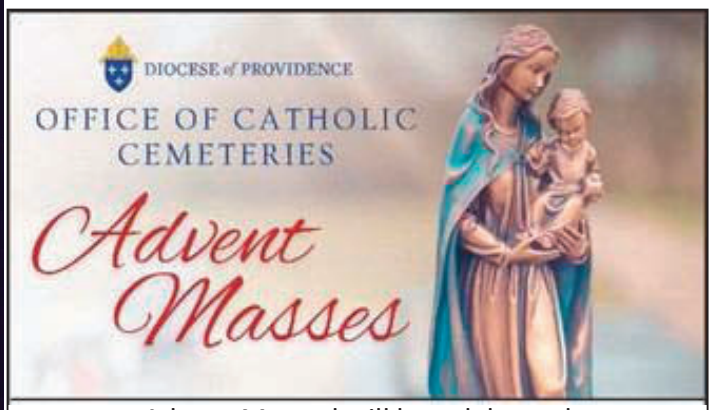
Coffee Hour

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, December 1st after the 9:30AM Mass in O'Brien Hall. Get to know the people you attend Mass with! Parents of CCD students - enjoy a cup of coffee while the kids are in class.



REMEMBER OUR VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting personal items: underwear and shirts, toothbrushes and paste, deodorant, shaving cream (no razors) and soap for the veterans at Bristol Veterans Home. Items can be dropped off in the lower parking lot on Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th from 10 am to noon.



Advent Massed will be celebrated
at all Catholic Cemeteries
December 9 through December 24
for a schedule of dates and times
Call the Catholic Cemetery Office at 944-8383
or visit ricatholiccemeteries.com

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