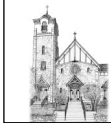
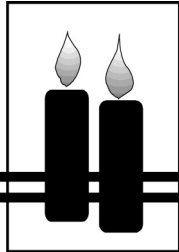


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Prepare the way of the Lord



Saturday, December 9

4:30 †Robert C. Wilson

Requested by wife Concetta

Sunday, December 10

8:00am †James & Sarah Folcarelli

Requested by Family

10:00am †Tina Marie Luciano

(25th anniversary remembrance)

Requested by Family

12:00mn Mass for the People

Monday, December 11

7:00am †Thomas "Tom" McGair

Requested by Jean

Tuesday, December 12

7:00am Special Intention

Wednesday, December 13

7:00am †Mary Lou Gallant

Requested by Jean McGair

Thursday, December 14

7:00am †Tina Marie Luciano

Requested by Family

Friday, December 15

7:00am †Maria D'Annunzi

Requested by Family

Saturday, December 16

4:30 †Ronald W. Anderson

Requested by Family

Sunday, December 17

8:00am †Joseph Costanza

Requested by Family

10:00am †Kathleen Rose

Requested by Family

12:00mn †William & Elizabeth Merluzzo

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 10

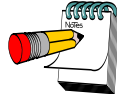
10:00am †Kathleen Brannon

Requested by Jean & Roger Fenaughty

Sunday, December 17

10:00am †Lorraine DeCesaris

Requested by Regina & John Blair



For Your Information

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Trees are now set up in St. Francis and St. Romuald's. If you feel that you can share the gift of giving this Advent/Christmas season, please take a tag and return the gift, unwrapped and with the tag attached, ***no later than Sunday December 17th***. ***Place gifts under the tree at either church or chapel, BUT please put gift cards or gift certificates either in the offertory basket or drop off at the rectory.*** Gifts will be distributed on Mon. December 18th and Tues. December 19th. Thank you for your generosity.



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (237)

Loose Donations

Online Giving (# of donors-67)

Total Budget

December 3

\$6,526.50

\$1,378.00

\$2,059.00

\$9,963.50

Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (162)

Loose Donations

Total

\$2,236.00

\$ 555.00

\$2,791.00

The second collection this weekend is the Retired Religious Fund. Next week's second collection is for ongoing maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

From the Pastor,

As you know, there has been a lot of publicity lately about past improprieties—not to say, crimes—by celebrities against their female clients or co-workers. Despite the almost laughable hypocrisy of the entertainment industry, which pretends to be shocked to find that some of their famous figures have been hitting on women, and despite the fact that some few celebrities will be ruined for what may have been a one-off act long ago, I for one am happy to see that the day has dawned when men will have to learn that women are not simply fair game for the men's prurient interests. It will perhaps take a while for this to filter down to the rank and file, but I hope the ruin of the careers of celebrities will put the fear of God into everyone, and women will be able to go to work without fear of being the recipients of a boss's or coworker's salacious remarks, lascivious antics or unwanted advances. And I trust that women, especially those in positions of power and authority, will show the same respect for their employees and co-workers that they would desire from others.

Well, enough of that subject. Christmas is coming and may it turn our thoughts to Christ, who entered into human history to redeem it from its fallen state. Please be aware that the Masses on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 are at 9 and 11 A.M and NOT at the usual Sunday Mass times. All registered parishioners have been mailed a card with the Mass schedule for Christmas; if you did not get one, you are probably not registered as a parishioner. If you regularly worship here and are not registered somewhere else, please call the rectory and talk with Jacki, our secretary, about registering.

Fr. Bodah

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparents of Vivian Ann Hunter Barry-Bernier who was baptized on Sunday, December 3 by Fr. Henry Bodah. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10th

8:55-9:50am GRADES K,1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass

10:55-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)
GRADE 8 (FGC)

Wednesday, December 13th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7:00-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

Calling all shepherds, angels, and wise men...

If your child in grade K-6 would like to participate in our annual Christmas pageant on January 7th at 11:00 please call

Mrs. Cullen at the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.

Rehearsal will be Friday, January 5th from 4:00-5:30 and Saturday, January 6th from 10:00 -11:00 in Fr. Greenan Center.



Attention Families!

Your children in Grades 1 and up are cordially invited to participate in our Children's Christmas Choir. Practices will be held on Tuesdays, Dec. 12th and 19th from 5:45-6:45 in the choir loft. If you have any questions contact Jen Bernard at martacanta@gmail.com



This Sunday, December 10th from 7-8:30 pm High School Youth Night-Christmas cookie making in Fr. Greenan Center

All High School Youth

Join us on Thursday, December 28th for a night of music, praise and worship with the led by our very own youth minister, Emily Cueller at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. **REVIVE MINISTRY BAND** This talented group will have you on your feet praising God for all His wonderful works! We will be leaving the church parking lot at 3:30pm and returning ~10:30pm. We will have time to see the Festival of Lights, enjoy a pizza dinner before the night of Praise & Worship. Any teen interested in attending can call the religious education office by Friday, December 22nd.

This Week

Monday, December 11

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, December 12

5:45-6:45pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

Wednesday, December 13

7:00pm Baptism Preparation (Rectory)

Thursday, December 14

9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)

4:30pm Bus departure for LaSalette

7:00pm RCIA (MCCR-at rectory)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)



THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND

"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters continue in active ministry." writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medication, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders! Thank you in advance for your generosity.



CAROLING & PRAYING FOR..."PEACE IN THE WOMB"

Where: Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad St. , Providence

When: Saturday, December 16 10:00 to 11:00am

This event is co-sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence and Rhode Island Right to Life. To RSVP: 401-421-7833 or covens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

This peaceful event is being held in conjunction with the Pro-Life Action League.

For more information visit St. Francis website at stfranciswakefield.com

The December edition of *Word Among Us* and the pocket size Advent edition of *Word Among Us* is available at the entrances of the church. All are welcome to take one!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT...FOR ALL OUR YEARS!



Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? Do you need time just for the two of you? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the Answer! (Maybe a Christmas gift to one another!)

January 19-21

Call: 1-800-710-9963

Hampton Inn

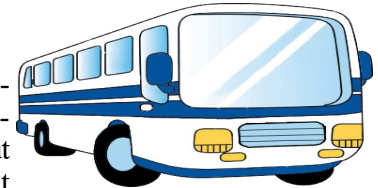
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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

LAST CALL!

Christmas is quickly approaching so how about joining us as we visit



The LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro Mass in order to enjoy the quietness and holiness of the season. This Thursday, December 14, 2017, we will be boarding a bus to take us to see this beautiful Shrine and light show. The bus will leave promptly from the church parking lot at 4:30 pm and return at 8:30 pm. The cost will be \$10 per person and it is based on a first come first serve basis as the bus holds only 49 people. If interested in attending, please clip and fill out the form below completely. Because this is the last call you can bring it to the rectory with your payment.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact Kerry Villanis at (401) 743-9616 or kav3@cox.net.

CLIP & FILL OUT FORM & RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Name: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Payment Amount (\$10 per person): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____