December 31, 2023

## Christmas Season



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

#### Mass Schedule

Sat. Sun.	5:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Helen Pride memorial by Celeste Wyatt Carter Plasse memorial by family To the Sacred Heart for a special intention by Rose & Ray Thurber Pro populo – For the people
Mon.	9:30 AM	Forest Nathan Adams, III memorial by his son
Tues.	7:30 AM	Saint Anthony Bread Intentions
Wed.	7:30 AM	Manuel Jordao memorial by Maria Eldad and family
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Joseph Simeone, Sr. memorial by son
Fri.	7:30 AM	Ronald Lavallee memorial by Lucille
Sat.	5:00 PM	Edith Simeone memorial by son
Sun.	8:30 AM	Forest Nathan Adams, III memorial by his son
	10:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory memorial by Tuyet
	5:00 PM	Pro populo – For the parishioners

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** In memory of Marcia, Nevia, & Rinaldo Pierannunzi, and Antonio & Gina Viola by Anthony Pierannunzi



Weekend of December 24, 2023 Weekly Offering:

Weekly Offering: \$1579.00 Christmas Offering: 1532.00

Thank You!

# Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped

Bishop Henning recently kicked off this year's Keep the Heat On heating assistance campaign, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than 3.25 million in assistance to more than 14,681 Rhode Island households in need. If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Prov., RI 02903 or visit <a href="www.heatRl.com">www.heatRl.com</a> to make a secure credit card donation. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, visit <a href="www.heatRl.com">www.heatRl.com</a>, or call 401/421-7833, ext. 207 for more information.

# January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day Schedule

This year, since the Holyday falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed.

Mass in observance of the holyday (Jan. 1) is at 9:30 AM for those who would like to join us.

Note: Mass on Sunday evening (Dec. 31) at 5:00 is for the Feast of the Holy Family and fulfills the Sunday obligation.

### **Annual Collection News**

THANK YOU! to all who have thus far contributed to our parish's **10**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Collection**, giving us a total **\$14,955** from 91 households so far. So close to over the \$15,000 mark of the past two years, but hopefully, this weekend will do it. Your **tax deductible** donation may be returned anytime between now and December 31. Please pray for the appeal's success. Thank you. -Msgx. Simeone

### From the Pastor's Desk

As we rejoice in this Christmas season in the Father's love in the gift of his Son as our Savior, I express my deep appreciation to all of you who, by being so faith-filled and generous, make St. Anthony's parish the beautiful community of faith it is.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to the Communion Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar boys, those who tidy up the church; also daily sacristan, Ray Durand and maintenance man Thomas Garrepy; Mary Picard, music director and organist, and the Choir for their service. Also, thanks to Lynne Corrieri, secretary-bookkeeper, and Trustees, as well as the Finance Council. Lastly, thank you all for the personal Christmas well-wishes, cards, and gifts. I pray that you will have a blessed and happy 2024.

### PRIESTHOOD VOCATIONS RETREAT

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus Christ." - St. John Vianney.

God has a plan for each of us! This retreat is for high school seniors, college, and post-college age men interested in or curious about the priesthood. The retreat will be held <u>Friday-Saturday</u>, <u>January 12-13</u>, <u>2024</u> at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mount Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI. Pre-registration required. To recommend a man for the retreat or if interested for yourself, please contact Rev. Ryan J. Simas, Vocations Director, at 401-331-1316 or <u>rsimas522@icloud.com</u>.