



THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

PADRE'S PONDERINGS

While the commercial Christmas displays have already been taken down and the carols have already stopped playing, the real Christmas season has only just begun and will extend until Sunday, January 12. I've been observing this ongoing Christmas season by praying with one of my favorite poems, "A Christmas Carol," by the British poet Robert Herrick (d. 1674):

"What sweeter music can we bring / Than a carol for to sing / The birth of this our Heavenly King? / Awake the voice! awake the string! ... Dark and dull night fly hence away! / And give the honour to this day / That sees December turn'd to May ... Why does the chilling winter's morn / Smile like a field beset with corn? / Or smell like to a mead new shorn... We see Him come, and know Him ours, / Who with His sunshine and His showers / Turns all the patient ground to flowers. / The darling of the world is come, / And fit it is we find a room / to welcome Him. / The nobler part / Of all the house here is the heart, / Which we will give Him; and bequeath / This holly and this ivy wreath / To do Him honour, who's our King / And Lord of all this reveling."

We continue to celebrate the birth of the One who can turn the coldest of winter nights into the freshest of spring mornings! And we pray for the grace to be able to welcome him not only this Christmas season but everyday into the home of our hearts.

A word of very special thanks to all those who helped plan, prepare for and execute our Christmas liturgies at both All Saints and St. Charles. The decorators, the liturgical ministers, especially our pastoral musicians, our guest clergy, and any others who played a part deserve our gratitude and our appreciation! I am also grateful to all those who have sent along Christmas greetings and gifts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

A few weeks before Christmas, the parishioners of St. Charles were able to gather for one last time as a parish family to celebrate the life and legacy of that community. The Christmas concert that preceded the banquet was well-attended and all present were treated to the talents of the Providence Youth Guitar Ensemble, members of the St. Charles music ministry and Becky and Wayne Kilcline. Many thanks to all who had any part in planning for the concert or the banquet. As you know, Bishop Tobin granted my request to rescind his decree of permanent closure of the St. Charles church building. This decision does not affect the decree of suppression of the parish of St. Charles, which remains in effect. However, the rescinding of the decree of closure and relegation allows us more time to not only use the building for liturgies as pastoral needs demand, but also to dialogue with interested parties about the future of the building. Please note that this decision does not affect the newly initiated partnership of collaboration between All Saints and St. Joseph.

Speaking of that partnership, a few weeks back, Fr. Ryan Simas was welcomed here to All Saints to celebrate the Masses, preach and introduce himself to our community. You received him warmly and he was very grateful for your hospitality. I was received with equally generous hospitality at St. Joseph. The community there seems not only open but even eager to working with us as we move forward to secure our future as a parish family. I am very excited about this partnership. Our newly-forming parish council (which you'll read more about in the New Year) will work with parish leadership at St. Joseph to explore

ways to deepen our partnership and share programming in the coming months.

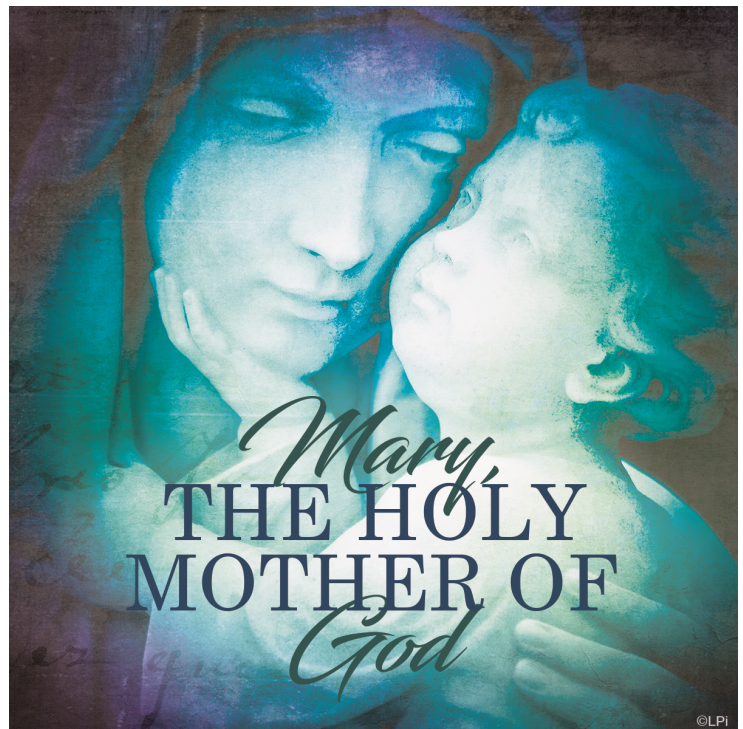
One of the ways that we will move toward shared programming is by developing a daily Mass schedule that is sensitive to the needs of both communities. As I announced last weekend, as of January 13, daily Mass in All Saints will be celebrated at 8:30am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Parishioners from St. Charles and All Saints will be invited on Thursdays and Fridays to attend the daily Mass at St. Joseph's at 7:30am. Please note that St. Joseph's has daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 7:30am and will continue to do so. All Saints will continue to offer three daily Masses—as has been the case for several years now—although on different days and at a different time. The weekend Mass schedules at both All Saints and St. Joseph's will remain in effect for the time being.

