

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

Advent Daily Prayer
Come to me, Jesus my joy,
as I prepare to celebrate
your birth at Bethlehem.
Come to me, Jesus my love,
as I hold you in my heart
throughout the day.
Come to me, Jesus my peace,
as I look forward to the day
I will live with you forever.
Amen

+CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE+

A warm welcome is extended to our parishioners and friends of the parish—both those who worship with us each Sunday, as well as those who have been away for a time. Join us for our Christmas Masses as we adore the newborn Babe, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during the blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

CHRISTMAS EVE
(Sunday, December 24th)
5:00 pm – Mass in English
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish
Midnight – Mass in English

CHRISTMAS DAY
(Monday, December 25th)
8:00 am – Mass in English
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish
11:30 am – Mass in English

MASSBOOK FOR 2018—The Mass Intention Book is now available, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm for those who would like to schedule a Mass for a deceased loved one, or for a Special Intention. What a beautiful way of praising our Lord!

+SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
3:30 on to 4:30 pm

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

ADVENT EVENING OF SONG

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for an evening of Christmas Hymns sung by our Parish Choir on **Friday, December 15th at 7:00 pm** in our church. Parishioners and friends are invited to enjoy the sounds of this beautiful season in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord on Christmas.

A SINCERE THANK YOU—and congratulations to the dedicated members of our Parish Ladies Guild for the wonderful **ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR**. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents, donated items and baked goods, purchased raffle tickets, and to all who attended to help make the bazaar so successful. A profit of \$3,850.40 was raised for our Parish! Your continuous support to our church is greatly appreciated.

+BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE+

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation, you have made known your love. When our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is Savior of all, who lives and reigns forever and ever. AMEN

THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS J. TOBIN, D.D., our Bishop in the Diocese of Providence, will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration this month. In thanksgiving to God, the Bishop will celebrate Holy Mass on **Sunday, December 17th, 2017 at 1:00 pm** in the **Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul**. The faithful of the Diocese are cordially invited to attend this celebration and the reception to follow in the Cathedral Hall.

2018 RELIGIOUS FAMILY CALENDARS compliments of the **Nardolillo Funeral Home**, are available at the church entrances following all weekend Masses. Please take calendars home and also to those parishioners and friends who are unable to join us in church. Our sincere thanks to the Nardolillo family!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 11—17

(Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.)

However, the following are specifically remembered this week.)

Monday, December 11

7:30 am – Vincenzina & Clemente D'Arezzo
by Barbara & Jean
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 am – Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm – Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, December 13 – St. Lucy

7:30 am – Joseph & Rose D'Arezzo by daughters

Thursday, December 14

7:30 am – Maria & Biaggio DelBonis by
by Jean & Barbara

Friday, December 15

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday, December 16

8:00 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm – Arthur Marcantonio and John &
Antonetta Turchetta by Norma

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am – **Collective Mass**

Stephen M. Buco by family
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
August Franch
Leonora Lee & Guido Buco by family
Gene & Marie Santanelli by family

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Angelina & Amadio Bianco & Wayne
Rand by Virginia

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11-17:

Sanctuary Candle: Angelina & Amadio Bianco
& Wayne Rand by Virginia

Altar Bread & Wine: Angelina & Amadio Bianco
& Wayne Rand by Virginia

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Noah Alexander Saillant
Oliver Read Saillant

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 pm – Holy Name Christmas Party

Friday, December 15

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel
7:00 pm – Christmas Concert by the Parish Choir,
Church

Saturday December 16

10:00 am – CCD Classes – 1st & 2nd years

Sunday, December 17

Advent Giving Tree gifts are due

Second Collection: Annual Year-End Collection

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks is

Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice

(logo from Increase Giving Campaign)

Weekend of November 25--26

Envelopes & Loose Collection: **\$3,278.00**

Second Collection: Extraordinary

Parish Expenses **1,368.00**

Total Income **\$4,646.00**

Our sincere thanks to all those making our
Increase Giving Campaign possible

SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN

Because our weekly parish bulletin can no longer be paid by ads on the back page, we are hoping to help defray this expense by asking parishioners to come forward each week with a donation of \$50.00. Sponsoring the bulletin can be written in three ways: (1) This week's bulletin is sponsored by (name of sponsor) or (2) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) or (3) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) by (name of sponsor or sponsors). Call the parish office of you wish to help.

**This week's parish bulletin is sponsored in
memory of**

**JOSEPH & ROSE D'AREZZO
by daughters**