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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

PADRE'S PONDERINGS

Dear Parishioners,

I am very grateful to **Deacon John Silvia** who visited with our parish communities a few weeks back to share with us some of the important work our diocese is doing in outreach to people in recovery. I am excited to begin a new partnership with St. Mathias Ministry at All Saints. All Saints will host a special Mass for Those in Recovery on the following Sundays at 5pm: March 29, 2020, June 28, 2020, September 27, 2020 and December 27, 2020. We also hope to get a chapter of the Hope and Cope Support Group off the ground here at All Saints. If you have any interest in helping with those efforts, please call the parish office.

Last weekend, **Fr. Ryan Simas**, pastor of St. Joseph's, and I announced that our parishes would be entering into a period of formal collaboration. All youth, young adult and family ministries, including religious education, will now be held at St. Joe's. All Saints will continue and, hopefully, strengthen its outreach to the poor and the needy in the city of Woonsocket. Both Fr. Simas and I are excited about this collaboration and believe that will help to strengthen both of our parish communities. Next weekend, I will celebrate and preach all Masses at St. Joe's, while Fr. Simas will celebrate and preach all Masses here at All Saints. It will be a great opportunity for you to get to know him and for him to get to know you! I know I'm looking forward to the opportunity to meet the people of St. Joe's. Please continue to pray that the Lord's will be done as we continue to work at strengthening our parish.

The **Spanish-speaking community** will gather on Wednesday, January 1, at 10:30am for their last Mass in All Saints. Fr. Sweet and I will concelebrate, and then we will reverently bring the image of our Blessed Mother, the Virgin of Guadalupe, with us to Holy Trinity, where we will be greeted by parishioners there to enthrone the image in their new home at Park Square. All members of All Saints and St. Charles are welcome to join us for this special liturgy in honor of our Blessed Mother and invoking her intercession over the relocation of the Spanish-speaking community to Holy Trinity.

In other news, I would like to thank all those who have come forward to make donations for our newly purchased liturgical items. Our processional cross and new altar cloths were given in memory of **Olive Provencal and Edith Hunt** (by anonymous); **Roland and Rochelle Gaulin, Gerard Gaulin and Edgar and Jeannette Chapdelaine** (by our parish trustee, Jeff Gaulin), **Michael E. Zinelli** (by the Zanelli Family); **Bertram and Helen Frechette** (by Sue Trinque); and **Marcel Langevin** (by

anonymous). As other donations are recorded, we will publish the memorials in the bulletin.

Next Sunday is the **final Christmas Concert** in St. Charles and **ticketed parish banquet**. While I hope as many people as possible will join us for the concert at **2pm**, the banquet afterward is a ticketed event. I know that Becky and Wayne have worked so hard with our parish musicians and with Wayne's students to prepare for this concert. It will be bittersweet, in that we know St. Charles' closing is imminent, but it will also be a precious opportunity to be together in peaceful song and reflection during this otherwise very hectic season.

I am so very grateful to all those who have contributed to our **Adopt-a-Family** program. Every tag was taken this year! I am also grateful to everyone who participated in our **Toy Drive**, and to all those who have given generously to **ROVAC**. (Speaking of the Toy Drive, see Jeff Gaulin's update elsewhere in the bulletin. It turns out this year's Toy Drive was the best in seven years!) These efforts represent our ongoing commitment as a parish family to those in need. Many thanks to all those who helped coordinate these efforts!

And finally, I'm not with you this weekend, as I am serving as spiritual director on a **SEARCH retreat** at the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center in Cranston. Please keep the team of talented young people and the retreatants in your prayers throughout the rest of the weekend. I'm sure that this experience will prove to be fruitful for all involved.

