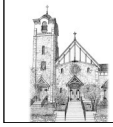
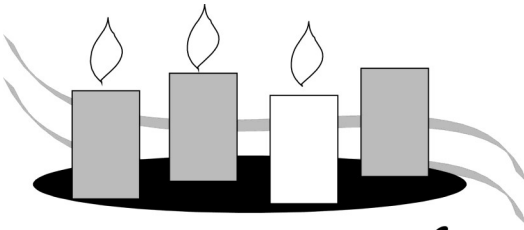


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions



Rejoice in God

Saturday, December 16

4:30pm †Ronald W. Anderson
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 17

8:00am †Joseph Costanza
Requested by Family

10:00am †Kathleen Rose
Requested by Family

12:00nn †William & Elizabeth Merluzzo
Requested by Family

Monday, December 18

7:00am Special Intention

Tuesday, December 19

7:00am Mass for the People

Wednesday, December 20

7:00am †Luke & Henrietta Pucella
Requested by Family

Thursday, December 21

7:00am †James DeLuca
Requested by Family

Friday, December 22

7:00am †Michael Posillo
Requested by Family

Saturday, December 23

4:30pm †Fred Robinson
4th Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Family

Sunday, December 24

8:00am †The Flynn Family
Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney

10:00am †Nicholas Duckworth
Requested by Family

12:00nn



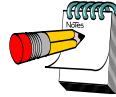
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 17

10:00am †Lorraine DeCesaris
Requested by Regina & John Blair

Sunday, December 24

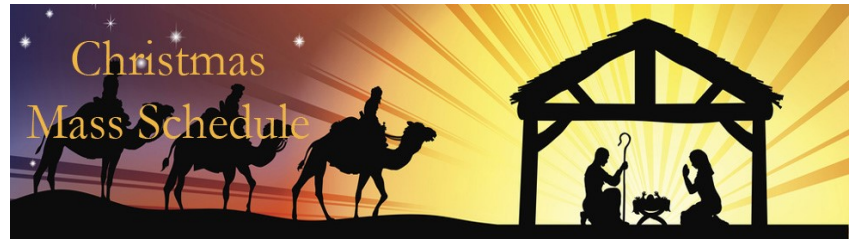
10:00am †Madeline & Walter Johansen &
Bob Alarie
Requested by Jude



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Tina Marie Luciano.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

(At St. Francis Church)

4:30pm †Donald Beaumier
Requested by Family

10:00pm Mass for the People

(At St. Romuald Chapel)

5:30pm Mass for the People



Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Monday, December 25

(At St. Francis Church)

9:00am †Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

11:00am †Mass for the Members of the
Perpetual Mass Association

(At St. Romuald Chapel)

10:00am †Marguerite Sprague
Requested by her parents Al & Mary Vitiello

(The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 & Tuesday, Dec. 26)

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (213)	-	December 10	\$6,745.50
Loose Donations	-		\$1,713.00
Online Giving (# of donors-66)	-		\$2,254.00
Total Budget	-		\$10,712.50

Second Collection (Retired Religious)

Budget envelopes used (156)	-	\$3,521.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,013.00
Total	-	\$4,534.50

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$1,590.50

The second collection this weekend is for ongoing maintenance. Next week there is no second collection.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

DECEMBER 17, 2017

From the Pastor,

Here is a thought from a great 19th century convert to Catholicism, Blessed John Henry (Cardinal) Newman, on our Lord's admonition that we heard on the first Sunday of Advent, "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming."

"Jesus knew his own purpose and his Father's purpose gradually to leave the world to itself. He contemplated the neglect of him which would spread even among his professed followers; the daring disobedience and the loud words, which would be ventured against him and his Father by many whom he had regenerated: and the coldness, cowardice, and tolerance of error which would be displayed by others, who did not go so far as to speak against him. He foresaw the state of the world and the Church, as we see it this day, when his prolonged absence has made it practically thought that he never will come back in visible presence. And in the text he mercifully whispers into our ears not to trust what we see, not to share in that general unbelief, not be carried away by the world, but to take heed, watch, pray, and look out for his coming."

Fr. Bodah



*Confessions will be heard at
St. Francis Church on
Saturday, December 23 from
3:00-4:00pm.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 17th

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 20th

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

7:00-8:15 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.



Secret Jesus Activity

The children in our religious ed classes have been busy making "Jesus rocks". They placed an image of baby Jesus on a rock and placed the rocks

about the church grounds

and even secretly, placed them around town! *The*

idea came from a website called Catholic

Inspired and they credit an anonymous artist who

originally hand painted the image of baby Jesus

on rocks/ pebbles and spread them around for

people to find ... he "simply wanted to bring joy

and the real message of Christmas to people." So

if you found one of these Jesus rocks, keep it or

pass it on but remember that "Jesus is the Reason

for the Season." **Merry Christmas!** For this

activity and many other great ideas for your kids

to participate in at home, visit:

www.catholicinspired.com



Attention Families!

Your children in Grades 1 and up are cordially

invited to participate in our Children's Christmas

Choir. Practice will be held on Tuesday December

19th from 5:45-6:45 in the choir loft. If you have

any questions contact Jen Bernard at

martacanta@gmail.com

This Week

Monday, December 18

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Giving Tree Distribution of Gifts

Tuesday, December 19

Giving Tree Distribution of Gifts

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

7:00 Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm Bible Study (JFGC)

Thursday, December 21

NO RCIA

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC-Foyer)

Saturday, December 23

3:00-4:00pm Confessions (SF)



RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS:

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for the Religious collection.

THE GIVING TREE

This is the **final weekend** to return your gift, unwrapped and with the tag attached, *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.



Festival of Lights with Praise & Adoration

On Thursday, December 28th we will be heading up to LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro for an evening of Praise & Worship lead by our very own youth minster, Emily Cueller, and the ReVive Minstry. We plan to leave the church around 4pm and should be returning around 10pm. Please contact the religious education if you are interested.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Group has many beautiful prayer shawls available. If you know of someone that could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact Jean McGair at 401-783-1633.



Get **FORMED** Now! It's EASY and **FREE** to Register!

- Visit formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: 876N29

Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)

Steubenville East Youth Conference

Registration for the 2018 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 13-15 at the UMass, Lowell Campus will open up in mid-January. Our teens get a lot out of this weekend, here are some of their reflections: "It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact the Religious Education Office before January 12th. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.



Baked with love

At our last youth night on Sunday December 10th, our high school teens with the help of very capable adult volunteers baked an assortment of Christmas cookies for the elderly members of our parish community as well as the families who are serviced by the Giving Tree. Fr. Greenan Center was filled with energy and excitement as they prepared these scrumptious treats! This Christmas many people will be touched by their care and concern for others in our community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are always interested in those parishioners who are unable to attend our services—whether it be for short term or a long time.



If you know of someone who is in a **convalescent home or who is homebound**, please call the office and give us the information.

We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. **Thank You in Advance...** Contact Jacki at 783-4411 ext. 10 from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday.