

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 19

9:00 am + Joseph & Ralph Tomassone - by Marianne Tomassone

4:30 pm Pro Populo

### Sunday, December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 am + Mr. & Mrs. John Loftus - by Mr. & Mrs. John Sullivan

10:00 am + Albert Romano (Christmas Rememb.) - by Jan Greenwood

### Monday, December 21

7:00 am + Paul K. McGovern & Erin Danis (Christmas Rememb.) - by family

5:00 pm Latin Mass in Extraordinary Form

### Tuesday, December 22

7:00 am + Joseph Souza (56th Anniv.) - by daughters

### Wednesday, December 23

7:00 am + Herbert Kronsberg (Christmas Rememb.) - by wife Gladys & family

### Thursday, December 24

*No Morning Mass*

4:30 pm Pro Populo

12:00 am Pro Populo

### Friday, December 25 - The Nativity of The Lord

9:00 am Pro Populo

### Saturday, December 26 - St. Stephen

9:00 am + John, Anita & Thomas Pacheco - by family

4:30 pm + Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sullivan and Mr. & Mrs. John Sullivan

### Sunday, December 27 - The Holy Family

7:30 am Pro Populo

10:00 am + Donald N. Berube - by wife

## Sanctuary Lamps, Candles and flowers

Sanctuary Lamp - Paul K. McGovern

Blessed Mother - Paul K. McGovern

Blessed Mother - Special Intention

St. Joseph - Paul K. McGovern

St. Joseph - Special Intention

St. Anthony - Paul K. McGovern

St. Anthony - Frank P. Mello

St. Jude - Paul K. McGovern

St. Jude - Michael & Joseph Troia

St. Padre Pio - Paul K. McGovern

St. Padre Pio - Rose & Joseph Travis

St. Theresa - Paul K. McGovern

St. Theresa - Maria doRosario & Manuel Couto

Divine Mercy - Paul K. McGovern

Divine Mercy - Special Intention - Barbara Silvia

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm  
Please be sure all hours are covered throughout the day.  
*No Adoration on Friday, December 25th*  
*No Adoration on Friday, January 1st*

*"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned. - St. Maximilian Kolbe"*

Rectory Office Closed Friday, 12/26 thru Friday 1/1 - Secretary away

### Religious Education

**Confirmation I:** Class will be held on Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the school.

**Confirmation II:** There is a make-up class for those that have missed classes within the last two weeks, on Mon., Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Report to the Religious Education Office.

**Religious Education, grades 1-8:** Classes will be on Christmas break from Tuesday, Dec. 22, through Sunday, Jan. 3. Regular class schedule resumes for all on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. *Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year!*

### GIVING BASKET

**Thank you** to all who participated in the Giving Basket. Your support of this program and your overwhelming generosity is greatly appreciated. Many needy families were helped in the area due to your kindness. **May God bless you.**

### POPE BENEDICT'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY, 2010

#### Young people and Social Communications Media

**General:** That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

**Christian Unity - Missionary:** That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

### 24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Praying for priests throughout the year in each deanery:** Monday, 01/18/10 7:00 p.m. to Tuesday, 01/19/10 7:00 p.m. at St. Philip Church, Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI (401)949-1500.

### Collections for the week of

Sunday, December 13

Budgets mailed: (550)

Budgets received: (348) 4,523

Loose: \$ 229

**Total First Collection: \$4,752**

Expenses Paid week of 12/13/09 : **-\$4,822**

Balance remaining: - \$70

## Christmas and New Year's

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**December 24, 2009**

4:30 PM - Vigil Mass

**December 25, 2009**

12:00 AM - Midnight Mass

9:00 AM - Christmas Morning

(There will be NO Adoration on Christmas Day)

### New Year's Schedule

**December 31, 2009**

4:30 PM - Vigil Mass

**January 1, 2010**

8:00 A.M. - Mass

(There will be NO Adoration on New Years Day)

### Annual Christmas Concert

December 27, 2009

3:00 PM

(Hot Chocolate & Cookies in the hall following)

### BISHOP TOBIN TO OFFER RETREAT

Bishop Tobin will direct a weekend retreat for men 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood on **January 15-16, 2010** from 7:00 pm Friday to 7:00 pm Saturday at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Do you know someone who might be interested? Even if they are away at College, consider sending in their name. Anyone interested should call Fr. Najim, Vocation Director at 331-1316 or contact your parish priest.

### R.C.I.A.

#### Adult Religious Education

For Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments and for Non-Catholics who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith or wish to enter the Catholic Faith.

**January 04, 2010**

**7:00 PM In the Church**

## Pope Benedict XVI

In his weekly audience of December 9, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI elaborated on the writings of a Benedictine Monk, Rupert of Deutz. The Holy Father pointed out the importance of Rupert's writings on the Eucharist, specifically pointing to the fact that the Eucharist is not some sort of "social gathering", rather, it is a divine encounter, where Christ Himself comes down to us from heaven, the bread and wine and transformed into His body and blood. He said: "A fertile writer, Rupert left numerous works, still today of great interest because he played an active part in various important theological discussions of his time. For example, he intervened with determination in the Eucharistic controversy, which in 1077 led to his condemnation by Berengarius of Tours. Berengarius had given a reductive interpretation of Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, describing it as merely symbolic. In the language of the Church the term "transubstantiation" was as yet unknown but Rupert, at times with daring words, made himself a staunch supporter of the Eucharistic reality and, especially in a work entitled *De divinis officiis* (On divine offices), purposefully asserted the continuity between the Body of the Incarnate Word of Christ and that present in the Eucharistic species of the bread and the wine. Dear brothers and sisters, it seems to me that at this point we must also think of our time; today too we are in danger of reappraising the Eucharistic reality, that is, of considering the Eucharist almost as a rite of communion, of socialization alone, forgetting all too easily that the Risen Christ is really present in the Eucharist with his Risen Body which is placed in our hands to draw us out of ourselves, to incorporate us into his immortal body and thereby lead us to new life. This great mystery that the Lord is present in his full reality in the Eucharistic species is a mystery to be adored and loved ever anew! I would like here to quote the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which bear the fruit of 2,000 years of meditation on the faith and theological reflection: "The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique and incomparable.... In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the Body and Blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ... is truly, really, and substantially contained'.... It is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present... by the Eucharistic species of the bread the wine" (cf. n. 1374). Rupert too contributed with his reflections to this precise formulation."

### Latin Mass / Extraordinary form

Every 1st Sunday of the Month

**January 3rd at 12:00 Noon**

All are invited to attend!