

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Marion & Louis Maggio.

MASS INTENTIONS

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



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 †The Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

(At St. Romuald Chapel)

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



Tuesday, December 26

7:00am †Domenic & Matilda Coppolino *Requested by Family*

Wednesday, December 27

7:00am Special Intention

Thursday, December 28

7:00am †Rita & Tom O'Rourke & Warren Behie *Requested by Family*

Friday, December 29

7:00am †The Carney Family *Requested by Kathleen & Jeff Carney*

Saturday, December 30

4:30pm †Sylvia DeLuca *Requested by Rosina LeVasseur*

Sunday, December 31

8:00am

10:00am

12:00nn Mass for the People

ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24

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

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

5:30pm Mass for the People

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Monday, December 25

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

Sunday, December 31

10:00am †Mary Marchand *Requested by Gerri & Al Marsocci*

From the Pastor,

Christmas is upon us and we're happy to welcome Tony Romeo, our new organist and music director this weekend. As I mentioned in this column a few weeks ago, Tony will be directing the choir and playing for the Sunday Masses and we wish him many happy years here at St. Francis.

I was astounded the other day to have a parishioner tell me she knew that the Christmas collection went directly to the pastor! That was true through the Christmas of 1972, but not since then. Let me reassure you that the Christmas collection goes to the parish, not to me. On a personal note, I want to express my thanks to all of you who have remembered me at Christmas. Your expressions of good will and seasons' greetings are much appreciated!

Blessings, too, on all the people who were able to support the annual Giving Tree and the several parishioners who handed me cash to distribute or who provided food baskets. Your generosity eased the stress of many people in our area who otherwise would have found the Christmas season overwhelming.

It's also good to welcome back Fr. Nathan Ricci who was with us for the summer and will be saying the 4:30 vigil Mass and the 9 a.m. Mass for Christmas. He will return to Rome after the break for his last semester of studies toward his degree in Canon Law.

A very blessed Christmas to all!

Fr. Bodah

We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Bodah after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**No Classes - Merry Christmas!
No Children's Liturgy of the Word
Religious Education Office will be
closed for school vacation, Dec. 24th -
Jan. 1st**

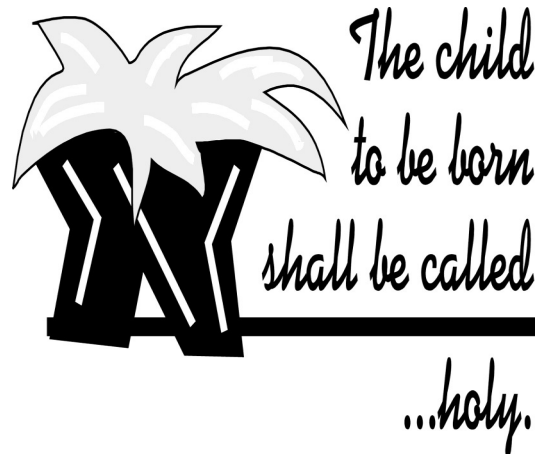


**Calling all
shepherds,
angels, and wise
men...**

*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.*

Festival of Lights with Praise & Adoration at LaSalette Shrine

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 at 3:30pm and should be returning around 10pm. Please contact the religious education if you are interested.



This Week
Monday, December 25
Merry Christmas
Parish Office is Closed
Tuesday, December 26
Parish Office is Closed
Thursday, December 28
NO RCIA
 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (↓FGC-Foyer)



Father Bodah and the entire staff at St. Francis and St. Romuald would like to wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support		December 17
Budget envelopes used (234)	-	\$5,389.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,370.00
Online Giving (# of donors-63)	-	\$1,981.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,740.50

Second Collection (Ongoing Maintenance)		
Budget envelopes used (153)	-	\$1,690.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 523.00
Total	-	\$2,216.00

There is no second collection this weekend or next weekend.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



*SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
 MOTHER OF GOD*

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

**MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. FRANCIS AT
 9:00AM**

*Steubenville East Youth Conference
 -REVEALED*

"In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him." - 1 John 4:9

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.