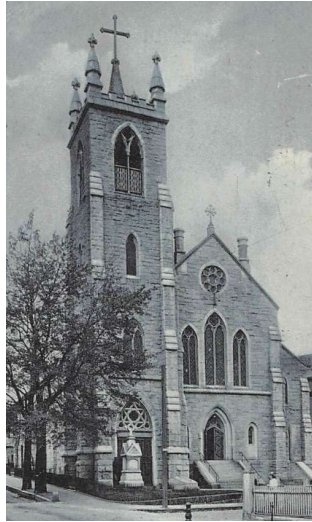
Until next week, *Fr. Joe*



CHRISTMAS
A Savior Is Born

Christmas Eve: 4pm Mass in Saint Charles
4pm Mass in All Saints
6pm Spanish Mass in All Saints
Christmas Day: 9am Mass in Saint Charles
10:15am Mass in All Saints

SAINT CHARLES LEGACY COMMITTEE UPDATES



As our Legacy Committee continues to work at organizing events to commemorate the parish life and historical legacy of Saint Charles, please keep these dates in mind. **We ask that, especially for the final Christmas Concert and Banquet, that you reach out to former parishioners or friends who might be interested in these events.** As we only have on hand a database of presently registered and active parishioners, it would be helpful to have some assistance in spreading the word!

- **Sunday, December 15, 2pm—Final Christmas Concert followed by catered Parish Banquet in Saint Charles Church Hall:** This will be the final social gathering of our parish community. While the concert is open to the public, the dinner afterward will be ticketed.
- **Tuesday, December 24, 4pm—Final Christmas Eve Mass in Saint Charles Church**
- **Wednesday, December 25, 9am—Final Christmas Day Mass in Saint Charles Church**
- **Sunday, January 12, 9am—Final Mass in Saint Charles Church:** All who attend this special liturgy will receive a special memento, “a piece of Saint Charles,” which will be explained at the final Mass. **Please note: there is no 4pm Mass on January 11.**

CHURCH TOUR UPDATE: Many thanks to the eighty or so people who visited St. Charles Church on Sunday, December 1, for a tour of the building. As we learned last Sunday, St. Charles was truly a catechism written in stone, paint and glass. Many thanks to those who helped prepare for the event and for those who promoted it. The Legacy Committee hopes in the coming weeks, we will continue to take advantage of any opportunities we have to come together as a parish family in prayer and fellowship. We’re looking forward to next week’s concert and banquet in particular!

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Ecumenical Prayer Service at Saint Charles a few weeks back. And thanks to Fr. John Kiley for leading us in prayer. **Attendees raised nearly \$500.00 for the benefit of the Harvest Community Church’s Men’s Shelter on North Main Street in Woonsocket.** Many thanks, too, to Becky and Wayne and our music ministry for helping to lift our hearts in prayer and song, and to those who shopped, baked, set up and cleaned up for the collation afterward! Many thanks!

WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 1st, 2019

All Saints

Sunday Collection: **\$3,624.50** Fuel: **\$958.00**
Christmas Flowers: **\$943.00**

St. Charles

Sunday Collection: **Unavailable at time of printing**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7th

4:00: (SC) Margaret Dwyer, *by Mary Gizzareli*

4:00: (AS) Parishioners of All Saints Parish

Sunday, December 8th

7:30: Roger Sylvestre, *by wife*

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

10:15: Edward Zarski, *by family*

Monday, December 9th - All Saints

8:00: Antoinette Auger, *20th anniversary, by daughter*

Tuesday, December 10th - St. Charles

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

Wednesday, December 11th - St. Charles

9:00: Robert LaVelle, *4th anniversary, by Connie*

Thursday December 12th - All Saints

9:00: Lionel Boisvert, *by family*

Friday, December 13th - All Saints

8:00: Eugenie Martel, *36th anniversary, by Gerard Martel*

Saturday, December 14th

4:00: (SC) Vincent Bogan & Bogan Family, *by Kelly & family*

4:00: (AS) Edward Carpentier, *by Edward A. Phillips*

Sunday, December 15th

7:30: Normand Blain, *by Clare Frew*

9:00: Henry E. Krupa, *by family*

10:15: Jeff Henault, *by a friend*

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In the event that Woonsocket Public Schools are
CLOSED or DELAYED on a snow day,
Mass at All Saints and Saint Charles will be canceled.



Knights of Columbus
Woonsocket Council, No. 113
3200 Pawtucket Avenue
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895



2019 OPERATION ROVAC DRIVE
Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas

As part of **OPERATION ROVAC**, Council #113 is collecting **BRAND NEW** items to be distributed to 200 men and women at the R. I. Veterans Home in Bristol, R.I.