This coming Wednesday, New Year's Day, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated in St. Charles on Tuesday, December 31, at 4pm and in All Saints on Tuesday, December 31 at 4pm. A special Mass invoking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother over our Spanish-speaking community will be celebrated in Spanish on New Year's Day at 10:30am in All Saints. All are welcome to join us for that Mass, as we wish our Spanish-speaking community the very best, bid them farewell and send them off to their new home at Holy Trinity.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

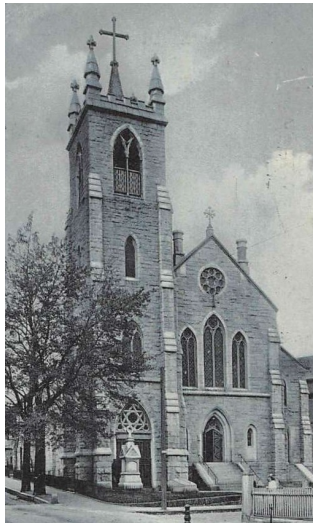
PS—Herrick's poem was set to music by the contemporary master composer John Rutter. It's entitled "What Sweeter Music" and has become one of my favorites. Check it out!



**New Year's Eve:
4pm Mass in Saint Charles
4pm Mass in All Saints
New Year's Day:
10:30am Spanish Mass
in All Saints**

SAINT CHARLES: IMPORTANT DATES

- **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.**



Office Hours

We will be closed from Tuesday 12/31 to Thursday 1/2/20. We will reopen Friday 1/3/20 at 8:30am.

We wish everyone a happy, blessed, and safe New Year's Eve!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank an anonymous donor for their generous donation to New Beginnings Kitchen, in loving memory of Olive Provencal and Edith Hunt.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29TH, 2019

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 22nd, 2019

All Saints

UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

St. Charles

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28th

4:00: (SC) Robert & Molly Champagne, *by Molly & Don Burke*

4:00: (AS) Ray & Connie Patras, *by Tom & Gail Ranieri*

Sunday, December 29th

7:30: Levi Brooks

9:00: Walter Kowal

10:15: Jean, Eugenie, & Roger Barthelemy, *by family*

Monday, December 30th - All Saints

8:00: Parishioners of All Saints Parish

Tuesday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

4:00: (SC) Walter & Rose Kowal

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

Wednesday, January 1st

No Masses

Thursday January 2nd - All Saints

9:00: Parishioners of All Saints Parish

Friday, January 3rd - All Saints

8:00: Parishioners of All Saints Parish

Saturday, January 4th

4:00: (SC) Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

4:00: (AS) Edward Carpentier, *by M/M Paul Girard*

Sunday, January 5th

7:30: Nelson Carey, *by Arline & Roger*

9:00: Theodore & Nathaniel Maltais

10:15: Muriel Dusablon, *5th anniversary, by the family*

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.

**Las lecturas de la semana del
29 de Diciembre de 2019**

Domingo:	Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/ Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23
Lunes:	1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 96, 7-8. 8-9. 10 [11]/Lc 2, 36-40
Martes:	1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 96, 1-2. 11- 12. 13 [11]/Jn 1, 1-18
Miércoles:	Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 67, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [2]/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21
Jueves:	1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [3]/Jn 1, 19-28
Viernes:	1 Jn 2, 29—3, 6/Sal 98, 1. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Jn 1, 29-34
Sábado:	1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 7-8. 9 [3]/Jn 1, 35-42
Domingo siguiente:	Is 60, 1-6/Sal 72, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-1

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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Tuesday & Wednesday at 9am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3pm

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Christian Larivee, *Sacristan*

Deb Doris, *Secretary/Food Pantry*

Jonathan Laboy, *Maintenance*

Leo Fontaine, *Director of Music, All Saints*

Wayne & Becky Kilkline, *Directors of Music, St. Charles*

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 and Connie Kirby for sending these along! Email any pictures or memories to Deb at allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com.



Church being built 1869



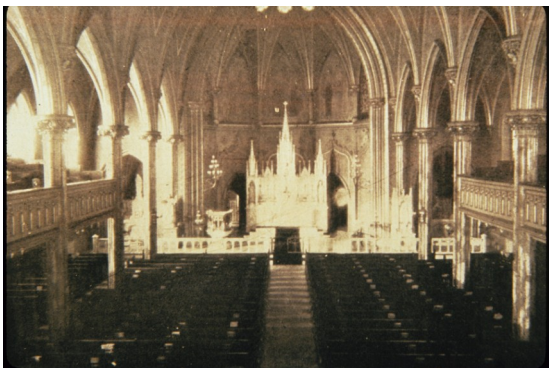
Eighth grade graduation from St. Charles School in 1969



Church exterior circa 1915 -note the priest grave marker in front of tower that was moved a few years later and now resides in cemetery



Anne Szczengor and Reid Rotatori wedding



Interior 1915 - shortly after first section of upper galleries removed



Bill Kirby and friends, First Communion 1963