

## **SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH**

### **+HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!+**

To all parishioners and friends, A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Day! While we Americans have been blessed as a nation with many material blessings, we are by far blessed because by our Baptism we are members of a Eucharistic Community, at whose head stands Jesus Christ. Therefore, for us Catholics, Thanksgiving Day is not just a special civic holiday, rather it is a way of life! Jesus taught us to thank God for everything, for everything we have ultimately comes from God. The word "Eucharistic," which is used to describe the Mass, means in Greek "thanksgiving" since every Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God. So what better way for Catholics to celebrate Thanksgiving Day than by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion? Join us as individual parishioners, a parish community and a family and nation, by giving thanks to God at the **9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Family Mass on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Bring to the Mass the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving meal, to be blessed at the Mass and shared with family and friends in your home.

Today, November 19<sup>th</sup>, is traditionally the commemoration of the feast of **Our Lady of Divine Providence**. It is most fitting that during this year dedicated to "Mary our Mother" that this commemoration of our Diocesan Patronal Feast be given a proper observance. The Bishop has granted permission to celebrate the Mass of **Our Lady of Divine Providence** in place of the Mass for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our parish will also join in the celebration for our Blessed Mother.

**MASSBOOK BOOK FOR 2018**—The Mass Book for next year will be available for the scheduling of Masses beginning Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> during office hours: Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. We do not automatically reserve Masses from year to year. We ask for your consideration of all families when requesting weekend Masses. Mass intentions should be paid upon scheduling. Thank you for your kindness and consideration.

## **33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### ***A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING***

*Great Creator, God, giver of all good things,  
we rejoice in Your abundant blessings.  
For family and friends, for food and drink,  
for health and home, and for all Your gifts,  
we praise and thank You.*

*We ask your blessing on those among us who  
are hungry and thirsty, who are homeless  
and alone, who need Your guiding hand,  
and depend on your tender mercies.*

*May we share our many blessings with them  
for they are our brothers and sisters,  
Your beloved children.*

*Gracious God, giver of all that is good, we  
gratefully raise our hearts and voices to You  
on this Day of Thanksgiving and always.*

**AMEN**

**THE ADVENT GIVING TREE**—Go into many stores and you cannot miss the fact that Christmas is soon approaching. Some of us have already begun to think about our Christmas shopping. Once again this season we invite our parishioners to do what we can to reach out to our parish families who are in need. The ADVENT GIVING TREE will be placed in the vestibule of the church on December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent. Please consider taking a "Giving Ornament Tag" and prayerfully fulfill the gift and return it to the church or parish office by December 17<sup>th</sup>, to be delivered in time for Christmas. Let us enter into the true spirit of Christmas; for we celebrate God's greatest gift to the world...the gift of His Son. Thank you to all who will participate.

You can make a difference by volunteering to give abused or neglected children a voice in the Rhode Island court system. Become the consistent adult in a child's life during their time in foster care. Give 8 to 10 hours of your time each month to help vulnerable children move safely through the child welfare system into permanent, stable homes. To learn more about becoming a court appointed special advocate (CASA), call the Rhode Island CASA office at (401) 458-3230 or contact Nicole Martin at [nmartin@courts.ri.gov](mailto:nmartin@courts.ri.gov).

## **OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

### **MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 20—26**

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

However, the following are specifically remembered this week.)

#### **Monday, November 20**

7:30 am – Pasquale Charlie & Teresa Feula by niece Carmina

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

#### **Tuesday, November 21**

7:30 am – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm – Novena Services & Benediction

#### **Wednesday, November 22 – St. Cecilia**

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

#### **Thursday, November 23**

No 7:30 am Mass

9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Mass

Intentions of Parishioners

#### **Friday, November 24**

7:30 am – Ethel Martin

#### **Saturday, November 25**

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother by a devotee

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **5:00 pm – Collective Mass**

Emilia Scungio Botelho by family

Michele & Ines Capuano by daughters

Giuseppe DeMasi by Rita

Antonio & Anna Fantini by Rita

Dorothy Giarrusso by husband & family

Muriel Keegan by family

Evangelista Rendina by wife & children

In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by a devotee

#### **6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish**

#### **Sunday, November 26 – Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

8:00 am – Francesco & Carmine Nocera by son & daughter-in-law

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Carmine Mastrogiuseppe by children & family

### **MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20—26:**

**Sanctuary Candle:** Marion Cuiccio by daughters  
Muriel Keegan by family

**Altar Bread & Wine:** Marion Cuiccio by daughters  
Muriel Keegan by family

**NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Thursday, November 23**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Family Mass at 9:00 am

#### **Friday, November 24**

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

#### **Saturday November 25**

No CCD Classes

#### **Sunday, November 26**

No Confirmation I & II Classes

**Second Collection:** Extraordinary Parish Expenses

### **+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+**

#### **What Our Lord Asks is**

#### **Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice**

(logo from Increase Giving Campaign)

Weekend of November 4 – 5

Envelopes & Loose Collection: **\$3,956.00**

No Second Collection                     

Total Income **\$3,956.00**

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*

**ELMIRA ALMY CICCONE**  
**by husband & family**