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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH– DECEMBER 29, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
4:00 PM - 5th Anniversary-Joseph DiLucia

Sunday, December 29-Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30 AM - Memorial-Beverly and Gene A. Rossi, Sr
9:30 AM - 10th Anniversary-Stella DiManna
Birthday Memorial-Natalie Petrucci
11:30 AM - Birthday Memorial-David Costantino and Edward Ricci

Monday, December 30-Christmas Weekday
7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial-Irene Martini

Tuesday, December 31-Christmas Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Joseph M. Actis

Wednesday, January 1-The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
8:00AM - Memorial-Gia Noviello
10:00AM - Memorial-Rev. Fr. Ajith Lakra HGN

Thursday, January 2-Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
7:00 AM - Memorial-Antonio and Elisa Fascia

Friday, January 3–Christmas Weekday
7:00 AM - Msgr John F. Cox

Saturday Vigil-The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 PM - 6th Anniversary-Dale Ryan

Sunday, January 5-The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM - Annual Collection Donors
9:30 AM - Memorial-Louis Soares
11:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary– Peter Olobri

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Masses at 8:00AM and 10:00 AM

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for these men whom You have called to discern priesthood. We beg Your continued blessings on our Diocese and families. Call forth even more men of generous spirit and fervent love whom You desire for this holy work. Amen.

DUE TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, THE DECEMBER 22, 2024 COLLECTION WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEKEND.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2024 and welcome a whole New Year, we can reflect for a moment on time. To our patron, ***Saint Augustine***, is attributed the expression: ***"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."*** I find that phrase rather comforting, knowing that all time is in God's hands and that He cares for us completely. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, says something similar. He writes, **"One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"** *(Philippians 3:13-14)*. What is important in both saints is the focus on God, who carries us through time and leads us ever more deeply into eternity.

It is common in our culture to make "New Year's Resolutions" (and then to usually break them before the end of January!). While certainly it can be helpful to have resolutions and use them as a measure to help us grow personally and spiritually, I have always found it more advantageous to choose what is called a "Life Verse" from Sacred Scripture. A "Life Verse" is a small quote from the Bible that can offer inspiration and direction for how we desire the rest of the year to go. In the past I have chosen ones from the prophets, such as: **"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"** (Jeremiah 29:11) or **"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint"** (Isaiah 40:31). You can see how verses like these can be perhaps more fruitful than a mere resolution, as they provide the inspiration and grace of God in bringing about a new reality for us as we place our trust in Him.

What "Life Verse" do you think would be most helpful for you in 2025? I pray that God, in His infinite love and ever-abundant providence, will be with you and your family as we enter this New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Be sure to tune in to
Father Mahar's weekly sermons at
www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.org on the
Living Sacrifice podcasts
and share with family and friends!

Religious Education

CCD classes for all grades will be cancelled Sunday, December 29 and Monday, December 30 in observance of the Nativity of our Lord. Classes for all grades will be cancelled Sunday, January 5 in observance of the New Year holiday. Classes for grades one through six will resume on Sunday, January 12 at 10:30am-11:30am in the school cafeteria.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Sunday, January 12 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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday
Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or 1Sm 1:20-22,24-28 Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3,5-6, 9-10 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52
Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
Monday
1Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
Tuesday
1Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18
The Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday
Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Thursday
1Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
Christmas Weekday
Friday
1Jn 2:29; 3:16 Ps 98:1,3-6 Jn 1:29-34
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Saturday
1Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42
The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday
Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer

If you have a prayer request
Email - staug4prayer@gmail.com

Your intention will not be published but will be prayed for by the St. Augustine intercessors. If you would like to become an intercessor email Kathy Hollenbeck at the above email for more information.

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER

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.

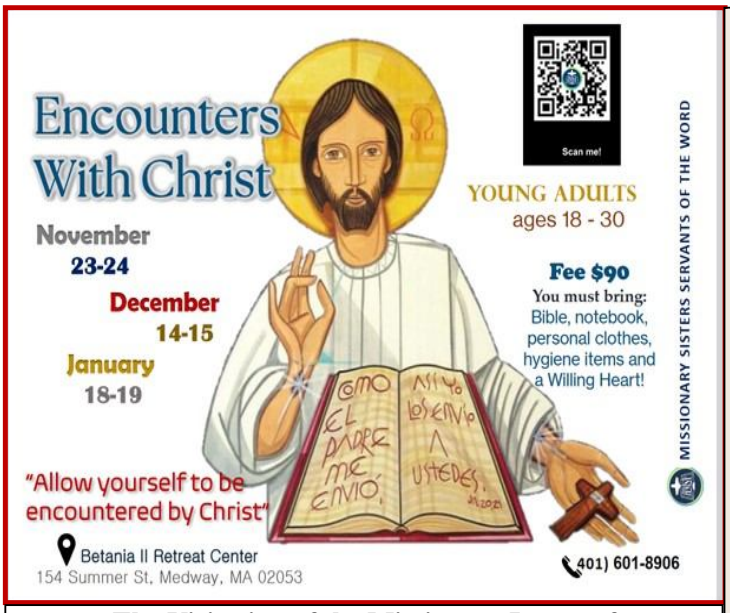
As we begin the New Year,
we place ourselves under the
protection of the Mother of God,
who is also our mother.
May she help us to keep and ponder all things,
unafraid of trials, in the joyful certainty
that the Lord is faithful and knows how to change
crosses into resurrections.

