Mary, Mother of Mankínd Church

25 FOURTH STREET ★ NORTH PROVIDENCE ★ RHODE ISLAND 02911



September 15, 2024

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Holy Days: see bulletin

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am (The Rosary is prayed prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

M-T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b

MARY, MOTHER OF MANKIND CHURCH

<u>From Fr. Varghese's Desk</u>



This weekend, we have the chance to support our "retired" priests—though I prefer to call them "senior," as retirement doesn't quite capture the active lives most of them still lead.

Throughout their years of service, priests are assigned to parishes or other ministries. During these assignments, they are provided with housing and board, typically by the parishes. Diocesan priests do not take a vow of poverty; instead, they receive a fixed salary, pay taxes, and contribute to social security, especially in recent decades. They are responsible for their own car payments, personal expenses, and other costs.

At age 70, a priest may choose to retire from administrative duties. However, he remains a priest of Jesus Christ and continues to serve the community. Upon retirement, a priest must manage his own living arrangements, which can vary widely. Some live in homes left to them by family or friends and handle their own maintenance and expenses. If they do not have a home, they receive a stipend to reside at the St. John Vianney Priests' Residence in Providence near our seminary. Others may live in a rectory or with family members. In all cases, retired priests receive a modest pension from the priests' retirement fund. Like many pension funds and given the growing elderly population, this fund is underfunded. Your contributions help ensure that we have the resources to support our senior priests.

This weekend's second collection is not only a chance to provide financial support but also an opportunity to honor the dedicated service of our senior priests and to pray for more priestly vocations. I invite you to pray for and reflect on the many senior priests who have faithfully shepherded us throughout our lives. May their ongoing service be blessed, and may they feel our love and appreciation through our prayers and support.

> Have a Good Week and God Bless Father Varghese



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

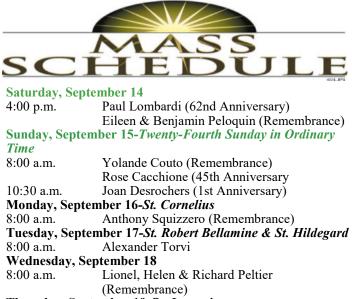
Adults: What one thing can I do this week to remember to respond to hostile situations with love rather than anger or frustration?

Children: What one thing can I do this week to be generous instead of selfish?



SUNDAY SMILE

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row, please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said. "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No," she said. "Good," he answered.



 Thursday, September 19-St. Januarius

 8:00 a.m.
 Fr. Richard A. Bucci

 Saturday, September 21

 4:00 p.m.
 Gerry and Chris Boudreau (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, September 22-*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Carmelo Mazzarella (Birthday Remembrance)

To submit a prayer request for our 'Prayer Chain' please contact Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)





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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



at the entrance of the Church.

Snowflake Bazaar Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcomed to attend.



For those of you who would like to join the Choir but not able to come to Saturday night 4PM Mass, will now have the option of coming to Sunday Mass at 10:30AM (and vice versa)! There will be

choir rehearsal which will be held on Thursday nights at 6PM in the Church each week. Our first choir rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 19, 224. Many of you lift your voice in song during Mass and have amazing voices! Please come and join the Choir. I look forward to seeing you soon. Kim Stanzione



Father Varghese will be blessing all your pets in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, on Saturday, October 5th at 1:00PM, in the Church parking lot.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament will take place this Monday, September 16th from Noon to 6:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

IF YOU ARE A NEW PARISHIONER

We invite you to become an active part of our parish. After Mass, please introduce yourself to Father or call the rectory at 401-231-3542 and leave a message. If you were once a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, have a son or daughter who was an Altar Server or were involved in other areas of service in your former parish, we invite you to resume your ministry here. If you've been a member of our parish for some time and would like to join one of our ministries, please contact Fr. Varghese.

	MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Sun. Sept. 15	10:30 AM Sliver Rose Ceremony during
-	Mass
Sun. Sept. 15	11:30 AM Europe Tripe meeting.
Mon. Sept. 16	7:00 PM Bible Class
Tues. Sept. 17	7:00 PM SVDP
Thur. Sept. 19	6:30PM Zumba Class (Hall)
Fri. Sept. 20	6:00 PM Bingo
-	SPECIAL EVENTS
Snowflake Bazaar: Saturday. November 2 nd & Sunday	
3 rd , 2024.	
20 Week Club Dinner Dance: January 25 th , 2025	
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