(FINAL ROVAC Collection Day Event is Friday., Dec. 13th)

Requested BRAND NEW w/ TAGS (ONLY) donations should include:

- Winter hats, gloves, and scarves
- Men's pants – khaki & jean
- Long sleeve flannel shirts (Up to 4X)
- Men's flannel button down pajamas (Med to 4X)
- Women's flannel button down pajamas (Med to XL)
- Under shirts (Medium to 4X)
- Sweat pants and flannel pants (Up to 4X)
- Button down sweaters, fleece & vests (Up to 4X)
- Winter jackets (Medium to 4X)
- Shoes/sneakers (Velcro tab) Sizes 8 through 12.5
- Handkerchiefs
- Men's slippers (Shoe type) w/ backs & rubber bottoms
- **New** Word/find search books (Large print **ONLY**)
- **NEW TOILETRIES (NO TRIAL SIZES):**
- Dove Soap / Irish Spring soap
- Men's and Ladies stick deodorant
- Men's cologne / ladies perfume
- Toothpaste / Tooth brushes
- Please leave your donations in the ROVAC collection entrance of the church



Thank you very much for your generosity. Merry Christmas and God Bless!

TOY DRIVE UPDATE

From Parish Trustee, Jeff Gaulin, regarding the Toy Drive held at All Saints on November 30, 2019:

This was our 7th year hosting the Toy Drive, in conjunction with the Auger Family and the Woonsocket Police Department. The Toy drive is held in memory of OJ and Jeanne Augers' son Ron Auger who was a dispatcher for the Woonsocket Police department who passed away. As a Knight of Columbus council we are honored to partner with them for such a GREAT parish and community event that helps to build a positive relationship with the community and the police department in helping the children in the City of Woonsocket.



All Saints has been such a strong and caring Parish Family that has help us achieve this success, with our best year ever of the seven years we have held this event. We collected 404 toys, \$4,211 Dollars in raffle money which will all go to the Woonsocket police department. So to the Auger Family (OJ, Jeanne and their daughter Christine & granddaughters) we are honored to help you towards making a difference in our community!

In summary, placing a value of an average of \$15.00 per toy: \$6,060.00 + the \$4,211 raffle = \$10,271 dollars collected in 4 hours, that's an outreach like no other!

Many thanks to all who organized the event and all who donated!

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

All Saints annual Christmas card and raffle, 12 Days of Christmas, is here again!

Thinking about buying one of the most beautiful Christmas cards ever produced for a friend or loved one. Also, give a friend or loved one a chance to win one or more of the 12 prizes at the Christmas Season. For only \$10 it's a great for teachers, Secret Santa, or that hard to buy for friend!

We will be selling tickets after all masses at the front door, or you can purchase tickets at the rectory.

The last day to purchase cards will be Sunday December 22nd.



1 de Enero de 2020, es misa de precepto de la **Solemnidad de Maria, Madre de Dios**. Tendremos nuestra última misa en español en nuestra iglesia (Todos los Santos) antes de que nos relocalizemos a las **10:30am**, seguido de la Santa Misa se hará una procesión hasta la Iglesia la Santísima Trinidad donde el Padre Sweet nos dará la bienvenida.



WELCOME!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,
No matter your current family or marital status,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality,
No matter your self-image of holiness or virtue,
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!
You are invited, accepted and respected
at All Saints and Saint Charles Borromeo.
We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

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Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 7:30am, 10:15am and 12n (en Español)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3pm

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Daily Masses:

Tuesday & Wednesday at 9am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3pm

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SAINT CHARLES PARISH: A MORE THAN 170-YEAR LEGACY OF FAITH, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

In this space, we hope to include pictures and memories shared by Saint Charles Parishioners. Thanks to Wayne and Becky Kilcline for sending these along! Email any pictures or memories to Deb at allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com.



Marriage of Andrew and Madonna Kiley, June 1939



The Kilclines with Bishop Gelineau in the church hall, 1979



Easter Egg Hunt, April 11, 2004