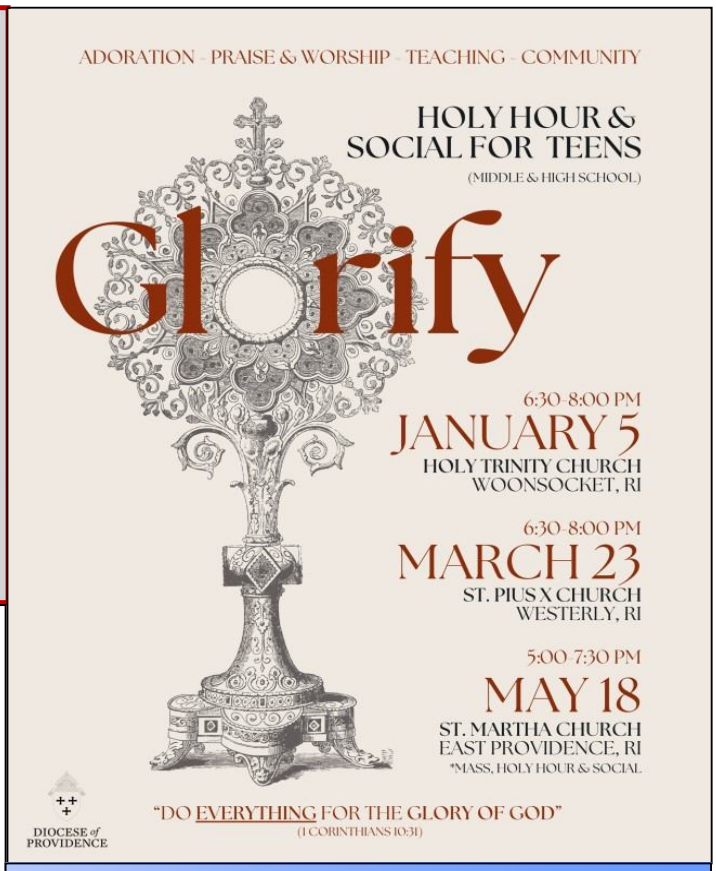
Pope Francis

DIOCESE of PROVIDENCE

Roman Catholic Counselors Needed

A growing number of Catholics are asking for counseling that reflects Catholic values and spirituality in addressing their needs and concerns. The Diocese of Providence is hoping to add to our referral list of Catholic-oriented counselors. Those interested should be a practicing Catholic, embrace the teachings of the Catholic Church and have a valid license to practice counseling. For further information, please contact Peter Magnotta at 401-278-2517 or pmagnotta@dpvd.org.





The Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, January 10 through Friday, January 31, 2025

The Missionary Image of Our lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our diocese in various parishes throughout Rhode Island from Friday, January 10 through Friday, January 31, 2025. The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of Saint Juan Diego in December 1531. The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. The Missionary Images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings.
The schedule and locations are available at the beginning of January by contacting the Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry at (401) 278-2518/ LCooley@dpdv.org and by visiting the Diocesan website https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG .

God has a plan for each of us!

The **Come & See Discernment Retreat** is for high school seniors, college-aged and post-college age men interested in or curious about the priesthood. It will be held Friday- Saturday, January 10-11 at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence.

To recommend a man for this retreat, or if you are interested yourself, please contact Rev. Ryan J. Simas, Director of Vocations, at fathersimas@gmail.com or Rev. Ryan W. Connors, Director of Pre-Ordination Formation, at rconnors@dpvd.org
To sign up please visit catholicpriest.com to complete registration form.

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Father, look with favor upon this the Church of Providence and grant her a bishop who will govern, sanctify, and teach with the heart of a good shepherd. Grant to this chosen man an increase in the gifts of your Spirit, especially wisdom, fortitude, understanding, and the virtues of faith, hope, and love. Unite this local Church under the guidance of your Spirit, so that your servant might find a people who praise you unceasingly and give glory to the Majesty which is yours alone. Shower your grace upon us, O Lord, that we may soon rejoice in your gift of a holy shepherd who seeks out the lost sheep and carries them home to Heaven, where your faithful shall glorify you without end. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."
- Proverbs 19:17

Please join the St. Augustine Council of the Knights of Columbus, Men of St. Joseph, and our friends at Relevant Radio for the

Five First Saturday Devotions

On the first Saturday of each month from January – May

The First Devotion will be on Saturday, January 4, 2025

Beginning with Confessions at 3:00 PM – (continuing until 3:45), the Rosary in music & song at 3:00 PM,
15 Minutes of Private Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 3:30 PM, and
Holy Mass with reception of the Holy Eucharist at 4:00 PM.
This is an opportunity to fulfill the requests of Our Lady of the Rosary at Fatima and obtain all the benefits promised to those who do.

The remaining First Saturday Devotions will be on February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, December 29 and January 5 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.

To find out more about becoming a Knight email Mike Geraghty at mjg1geraghty@hotmail.com

COR CHRISTI

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 10557 in conjunction with the Men of St. Joseph are excited to share the implementation of ***Cor***, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Augustine parish. ***Cor*** exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. Gatherings will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Sheridan room. Next meeting is January 25th at 8:30 am. For more information email John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net or call 401-338-6534.

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Right to Life
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Rhode Island Right to Life Pro-Life Team is seeking Prayer Warriors to pray the Rosary on Tuesday and Friday mornings 8:30-11:00 am on site of the Ultrasound Van parked near Planned Parenthood 175 Broad Street Providence. Nursing services are provided and nursing volunteers are always welcomed to assist.

For more information, please contact Mr. Barth Bracy, Executive Director at (401) 521-1860.

ChristLife

The next segment of the ChristLife series **"Sharing Christ"** will help prepare us to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to become part of the Church. We will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall.

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