



**Saturday, December 14:** Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent  
4:00 p.m. **Stanley Skorski Jr. (†)**, Birthday  
Remembrance, req. by his family.

**Sunday, December 15:** Third Sunday of Advent  
8:00 a.m. **Norma Loehr (†)**, Second Anniversary, req.  
by her Mom and Dad.  
10:00 a.m. **Samuel D'Ambra (†)**, Anniversary, and  
**William Renzulli (†)**, Anniversary, req. by  
their wife.

**Monday, December 16:** Advent Weekday  
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 17:** Advent Weekday  
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 18:** Advent Weekday  
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

**Thursday, December 19:** Advent Weekday  
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

**Saturday, December 21:** Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent  
4:00 p.m. **Todd Blamires. (†)**, Twenty Fourth  
Anniversary, req. by his family.

**Sunday, December 22:** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
8:00 a.m. **Robert St. John, Lucille Tellier, George  
Tellier, and Steven Tellier (†)**,  
req. by Barbara St. John.  
10:00 a.m. **Irene Slezak (†)**, req. by Jan Zoraian.

*There are Mass Intentions available for weekdays  
and weekends. Call the office to reserve your  
intentions for the Living or the Deceased.*



This week's sanctuary lamp burns for  
**Stanley Skorski Jr.**

The sanctuary lamp is available for  
memorializing your loved ones in prayer.  
Call the office to reserve your week.

#### OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK

December 7 & 8: \$2,372.00  
December 7 & 8, Electronic: \$518.00

December 7 & 8, Retired Religious: \$846.00  
December 8, Immaculate Conception: \$532.00



#### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>Tuesday, December 17</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
Girl Scout Troop Meeting	Parish Center
<b>Wednesday, December 18</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
Cub Scout 13 & Troop 31 Scout Meetings	Parish Center
<b>Thursday, December 19</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
Brownie/Girl Scout Troop 993 Meeting	Parish Center

#### Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year's

**December 24 & 25, The Nativity of the Lord**  
Christmas Eve Mass, Tuesday, December 24 **4:00PM**  
Christmas Day Mass, Wednesday, December 25 **10:00AM**  
**January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
New Years Day Mass, Wednesday, January 1 **9:00AM**

Our meetings have ended for this year.  
*Check the bulletin for the date of the  
next meeting which, hopefully, will  
be some time in January.*



**Boy Scouts of Troop 31**  
**Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath**  
**Fundraiser** will be held at the Portuguese  
Holy Ghost Society, 11 Ventura St. in West  
Warwick, at the intersection of Main St. and  
Wakefield St. The stand will remain open  
through the last weekend before Christmas. **Trees are  
fresh, premium quality, local, and reasonably priced!**  
This fundraiser helps defray the cost of summer camp for  
the boys. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Christmas Flower** donation envelopes  
have been included in your budget  
packets. If you would like to list the name/  
names of loved ones to be remembered or  
honored, please **PRINT** their names on the  
back of the envelope, place the envelope  
in the collection basket at any mass, and a listing will be  
posted at the church entrances on Christmas.



Once again this year Christ the King  
Parish will be sponsoring a **Giving  
Tree** for "**Christmas Is**" which  
benefits needy children and  
families in West Warwick. This  
organization also reaches out to  
assist Senior Citizens in our community. Tags are on the  
tree and in a basket near the tree. Tags should be  
attached to **new unwrapped gifts or gift bags** and  
**returned by THIS Sunday, December 15th.** The  
"**Christmas Is**" Committee thanks you for your  
continued generosity in this their 40th year of service to  
the West Warwick Community.

## Faith Formation News

Dec. 15: Class—All Grades, 8:45-9:45AM

Dec. 22: No Classes—Merry Christmas

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Gina Vessella, Religious Education Coordinator at [gnessella.ckww@gmail.com](mailto:gnessella.ckww@gmail.com), call the parish office at 401.821.9228, or visit our parish website, [ckwwri.org](http://ckwwri.org)!

Please remember to complete a 'Mass Attendance Slip' and hand it to Father at the end of Mass.



**CtK Choir Rehearsals** are held on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the choir loft. For more information, please see Mia after the Sunday morning Mass.

**All are welcome to join our Choir!**

## Congratulations...

Winner Week #24, Ticket #645

Joseph Braga

CtK 25 Week  
Club Winner



Stop in to see all **The Attic** has to offer: Dishes, pots and pans, glassware, knick-knacks, small kitchen appliances, books, bed linens, picture frames, games, puzzles, handbags, children/adult shoes and clothing, etc.

**Shop Hours:** Monday, 12:00-6:00pm;

Wednesday, 12:00-6:00pm;

Saturday, 9:00am-12:00 Noon

**Stop in ... You never know what treasures you will find in "the Attic"!!!**

**Please note:** The Attic will be closed beginning December 16th and will reopen January 6th, 2020

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our patrons and all who volunteer their time and donations for this beneficial ministry!**

## Readings for the Week of December 15, 2019:

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3 4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



## Some random thoughts by the pastor....

One message that threads throughout the Scriptures is: God dwells **IN** everything and everyone. This doesn't mean that everything and everyone **IS** God. When we practice recognizing God **IN** everything and everyone, people and things – including the whole cosmos – somehow begin to have a natural dignity, and nothing can be belittled, used for gain, shown disrespect, or enslaved. Everything and everyone are our equals. Saint Francis of Assisi is a good example. He would often be heard praying, 'Who are you, God? And who am I?' Somehow this led him to experience God **IN** all of creation. As a result, he related with everything as his sister or brother (e.g. 'brother sun/sister moon'). It also led him to experience Christmas (the Incarnation of Jesus who is also the Christ) as **THE** most important moment in history – ours and the cosmos'. The birth of Jesus who is also the Christ offers us an experience of union between the human and the divine. There is no divide as our minds so often tell us. Try reading our first reading from Isaiah and our Gospel story from Matthew from the perspective that the human and the divine are in union with each other. We might be surprised by the resistance that we feel; the judgments that we make; the anger that we feel. Our minds don't want us to experience this union. Our minds want us to remain divided from the cosmos, from ourselves, from other people, and from the Divine. If we are patient however, we will – at some point in time – find ourselves living in communion with the cosmos, ourselves, other people, and with the Divine. God is good.

**Parish Updates:** Preparing the church for Christmas will take place on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. All are welcome. We will celebrate Christmas on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Come celebrate with family and friends!



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The Pawtuxet Valley Food Cupboard is in need of food items (especially Red Pasta Sauce) and Paper Products. Donation bins are located at the church exits.

**Coffee, Juice, & Donuts:** Join us after Mass Sunday mornings for a hot cup of coffee, a donut, and a little parish fellowship!



**"Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." - Pope Francis**